

GCSE RESULTS

As we explore together what God is calling us to do as His people at this time in this place I am going to explore some aspects of mission and ask that we would use this time to help us explore what God may be saying to each of us.

In order to do this we are going to use the acronym GSCE - but rather than General Certificate of Secondary Education we are going to think about the following

**God
Calls
Sends
Empowers**

Calls

Last week we focussed on how God calls, send and empowers each of us in mission. We thought about how we are called to discover what God is doing and to join in.

Over the course of the next three weeks we are going to use four characters to help us explore what God may be saying to us at this time. I would encourage you to read through their stories and ask God to show you something about how they were called, sent and empowered by God.

The four characters are Moses, Jonah, Simon-Peter and Paul. The week we will focus mostly on Moses and Simon-Peter

MOSES

Moses had fled to Midian. He had abused his position and authority and ended up tending the flock of his father-in-law in the desert. It was here, in the ordinariness of doing this job that Moses is called by God.

Surely we would think it would have made more sense to call Moses whilst he was still in the position of influence in Egypt - but instead God calls him in this place.

ACTION

Do you think that God has missed out on calling you or that it would have been better if it had been before? Take some time to acknowledge the place you are in and ask what God maybe calling you to. Listen for His voice.

It is in the burning bush that the Lord speaks to Moses. Moses notes the bush doesn't burn up. He notices and responds - he was aware of what was different in what was going on around him. In the desert things often caught on fire but Moses was observant to the different.

ACTION

Do we notice God acting in situations around us? Are we observant to what He maybe calling us to do? Take some time to speak to God about what you may have noticed.

Moses approaches - takes off his shoes - he is on Holy ground and he talks with the Lord. The Lord reveals to Moses his heart for His people and calls Moses to act. Moses is called to go and confront injustice and oppression. He claims he is not the right man - more of which another week - but in spite of his doubts and uncertainties he is called

ACTION

God's heart is for the oppressed and suffering. What may God be calling you to to help release people from suffering?

Peter - Matthew 4:18-22

Simon Peter is busy going about his day - fishing in the family business. He didn't set out that day for his life to be changed but in the ordinariness he responds to Jesus call. Jesus' call was to something, to something radically different from what Simon Peter was up to.

ACTION

What could Jesus be calling you to? Take time to ask and to listen. Are you prepared for it to be different from what you expected?

Later Jesus gives Simon a new name - Peter the rock. Jesus sees Simon for who he can be. As we read through Peter's life we are aware that he often gets it wrong - but Jesus wasn't wrong in calling Peter and He isn't wrong in calling you.

ACTION

Do you trust that Jesus sees you, with all your weaknesses but still calls you? Are you prepared to listen and respond? What could Jesus be calling you to.

Next week - God sends.