

Study Notes on Graeme's talk 7 January 2018 – 'Surprising the World'

Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

### **Living a mission lifestyle**

1. Graeme reminded us that we are in process of becoming a mission church. What do you think this means? How are we doing? What is the evidence?
2. Graeme indicated that not everyone is called to be an evangelist – how does this make you feel? How does this compare with things you've been told in the past?
3. How might we identify and equip those called to be evangelists?
4. We may not all be evangelists but we are all on a mission. See Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 13:15-16. What might that mission involve?
5. How did you respond to Graeme's comments about authenticity? If we keep quiet about our faith we are deceptive. If we subsequently are identified as Christians or 'come out' as Christians we are less likely to be trusted than if we had come clean initially.
6. 'Do not forget to do good and to share with others' Hebrews 13:16. How does this relate to living a questionable lifestyle?
7. The answer to the questionable lifestyle is always Jesus. Why are you doing this? Because I follow Jesus. Do you recognise the spiritual battle which stops us mentioning the name of Jesus? Why might we be reluctant to mention his name? cf Philipians 2:9-11. 'When we mention Jesus, whole of creation dips'!
8. Graeme introduced the B of BELLS standing for Bless. In what ways can we bless another person? If possible watch video link from church website.
9. Why do we bless others? See e.g. 1 Peter 1:3
10. How do you feel about there being no ulterior motives in blessing others?
11. Let's share any instances/opportunities for blessing others since Sunday.

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