

Study Notes based on Sunday 28 January 2018 The Sent Ones

Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 10:7-8

1. How have we responded to the concept of a missional lifestyle as expressed through the acronym BELLS – Bless, Eat, Listen, Learn, Sent? Have we gained new insights or experienced new things as we've tried to put this into practice?
2. Graeme distinguished between a set of rules and our identity. A missional lifestyle is not an external set of rules without any internal motivation. How do we make the shift so that missional lifestyle is our identity? What you are inside, comes out.
3. Graeme argues that our overriding identity is as sent ones. As the Father has sent me, so send I you. What gets in the way?
4. Graeme noted that it took the ancient Israelites hundreds of years to realise that there is just one God. They acknowledged Jehovah as the God of Israel, but had not dismissed the 'god for every occasion culture' in which they lived. Can you recall any evidence for this?
5. Graeme spoke about the teaching which said – whatever comes between you and God is an idol. He argued that one thing is easy to spot, yet in fact here are many things. 'Multi-god living is modern life'. Is this true in your observation, or perhaps experience?
6. Graeme argues that we have been sent to be salt and light – in the workplace; in the home; to my neighbours; in the gym. How might this express itself?
7. What stops us from being salt and light?

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