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Dear Ministers and Session Clerks

Following the proposal of the Mission and Discipleship Committee and, in the light of the success of the a similar programme in the last four years, the General Assembly of 2018 agreed that October 2018 would be a "Month of Mission." This is an attempt to develop a healthy understanding of "Mission" in our congregations. The Month of Mission has three facets:

1. A series of outlines for a preaching series that could be used in October, or at another time. These are below.
2. Alongside the preaching series, there is a set of daily readings (also below) that could be given to congregants so that they would be reading passages that relate to the church's mission in their daily devotional time. The hope is that a large part of the denomination will be moving in the same direction with a wonderful focus on Mission. Please share the readings with members of the congregation you serve.
3. A number of our ministers will participate in writing daily email devotions based on these texts. People can subscribe to the devotions list at <http://eepurl.com/dB6tn5> Please share this link with as many people in the congregation as possible.

Please have a look at the material below and consider using it in the congregations you serve in the month of October.

God bless you!

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Past Months of Mission:

2014 – Focus on Philip in book of Acts

2015 – Lessons from the Church in Antioch

2016 – Jesus' interactions with people especially with women

2017 - Reformation, Kingdom, Wine and Wineskins

## 2018 “Wherever I am:

### Recognising God's heart for the world and my part in His plan.”

When we use the word “Mission”, many Christians think about people called to study a foreign language and culture and to travel to the other side of the world where they will be missionaries. In this framework, mission is seen as the work that Jesus placed in church's hands and that He is waiting for us to complete the task...

***But what if Mission looks different?*** What if the earliest articulation of Mission can be found in Genesis 3: “Adam where are you?” or in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”? What if God has always been on a Mission to restore humankind and the world broken by their sin?

What if, instead of “taking God” to people in foreign lands, we are going to foreign lands (or across the street) to join in what God is already doing in a community? And what if Mission is not about us “delivering” God to a community, but joining a community and *discovering* what God is already doing there?

These are thoughts that were significantly articulated by David Bosch in his book “Transforming Mission.” This year, for our Month of Mission in October, we're going to be exploring the idea that our God is on Mission to the World and that we are the junior partners co-operating with what He is already doing.

By this understanding, Mission isn't about *going* but about *being*. And so the theme of our month's devotions is ***“Wherever I am: Recognising God's heart for the world and my part in His plan.”***

## Overview of the Month

The month starts on a Monday and so it makes sense for a week of readings to prepare the ground for the Sunday Sermon.

Here's the rough structure of the Month with the Sermon Themes for each Sunday:

- **Week 1:** (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>): **Seeing God's Heart for the World.**  
“More than Food” recognising Jesus' all-round care in the feeding of the 5000.
- **Week 2:** (8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>): **Recognising that all people need God's love.**  
“A wealthy woman, a slave woman and a civil servant” - How Paul ministers to a whole community in Acts 16.
- **Week 3:** (15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>): **Seeing what God is already doing.**  
“A conversation starter on the Aeropagus?” Paul engages culture and sees that God has been ahead of him.
- **Week 4:** (22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>): **Dimensions of Mission.** (Recognising Spiritual, Social, Moral and other aspects)  
“Reverence: a valuable Missions lens” Seeing Nehemiah's all-round approach to transformation.
- **Week 5:** (29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>): **How can I be more in-tune?**  
Although there won't be a sermon at the end of the week, these readings will focus on habits/attitudes that will encourage a mind-set and heart-shift that sees Mission as a partnership with God whose heart is for the World.

## The Sundays

### Sunday 7 Oct – More than Food” Mark 6:30-44

- Background:
  - Feeding 5000 recorded in all four gospels – each offers us a unique perspective...
  - Jesus has been informed of the death of John the Baptist (see this clearly in Matthew's version)
  - The disciples have been out 2-by-2 – there is a need for debriefing
  - Jesus has been rejected in Nazareth.
  - One imagines that Jesus is tired, heartsore, longing to be quiet
  - But they are swamped by the crowds (John makes it clear they came for signs and wonders)
- 1. We see Jesus HEART.
  - In spite of His tiredness, He sees them like sheep without a shepherd.
  - (You can expand this with the Good Shepherd from John 10 and Ps 23)
- 2. We see the EXTENT of his Work (see Lk 9:11)
  - He sees them (sheep without a shepherd)
  - He welcomes them – doesn't treat them like a liability – gives them dignity (Lk9:11)
  - He heals (and casts out evil spirits) “healed those who needed healing.” (Lk9:11)
  - He teaches “spoke to them about the kingdom of God” (Lk9:11)
  - When the disciples want to send them away He feeds them (the power of hospitality)
- 3. We see His INCLUSION of others (
  - He challenges His disciples to consider feeding (In John He engages Philip who's from nearby Bethsaida)
  - Andrew brings the boy to Jesus
  - Jesus uses the boy's lunch
  - Jesus makes the crowds sit in groups – creates community
  - Jesus uses the disciples to distribute
  - Twelve baskets back (may have been about disciples, but 12 represents the people of God, espec in Revelation – the twelve baskets may well point to the idea that Jesus creates *community* in the meal)
- Conclusion: John's perspective: He is the Bread of Life.  
Jesus tells them - “Jn 6:26 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.”  
But then goes on to identify Himself as the Bread of Life.  
Mission is the heart of a shepherd reaching the whole community involving the community like Jesus did.

### Sunday 14 Oct – Recognising that all people need God's love.

#### “A wealthy woman, a slave woman and a civil servant” (Acts 16:6-34)

How Paul ministers to a whole community in Acts 16.

This passage can be worked through in sections:

- The heart attitude: (Acts 16:6-10)
  - The Spirit has prevented Paul from heading East
  - Paul sees a Macedonian man asking to “Come over to Macedonia to help us”)
  - (How did know he was Macedonian? Dress? Appearance?)
  - The Gospel is about to cross to another culture and country.
  - Greeks were the forerunners of the Romans – they had also oppressed the Jews (Books of Maccabees)
  - Paul doesn't hesitate...

- A wealthy woman (16:11-15)  
They go to the river... (When there wasn't a synagogue, Jews and God-Fearers would gather at the river)  
Paul teaches and *Lydia* responds (Her name is Greek, her cloth is from Asia minor – a world Paul knows)  
She is a God-fearer – on her way to embracing Judaism – God *was already at work* in her  
Others have planted and watered, Paul will harvest (1Cor3:6-7)  
She extends *hospitality* and Paul accepts it.
- A slave woman (16:16-21)  
This poor girl is in trouble (twice enslaved – by the demon and her abusive owners)  
The phrase she uses is a pagan term for God – not used by Jews or Christians. (See NIV Study Bible<sup>1</sup>)  
but it is, once again, a sign of God preparing the way for His message: Paul's exorcism proves the statement.  
Why does Paul wait so long?  
- Maybe the moral dilemma (her owners may discard her) but eventually he decides on the lesser of two evils.  
- Maybe because he knew there would be backlash – he wanted to be sure she'd be OK  
He sets her free emotionally and spiritually.  
The backlash is bad – but it is directed to Paul and Silas and not her. The accusation is that they are working the city into an uproar – maybe another reason why Paul waits – so that they and not her are the focus...  
We have to be willing to land in trouble when we stand up for the helpless.
- A civil servant (16:22-34)  
We could lump the jailer in with the slave-owners and oppressors. He's just part of the system.  
The whole earthquake, liberation and other prisoners not escaping seems to be God's work to reach the Jailer.  
The Jailer is a diligent and dedicated man – obeys instructions (stocks and inner cell)  
He is ready to kill himself (death was the penalty for letting prisoners escape)  
The miracles and the second chance he has been given falls on fertile soul.  
Paul reaches the whole family and accepts his hospitality without grudges for the stocks etc. (The jailer would have to put him back in prison at the end of the evening.)
- Conclusion  
God calls us to all people regardless of race, culture, gender or social standing.  
We need to let go of past resentments, take risks and forgive the wounds we may have received.  
We will find God at work in preparing the way, breaking strongholds and doing miracles.

## **Sunday 21 Oct – Seeing what God is already doing.**

### **“A conversation starter on the Areopagus.” Acts 17:16-33**

Paul engages culture and sees that God has been ahead of him.

- Background:  
(Since last Sunday) Paul has not had an easy time in Greece.  
- Whipped and imprisoned in Philippi  
- Dragged into a city riot at Thessalonica  
- Chased out of Berea  
Now in **Athens**:  
- The intellectual capital of known world  
(although Romans in power, took all their intellectual and cultural values from the Greeks)

<sup>1</sup> Most High God. A title used by the man possessed by an evil spirit (Mk 5:7). It was a common title among both Jews (see Nu 24:16; Isa 14:14; Da 3:26) and Greeks (found in inscriptions). But the title is not used of God in the NT by Christians or Jews (cf. Ac 7:48). (NIV Study Bible )

- Paul observes and engages
  - He sees the idols (and it distresses him)
  - He engages with the Jews
  - He also engages with Philosophers in the marketplace
    - Epicureans: Pleasure is central to meaning and happiness
    - Stoics: Understanding and Discipline were the way to live. They saw themselves as “self-made people”.
  - This gets him access to the Areopagus – a space for philosophers to exchange ideas
- Connecting to Culture - His Presentation
  - He commends their search for God.
  - Begins with “The Unknown God” (Another example of God already at work in a culture)
  - In describing the God of Creation, Paul is engaging the Stoics who were pantheistic
  - In describing the unfolding of history – he is giving purpose to life where Epicureans saw randomness.)
  - He quotes their poets – connects him to his audience. (Also shows how God is already at work...)
  - What is interesting is that He doesn't present the Cross and Atonement, but uses *purpose* as his core argument.
- Confronting Culture – Paul doesn't only connect – he is brave enough to disagree and confront.
  - He pushes for a Transcendent Theology (where we don't make gods in our image and place ourselves at the centre of the universe.)
  - He presents the Resurrection – which is a stumbling block for the philosophers. (They all wanted to escape their bodies and so bodily resurrection was a turn-off.)
- Conclusion
  - Paul cared about the Athenians – was greatly distressed about their idols.
  - Paul connected (he observed, listened, read, memorised poetry and understood) and engaged culture.
  - Paul confronted where it was needed.
  - People were reached.

## Sunday 28 Oct – Dimensions of Mission. (Spiritual, Social, Moral and other aspects)

### **“Reverence: a valuable Missions lens” (Neh.5:1-19)**

#### **BEAR IN MIND THAT TODAY IS ALSO REFORMATION SUNDAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY...**

Seeing Nehemiah's all-round approach to transformation.

- Background
  - This was a time of serious financial challenge:
    - The ravages of war
    - The inequalities of classism
    - The burden of Persian taxation
- Intro
  - Salvation is not only Spiritual.
  - There are issues of Justice, Reconciliation and Reconstruction at stake too.
  - In the middle of rebuilding the walls there is a "service delivery protest" Nehemiah interrupts the rebuilding of the walls to have a "large meeting" do some nation building...
  - The point is Nehemiah wasn't only rebuilding the walls, he was rebuilding the people.

- What were the issues?
  1. People were hungry
  2. People were mortgaging their lands
  3. People were selling themselves into slavery
  4. The rich were charging usury
 Created a scenario where the rich became richer and the poor became poorer.
- What is the cause?
 

Many reasons could be given:  
Nehemiah identifies the heart one - Fear of the Lord is lacking

 → results
  - Reproach of enemies
  - Abuse of own people
  - Destructive systems
- What actions does Nehemiah take?
  1. Exposes and Confronts the abuse  
Starts with the rich – shaking out the folds in the robe - people say "Amen"
  2. Lead by example
    - Previous officials took money, food and land (acknowledge the past)
    - Nehemiah did none of this
    - Reduced consumption
- Conclusion
 

Nehemiah's definition of Reverence (Fear) for the Lord implies

  - Social Justice
  - Poverty Alleviation
  - Frugal Living

The bottom line is that Mission is Reverence:  
(The powerful thought is that an unjust society isn't God-fearing)  
– caring about the holistic healing of those made in God's Image.

## Readings for the Month

Date	Reading	Desc
<b>Week 1: Seeing God's Heart for the World.</b>		
Mon 1	Jonah 4:10-11	Jonah doesn't care about the Nineveh (and its animals) but God does
Tue 2	Exodus 3:7-8	God sees, hears and is concerned.
Wed 3	Acts 17:24-27	God doesn't <i>need</i> us, but creates us to love and be loved by Him.
Thu 4	Psalms 103:11-18	Although we are temporary, we are cared for by God
Fri 5	Judges 2:18	God's compassion includes our need for justice.
Sat 6	Hosea 11:7-8	In spite of our sin – God continues to look on us with compassion
Sun 7	Luke 9:10-11	On a day He deserved some “me” time Jesus <i>welcomes</i> the masses.
<b>Week 2: (8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>): Recognising that all people need God's love.</b>		
Mon 8	Luke 4:18-19	Note the variety of people in Jesus' “Mission Statement”
Tue 9	Matthew 9:9-12	Who needs a doctor?

Wed 10	Matthew 21:31-32	Jesus sees beyond people's pasts
Thu 11	Matthew 25:35-40	Serving Jesus unexpectedly.
Fri 12	Luke 10:30-37	An explosive story (Because Jews hated Samaritans)
Sat 13	Luke 18:15-16	Are we keeping them from Jesus?
Sun 14	Luke 19:1-6	Jesus sees "little" people.
<b>Week 3: (15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>): <u>Seeing what God is already doing.</u></b>		
Mon 15	Acts 8:27-38	Coincidence or God-Incidents? Philip just happens to be on the road... They just happen to find water on a desert road...
Tue 16	Joshua3:14-17	God dries up water 20km upstream – He's way ahead of us...
Wed 17	1 Peter 3:15	God will prompt people to ask us before we tell them... Be prepared!
Thu 18	Numbers 14:14	Moses recognises that the inhabitants of Palestine already are hearing of God's power – preparing the way for the Israelites. Joshua discovers this in Jos2:9...
Fri 19	Romans 8:28	God works in all things...
Sat 20	Luke 19:30-34	Did Jesus make practical arrangements or was this miraculous, either way, it shows that He goes ahead of us.
Sun 21	Acts 2:4-5	At the Pentecost Feast God makes provision for the visitors by giving the Church the gift of Language.
<b>Week 4: (22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>): <u>Dimensions of Mission.</u> (Recognising Spiritual, Social, Moral and other aspects)</b>		
Mon 22	Psalms 72:12-14	A Prayer for the King – became a Messianic expectation
Tue 23	James 2:14-17	Spiritual and Practical
Wed 24	Isaiah 58:6-7	True Fasting
Thu 25	Deuteronomy 11:11-12	God cares about the Land.
Fri 26	Luke 11:39-42	Ritual faith needs to become in-ward and other-ward.
Sat 27	Malachi 3:5	Wake up call: Those who deprive aliens of justice are as bad as sorcerers!
Sun 28	Micah 6:6-8	What does the Lord require of us?
<b>Week 5: (29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>): <u>How can I be more in-tune?</u></b>		
Mon 29	Ephesians 2:10	God has already prepared it – our lives are just to discover it.
Tue 30	1Corinthians 3:5-7	Which are you? Planter, Waterer or Harvester? You could be any or all!
Wed 31	Acts 13:2	There is no escaping the fact that one of the NT's greatest missionaries was sent out of a moment of worship and devotion and not by a conference.

## Full Readings

Date	Reading
<b>Week 1: <u>Seeing God's Heart for the World.</u></b>	
Mon 1	Jonah 4:10-11 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"
Tue 2	EX 3:7-8 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey
Wed 3	ACTS 17:24-27 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.
Thu 4	<p>PS 103:11-18 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  so great is his love for those who fear him;  <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;  <sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed,  he remembers that we are dust.  <sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass,  he flourishes like a flower of the field;  <sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone,  and its place remembers it no more.  <sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting  the LORD's love is with those who fear him,  and his righteousness with their children's children--  <sup>18</sup> with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.</p>
Fri 5	Jud 2:18 Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them.
Sat 6	<p>HOS 11:7-8 My people are determined to turn from me.  Even if they call to the Most High, he will by no means exalt them.  <sup>8</sup> "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel?  How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim?  My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.</p>
Sun 7	Luke 9:10-11 When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called



	Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup> but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.
<b>Week 2: (8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>): <u>Recognising that all people need God's love.</u></b>	
Mon 8	LK 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."
Tue 9	MT 9:9-12 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" <sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
Wed 10	Mt 21:31-32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.
Thu 11	Mt 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Fri 12	Lk 10:30-37 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Sat 13	LK 18:15-16 People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
Sun 14	LK 19:1-6 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>

	When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.
<b>Week 3: (15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>): <u>Seeing what God is already doing.</u></b>	
Mon 15	Acts 8:27-38 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ... <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
Tue 16	Joshua3:14-17 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. <sup>15</sup> Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, <sup>16</sup> the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea ) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.
Wed 17	1Pet3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.
Thu 18	Num14:14 They have already heard that you, O LORD, are with these people and that you, O LORD, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
Fri 19	RO 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Sat 20	LK 19:30-34 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.' " <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."
Sun 21	Acts 2:4-5 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
<b>Week 4: (22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>): <u>Dimensions of Mission.</u> (Spiritual, Social, Moral and other aspects)</b>	
Mon 22	PS 72:12-14 For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. <sup>13</sup> He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. <sup>14</sup> He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

Tue 23	James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
Wed 24	ISA 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"
Thu 25	Deu 11:11-12 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. <sup>12</sup> It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.
Fri 26	LK 11:39-41 Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> But give what is inside the dish to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. <sup>42</sup> "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.
Sat 27	MAL 3:5 "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.
Sun 28	MIC 6:6-8 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
<b>Week 5: (29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>): <u>How can I be more in-tune?</u></b>	
Mon 29	Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Tue 30	1CO 3:5-7 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.
Wed 31	Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."