

Lent course 2019.

Over the next few weeks we shall share in our studies looking at Missional **Grace**, based on a book by John McGinley.



Week	Date	Subject	Reading	Host	Speaker
1	6 th Mar	Introduction to Grace and mission Principles and practices		Martin	Peter
2	13th	Generosity and being generous	Gen 12:2/3, 1 Tim 6:17-19, Luke6:27ff, Acts 2:44	Blair	Gay
3	20th	Receiving & releasing	Lk 4:18,19, Mt 10:7-8	Danielle	Ken
4	27th	Asking questions & telling stories	Col 4:2-6	Andrew	Chris C
5	3rd Apr	Calling & contribution	Eph 4:4-13	Neil	Gill
6	10th	Eating Together	Lk 10:1-11, 1 Cor 14	Louise	Chris W
7	18th	Fish and chip supper preceded by communion			Peter

Missional Practice of Generosity: living generously and taking opportunities to bless others.

- Share at your table a memorable time when someone was very generous to you.
- Read Genesis 12 v 1 - 3

Our 'Go' or 'Out' with any missionary zeal is firstly dependant on being loved by God and learning to love him as a response of the heart to His grace His freely given acceptance and forgiveness –

That's the '**UP**'. Passionate Spirituality.

The '**IN**' Radical Community.

The '**OUT**' Missionary zeal.

The flow is continuous. It's a sideways triangle -

Three relationships of love.

- Last week Peter asked us to reflect on how much God loves us. And how are we responding to the 3 relationships of love. Which is easiest? Which is hardest? Discuss on your table.
- **Read Luke 6 v 27 – 27.**
- **Read 1 Timothy 6 v 17 – 19**

There are 3 things that release generosity.

1. Our generosity is a response to God's generosity to us.
2. It is God's love and goodness that sets us free to be generous
3. Generosity requires us to have a true value of things

This Missional practice is about asking God to give us the opportunity to be generous to others and bless them.

Mapping your relational world:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a person to draw a circle in the center and map their relational world. The box is currently blank.

Draw a circle in the centre of your page, write your name in that circle. Write the name of the people you know and love who are far from God. Add the people they know, who you share a relationship with, e.g. their children, partners etc..

Now you have names of people you can pray for to come to faith in Jesus.

Think about 5 people you feel you have the strongest burden to pray for their salvation. Pray for these people for 5 minutes every day. E.g.:

***'....., I bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus. May you know the Lord's protection and peace today. I bless you with the desire to know God and the freedom to begin to seek after him. I bless you with a revelation of God's love for you. May his presence touch you. May a word in a song or film cause you to think about Him. May you know Him speaking to you in your dreams., may God bless you today in Jesus' name.'* Amen**

Here are some ways to be generous. Add some ideas.

Practical; E.g.: buy a small gift, bake a cake

Words:

Time:

Financially:

Spiritually:

Hospitality:

Don't move on from this part until you've put a plan together about how you are going to be a blessing to others regularly.

You are developing a missional lifestyle of repeatable patterns to practice the rest of your life. Not just a one-off action tick list.

E.g.: Map the 5 people you will pray for regularly. Ask God 'Lord, who do you want me to bless today? Look out for those opportunities.

Take Away:

UP – Read John 2 v 1 – 11. What does this teach us about God/ What does this teach us about people? How do we need to respond?

In – Is there something you are thankful for? When has someone been generous to you and what difference did this make?

How are you doing in living generously towards others?

OUT – Take your action plan and pray over it for God to guide you in being a blessing to others. Make specific plans about how you can bless someone this week and offer it to God.

'The reason why simple acts of generosity can be so powerful is because they line up with God's heart and allow his love to touch a person's life'.

John McGinley. Mission Shaped Grace