

Be Like Jesus: The Evangelist (8)

Most Christians who know something about Evangelism would agree that Apostle Paul is among the Greatest Evangelists and Missionaries in Church history, if not the Greatest. At the time of his conversion, the Lord appeared to Ananias and told him to restore Paul's eyesight, which was temporarily blinded when Jesus met Paul on the road to Damascus. In Acts 9:15, Jesus revealed His plan for Paul: "This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel". Paul later took the Gospel from Asia across Europe to Rome among the Jews to non-Jewish Gentiles, and from common people to Kings and eventually to the Roman Emperor. Since the early Church age to the 1800's, the Church has seen the likes of: the Moravian Movement led by Nikolaus Zinzendorf during Protestant Reformation; and John and Charles Wesley, George Whitfield, Charles Finney, and Dwight L Moody – whose conversion in 1855 sparked his career as an Evangelist. Moody preached the Gospel from Boston to New York, to San Francisco, and across the Atlantic to England many times. In his lifetime – before the invention of airplanes, millions of people had heard him speak, and many were saved as a result. Moody also influenced the causes of Cross-cultural Missions after he met Hudson Taylor, who founded the China Inland Mission.

In the 20th Century, the best known Evangelist is Billy Graham, who began his Billy Graham Crusade in 1947 until 2005. During that 58 years, he preached to live audiences of nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories through various meetings, and reached hundreds of millions more through television, video, film, and webcasts. Today, at 99, the work of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is passed on to his son and successor, Franklin Graham. Both Franklin and his son, William, are continuing the legacy of serving as Evangelists. They travel widely in the US, Canada, Europe, Asia, Central and South America, and other continents preaching the Gospel. Why do these people, as well as many other Unnamed Christians, devote their lives to the spreading of the Gospel? Why is it that Countless Believers throughout the ages, and even today, in many Hostile countries Chose to proclaim the Gospel, and even to the point of Martyrdom with such Evangelistic Passion? In my final Message in the

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大多數稍微知道傳福音的基督徒都會認同，使徒保羅，即使不是歷史上最偉大的福音使者或宣教士，也是他們其中之一。在他悔改信主之時，主吩咐亞拿尼亞去找保羅、並恢復他的視覺。因為保羅在前往大馬色的路上，遇見耶穌而暫時失明了。在使徒行傳 9:15，耶穌揭示了祂對保羅的計劃：「這人是我揀選的器皿，為要把我的名傳給外族人、君王和以色列人」。後來保羅將福音從亞洲傳到歐洲、直到羅馬，從猶太人，傳到非猶太的外邦人、從一般平民百姓，傳到王公貴族，而最終傳到了羅馬帝王。從早期教會到西元 1800 年代，教會歷經了以下這些：在清教徒改革時期由尼哥拉斯·賓岑所領導的“莫拉维亚运动”；以及卫斯理；乔治·魏德辉；查尔士·芬尼；和穆迪等，弟兄的福音使者。穆迪在 1855 年信主後，成為著名的布道家。他傳福音的足跡從波士頓、紐約到舊金山，並曾多次橫渡大西洋遠到英國。在還沒有發明飛機的年代，就有數百萬的人聽過他傳道，許多人並因此而得救。在穆迪遇見了戴德生之後，他更影響了，跨越文化的宣教活動。戴德生成立了中國內地會。

20 世紀，最著名的福音布道家是葛培理，他從 1947 年起，就開始了傳福音的工作，直到 2005 年止。在長達 58 年的歲月中，葛培理透過了種種的布道會，在超過 185 個國家和地區，直接向 2 億 1 千 5 百萬名觀眾佈道；至於透過電視、電影、錄影帶、網路等方式，觸及的人，更是不計其數。現在，99 歲高齡的葛培理已經將傳福音的棒子交到了兒子、和繼承人葛富林的手上。葛富林和他的兒子威爾，致力延續了這個福音使者的傳承。他們在美國、加拿大、歐洲、亞洲和南美洲及世界各地，四處奔波，傳揚福音。

為什麼有這麼多人，以及眾多不知名的基督徒，願意奉獻他們的生命來傳福音呢？為什麼歷史上有數不清的信徒，即使今天處於敵對的國家，願意選擇以極度的熱情傳福音，甚至不惜以身殉道？今天在這“像耶穌”系列信息的最後一篇，我將與大

current series: “Be Like Jesus” today, I want share with you the important topic of Evangelism. My hope is that we can gain a Perspective of God’s Heart, thus propelling ourselves to continue the Legacy of God’s Calling for us to be “Fishers of Men”.

I. Jesus, the Greatest Evangelist. In the last Message, I spoke on the Role of God’s Grace in the lives of Believers. We are saved by Grace, and we are Sanctified – or Transformed by Grace. When a Believer places a high Priority on Grace and Grace Living, he will suddenly discover that Jesus is his life’s Ultimate and Exceeding Joy, and he will begin to Pursue Jesus. Such Pursuit will lead to Encounters with Grace, and Grace will shift a Believer from living a life of Struggle and Worry to a life of Rest. Over time, he will experience Life Transformation through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and Grace will further motivate him to Proclaim God’s Grace to others. Many of the Great Evangelists I mentioned above Chose to Sacrifice Personal Comfort, Fame, Fortune and even Life to fulfill the Calling of Proclaiming the Gospel of God’s Grace, because they had personally experienced the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they were compelled to follow the supreme example of their master, who is the Greatest Evangelist Bar None. But let us step back & consider this Unqualified Title for Jesus: In what way was Jesus the Greatest Evangelist?

In the first Messages in this series, I spoke of the Dual Nature of Jesus – He is both Fully God and Fully Man by virtue of His Incarnation – God becoming Man. If one could grasp even a glimpse of the Significance of this fact, it would have Boggled his Mind!

What does His Incarnation mean? In terms of Wealth and Comfort, Paul said in 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich”. Further, Paul elaborated the Extreme Sacrifice of Jesus in Philippians 2:6-8, “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross”. In terms of Distance, while missionaries may have left the Comfort Zone of their homes, and traveled thousands of miles to a distant, strange land, Jesus, on the other hand, traveled from

家分享,傳福音的主題。我盼望的是,我們能夠明白神的心意觀點,進而推動我們,繼續,神呼召我們「得人漁夫」的傳承。

I. 在上一篇講道之中, 我提到神的恩典,在信徒生命中所扮演的角色。我們的得救是本乎恩,而我們的成聖 - 或是更新,也同樣是靠這恩典。當一個信徒, 將恩典以及恩典的生活方式,變成他生活首要,之後, 他會突然發覺耶穌是他生命當中,超乎一切的最大喜樂; 他就必然會開始追求耶穌。這樣的追求, 將會導致信徒更加,經常地與恩典相遇; 而恩典將轉變他,從一個充滿掙扎、憂慮的人生,演變成一個懂得安息的人生。漸漸的, 他會經歷到聖靈的工作,而體驗到生命的更新與變化,於是神的恩典就會更加的推動他,去向別人宣講這份恩典。我在上面提到的許多偉大的宣道家, 他們之所以選擇,犧牲了個人的舒適、名望、財富、甚至是生命, 來完成他們蒙召,宣講神恩典福音的使命, 就是因為他們個人,親身經歷了主耶穌基督的恩典, 以致他們不得不效法他們老師這至高的榜樣。耶穌就是最偉大的宣教模範。但是讓我們退一步來想想看, 我們給耶穌的這個頭銜: 到底為什麼,耶穌是史上最了不起的福音使者呢?

在這個系列的第一篇講道中, 我曾經提到耶穌的雙重身分 - 他既有完全的神性, 也通過「道成肉身」而具有完全的人性。這的確很難理解。如果有人想要再稍微深入地了解,這奧秘事實的含義, 他的腦袋非爆炸不可!

耶穌的「道成肉身」是什麼意思呢? 就他原本擁有的富足及舒適而言, 保羅在哥林多後書 8:9 節裡這樣論道: 「你們是知道我們的主耶穌基督的恩典的: 他本來富足, 卻為你們成了貧窮, 要使你等因他的貧窮成為富足」。保羅繼續在腓立比書 2:6-8 裡這樣描述了耶穌, 超凡的犧牲: 「他本來有神的形象, 卻不堅持自己與神平等的地位, 反而倒空自己, 取了奴僕的形象, 成為人的樣式; 既然有人的樣子, 就自甘卑微, 順服至死, 而且死在十字架上」。

如果从遠距离的角度来看, 雖然許多宣教士需要離開舒適的家, 背井離鄉, 甚至遠渡重洋、漂泊異地, 但與耶穌相比, 他

Heaven's throne to the manger of a stable. In the thirty-plus years of His life, He walked the dusty roads of Palestine – often thirsty and hungry. John said in John 1:11-12, Jesus came to the world He made, but the world did not recognize Him; He came to His Own People, but they did not receive Him. When all is said and done, Jesus crossed the Immense Span from Heaven to Earth, and He Emptied Himself from heaven's Riches to Die a Slave's Death. As Jesus' Disciples, it would be the Greatest Honor if we desire to Be Like Him in His Passion as an Evangelist.

What was His Motivation to be an Evangelist? In a nutshell, as I shared with you in the second Message: Jesus understood His Life Mission. From Old Testament Prophecies to the Gospel record, Jesus knew from His early childhood that He came to do His Father's business. He proclaimed the Message of Repentance to the Jews, because "the Kingdom is at hand". His Life Mission is most clearly stated in the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, where He taught the disciples to Pray: "9Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us today our daily bread. 12Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one". Jesus taught His disciples that their Focus should be on God's Name, Kingdom and Will, before their Physical, Relational and Spiritual needs. Did Jesus Live by what He Teaches? Absolutely. To Restore God's Kingdom from the hands of the Evil one involves rescuing those who are under Satan's bondage. Hence He said in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost". During His earthly ministry, He went around Galilee, Judea and even Samaria to Proclaim the Kingdom Message through the Miracles He performed and the Authoritative words He spoke. He sought out and ministered to many who were Despised, Overlooked, Rejected and Lost in the eyes of the world. For example, among many who crowded around Him, He singled out Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, who invited Him to his home to hear Jesus speak. As a result, Zacchaeus announced his intention to his guests that he was to take a new course of life, and Jesus said in Luke 19:9, "Today salvation has come to this household, because he too is a son of Abraham!"

Another time, He sailed over to the Gentile region of Gerasenes for the

是從天堂的寶座,落到人間的馬槽。在他有生的 30 多年裡, 他經常需要忍受飢渴的走遍巴勒斯坦的漫漫風塵。約翰福音 1:11-12 約翰說, 耶穌來到他創造的世界, 世界卻不認識他; 他到他自己的百姓當中, 自己人卻不接受他。總歸而論, 耶穌祂跨越了從天堂到世界的鴻溝, 並完全倒空一切屬天的榮華, 且甘願以奴僕的方式死去。我們身為耶穌的門徒, 如果願意有像他一樣的熱忱, 成為福音使者, 那實在會是我們無上的榮耀。

那麼耶穌作宣教士的動機,是什麼呢? 簡單地說, 就如同我在第二篇的講道裡, 跟各位所分享的: 是因為耶穌明白, 他此生的使命。從舊約的先知預言, 到新約的記載, 耶穌打從年紀很小的時候就知道, 他來到世上, 是為了要以他「父親的事為念」。因為「天國近了」, 所以他向猶太人宣講悔改的道理。他的人生使命, 記載最清楚的, 莫過於馬太福音 6:9-13 的主禱文。他教導他的門徒應當如何禱告: 「我們在天上的父, 願你的名被尊為聖, 願你的國降臨, 願你的旨意成就在地上, 如同在天上一樣。我們每天所需的食物, 求你今天賜給我們; 赦免我們的罪債, 好像我們饒恕了得罪我們的人; 不要讓我們陷入試探, 救我們脫離那惡者」。耶穌教導他的門徒, 應當首先著要重於神的名、神的國、和神的旨意, 要將這些重點, 放在他們需要的物質、人際關係、和精力需求之上。那麼, 耶穌是否有以身作則呢? 答案是絕對有的。若要從那惡者的手下, 去重建神的國度, 首先, 需要去拯救那些在撒旦權勢之下的人。因此耶穌在路加福音 19:10 裡這樣說: 「因為人子來, 是要尋找拯救失喪的人」。

耶穌在地上的事工當中, 他走遍了加利利、又到了撒馬利亞, 借着他所施行的神跡、和他具有權威性的話語, 來宣講神國的訊息。他特別會去找尋那些被這個世界所藐視、忽略、或拒絕、還有失落的人。舉個例來說, 在所有簇擁著耶穌的人群當中, 耶穌單單挑選了撒該 - 一個稅吏的頭目。后来, 撒該邀請耶穌到他的家中用餐、座談。他受到了耶穌恩典的感動, 撒該就在那天, 當著所有的客人面前宣布了他將改過自新、重新做人。於是耶穌在路加福音 19:9 中這樣說: 「今天救恩到了這

singular purpose to free a demon-possessed man from the bondage of a legion of demons. After that, Jesus sent him back to his own city to proclaim the Lord's mercy, and to testify what the Lord had done for him. Then, John recorded that Jesus intentionally passed through Samaria, and He crossed over Racial, Cultural, Social Boundaries to initiate a conversation at the well with a Samaritan woman who had a Bad Reputation. The result was phenomenal: the woman was fully convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, and she spread the Message to the townsfolks, and many Samaritans came to see Jesus. After that, we read in John 約翰福音 4:42, "They said to the woman, No longer do we believe because of your words, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this one really is the Savior of the world". I mentioned these examples to drive home the fact that: Jesus was Purpose-driven, and He lived His life on the earth in line with his Life Mission for the Kingdom to reach the Lost Jews, Gentiles and Samaritans alike, and make His Salvation available to all.

II. Commissioned to be "Fishers of Men". In Matthew 9:35-38, we read that, as "35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field 35". Jesus knew that His time on the earth is Limited. One important aspect of Jesus' work on the earth was to identify people, to whom He could pass His Life Mission. That is why He chose twelve apostles to prepare them for the work of the Kingdom.

In an episode where the experienced fisherman Simon Peter had toiled all night and caught nothing, Jesus told him to launch out his boat into deep water and cast net. When Peter did as Jesus told him, he caught so much fish that his boat was about to sink. Suddenly a flash of light shot across his mind, "Jesus was No Ordinary Man!" This realization caused Peter to bow down before Jesus, who made a Prophetic statement: "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men". The Call to "catch men" was a prelude to the Great Commission that would come before Jesus' Ascension.

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又有一回,耶穌渡船來到外邦人所居住的格拉深地區。此行的唯一目的,就是為了釋放一個,被一群污鬼附身而捆绑的人。事成之後,耶穌差遣那人回到他自己的城鎮,去宣揚神的恩典 - 見證神為他所做的一切。另外,使徒約翰記載:之後耶穌特意要經過撒馬利亞,而且祂甚至跨越了種族、文化、社交圈等等的界限,只為了要與一位聲名狼藉的撒瑪利亞婦人在井邊交談。他們對話的結果,卻引起了極大的回響:那位婦人相信耶穌就是救世主彌賽亞,並且向她的村人散佈了這個消息,於是許多撒馬利亞人跑來見耶穌。接下來我們在約翰福音 4:42 裡看到:

「他們就對那婦人說:現在我們信,不再是因為你的話,而是因為我們親自聽見了,知道這位,真是世人的救主」。我之所以提到這幾個例子,是為了要說明一點:耶穌做事是非常有「目標導向」的,祂活在世上的目標,就是為了神國的使命,去尋找以色列、撒馬利亞、和外邦中失喪的羊;讓他的救恩能夠臨到萬民。

II. 在馬太福音 9:35-38 中我們讀到:「當耶穌走遍各城各鄉,在各會堂裡教導人,宣揚天國的福音,醫治各種疾病、各種病症. 他看見群眾,就憐憫他們,因為他們困苦無依,像沒有牧人的羊一樣. 祂就對門徒說:莊稼多,工人少;所以你們應當求莊稼的主,派工人去收割祂的莊稼」。耶穌知道祂在世上的時間有限。祂在這世界上最重要的工作之一,就是要找到可以交托祂人生使命的一群人。這也是為什麼祂挑選了 12 個使徒,並為了天國的事工而裝備他們的緣故。

新約裡記載了這樣的故事:有一回,經驗豐富的漁夫,西門彼得,勞累了整個晚上卻沒捕到一條魚... 但是,耶穌却吩咐他:要將船駛入更深的水域中,並在那裡灑網。當彼得照著耶穌的話做了之後,他發現自己網到的魚竟是如此的豐碩~甚至他的船都幾乎要沉了!這時,彼得的腦中突然靈光乍現 - 他意識到耶穌並不是一個普通的人!這樣的認知,使彼得在耶穌面前跪

The most important part of Jesus' Training of the disciples and the would-be Kingdom Citizens, was to show them His own Life Mission as stated in the Lord's Prayer mentioned earlier. Jesus summarized the Essence of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:33: "But seek First his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well". What Jesus was saying to His disciples is this: He wanted them to know that they had been Called to carry on the Legacy of their Master, and their Focus should be First on God's Name, God's Kingdom and God's Will. When their Life Priority is set aright, the provision of Physical, Relational and Spiritual needs is assured because, God Obligates Himself to provide the Means to sustain the disciples to move toward the Goal of advancing God's Kingdom Cause.

When the time came for His departure, He knew that the disciples must be ready to be sent out as Evangelists on His behalf. After the Last Supper, He told the disciples of His Commission in John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last". Later in His High Priestly Prayer, realizing that they would face the attacks of the Evil one, nevertheless, He said a second time concerning His Commission in John 17:15, 16 and 18, "15My prayer is not that you [the Father] take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16They are not of the world, even as I am not of it... 18As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world". The purpose of the disciples remaining in this world is that they may be sent to Fulfill the task of Bearing Fruit for the Kingdom. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Frightened and Confused disciples and gave them the Commission the third time in John 20:21, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you".

Forty days later – before His Ascension, Jesus spoke to the Disciples one last time concerning the Unfinished Task of proclaiming the Gospel to all people. In Matthew 28:18-20, we have the familiar Great Commission: "18Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

The early Disciples received the Great Commission from Jesus, but

拜下来。而耶穌也預告他說：「不要怕！從今以後，你要做得人的漁夫了」。這裡「得人漁夫」的召喚，是耶穌在升天之前，交付門徒大使命的一個序言。

耶穌對祂的使徒、以及所有未來天國子民的訓練中，最重要的一環，就是要讓他們看見耶穌他自己的人生使命。如同我們之前提到的主禱文，耶穌在馬太福音 6 章 33 節將主禱文的精髓做了总结：「你們要先求他的國和他的義；這一切都會加給你們」。耶穌想要告訴使徒的是：他們需要知道，他們的蒙召就是為了要延續他們，主所交代的使命，因此他們應當首先致力于神的名、神的國、和神的旨意。當他們人生的優先次序排列正確了之後；神自然會供應他們在物質上、人際關係上、和屬靈上的需要，讓門徒能夠繼續不斷地為拓展神國、以及推展神國事工的目標邁進。

當耶穌離世的時間到了，祂知道祂的門徒必須給裝備好，他們要代表耶穌開啟這條宣道之路。在最後晚餐之後，耶穌在約翰福音 15 章 16 節，這樣差遣祂的門徒說：「不是你們揀選了我，而是我揀選了你們，並且分派你們去結果子，就是結常存的果子」。耶穌也明白，當祂派遣了他們，必會使得他們遭受那惡者的攻擊。因此，耶穌稍後在祂自己大祭司的禱告中，在約翰福音 17 章 15、16、18 節裡，又第二次重申了祂大使命的祈求：「我不求你【天父】使他們離開世界，只求你保守他們脫離那惡者。他們不屬於這世界，像我不屬於這世界一樣... 18 你怎樣差我到世上來，我也怎樣差他們到世上去」。門徒之所以要留在這世上的目的，就是為了要完成，為天國的事工結果子的工作。在耶穌復活之後，耶穌顯現在那些又恐懼、而且困惑的使徒面前。我們看到在約翰福音 20 章 21 節裡，耶穌第三次地提醒了使徒們關於祂的使命。「願你們平安！父怎樣差遣了我，我也怎樣差遣你們」。

四十天之後，在耶穌升天之前，祂最後一次地向祂的門徒提到，要將福音傳給萬民的這份，未完成的使命。在馬太福音 28:18-20 那裡有我們大家都耳熟能詳的大使命：「耶穌上前來，對他們

what does the Great Commission have to do with you and I in the 21st Century? Yes, it does. It is because implied in the Great Commission is the Call to Discipleship. The early Disciples were responsible for proclaiming the Gospel to their generation and the next, not merely to make people Believers in Jesus from all nations, but to Instruct and Challenge them to be Disciples of Jesus – which is to Obey Jesus' Command to be Baptized, to be taught His teachings and to follow in Jesus' steps by participating in His Life Mission for the Kingdom. Thus the Disciples in each successive generation are to follow this Pattern: Proclaim the Gospel, and Disciple those who place their Faith in Jesus until the End of the Age when Jesus returns.

Some may say, "I don't have the gift of Evangelism!" Perhaps you are not Called to be an Evangelist like Paul, DL Moody or Billy Graham, but all Christians are Called to be Witnesses of God's Mercy and Grace like Zacchaeus, the man rescued from demonic possession, and the Samaritan Woman were. Someone said it well, "It is not the Ability, but the Availability". The question for us today is: Am I Available for God to use and be an Evangelist for the Kingdom Cause? Whose Mission defines your life? Don't settle for the temporary goal of focusing on the things of the world, and satisfying our own pleasure. Aim at something Bigger than ourselves, and impact our generation and the next by serving God's Kingdom Agenda of sharing the Gospel with those in our Sphere of Contact.

This series on "Be Like Jesus" may be ending today, but the Challenge for us to "Be Like Jesus" continues. I know that some may still wish to know more about the subject of Evangelism. As previously promised, I will start a new Message series on Evangelism next week to equip us to do the work of an Evangelist. In the meantime, Pray daily that 'God's Name be Hallowed, His Kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven', and ask the Lord to show us how we can be Faithful to his Great Commission.

Do you know the Mind and Heart of Jesus? Do you desire to Be Like Jesus? Are you following Jesus' Life Mission to be Evangelists just like Him? Rick Warren said, "You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense". Does your life make sense? Jesus may be coming soon. May all of us anticipate that day with Fruits that come as a result of our Availability to God as

說：天上地上一切權柄都賜給我了，所以，你們要去使萬民作我的門徒，奉父子聖靈的名，給他們施洗。我吩咐你們的一切，都要教導他們遵守，這樣，我就常常與你們同在，直到這世界的終結」。

早期的使徒，從耶穌那裡接過來大使命。然而，這個大使命對生活在 21 世紀的你和我來說，又會有什麼意義呢？其實，是有意義的。因為作門徒的召喚和門徒訓練，就是大使命的一部分。早期門徒的責任，就是要向他們那個世代、和接下去的一代傳福音，不單只是讓萬民相信主、而是要教導他們成為耶穌的門徒 – 就是遵守耶穌的命令，接受洗禮、听从祂的教訓、並追隨耶穌的腳蹤，參與他的國度和他的人生使命。後代的基督徒也當承先啟後、繼往開來的傳揚福音。更要教導那些已經信了主的人，使他們成為基督的門徒，一直到今世的終結、就是主耶穌再來的時候。

也許有人會說：「我沒有傳福音的恩賜」！或許你確實沒有蒙召去成為像保羅、穆迪、或葛培理一樣的大布道家。但是，所有的基督徒都有義務，要為神的仁慈與恩典作見證，就如同撒該，或那被鬼附身的人、以及在井邊听道的撒瑪利亞婦人一樣。我們講求的不是能力，而是願不願意，把自己擺上、供神使用？我們要捫心自問的是，我是否願意，為著福音和天國的緣故，而被神所用？在你的人生之中，你是讓什麼樣的使命，來給你的生命下定義呢？千萬不要為了那些短暫的、世俗的、或滿足自我快樂的目標，而迷失了方向。我們所設定的目標，應當要比我們個人的更高、更大；為著要影響這一個世代和下一個世代，而朝著神國的議題努力，向我們周遭的人分享福音。

「像耶穌」的講道系列，到今天就要告一段落了。然而，它帶給我們「像耶穌」的挑戰，並沒有就此終止。我相信有許多人，會想要更加地了解「傳福音」的這個議題。如我早先所承諾的，我將會在下個禮拜，開始另一個有關「傳福音」的新講道系列，來裝備大家去做福音使者。在我們學會這些之前，但願我們天天都這樣祈求：「願神的名被尊為聖，願神的國降

“Fisher of Man”.

Opening: Our Heavenly Father, as the world seems to be getting more out-of-control every day – politically, financially, and morally, we are grateful that you are still the same unchanging Lord and a refuge for all who trust you. Despite threats from rogue nations like North Korea and Iran; despite the war and unrest in many regions, and uncertainty of the resolution of healthcare provision which can impact so many people, and the seemingly never-ending partisanship in our dysfunctional government, we can pray like the Psalmist did in Psalm 46, “。 。 。 。 。 。 。 ” . We are thankful for your presence within us and around us, and as we seek to know you deeper daily, we can cease striving and find the peace and rest you promised us. “10。 。 。 。 。 ” – one day, hopefully soon, Jesus will return and, father, you will be exalted among the nations.

After a week of interacting with the world around us, Father, we are in need of your cleansing. May the Holy Spirit deeply examine our hearts, and reveal to us where we need to confess and repent. Restore us to a right and constant fellowship with you.

We are grateful for the privilege that we can worship you this hour with our brothers and sisters. We ask that the Holy Spirit will deeply prepare us to worship you in Spirit and truth. Capture our wandering minds so that we can listen to your word with undivided attention. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Closing:。 。 。 。 。 。 。 Thank you for the infinite sacrifice that the Lord Jesus made in coming into the world to save us. Thank you for showing us your compassionate heart for the world. We pray that, as we come to know Jesus deeper, your vision for the lost world will become the burden of our hearts. Help us respond to your calling to be “fishers of men” and lead many to know the saving grace of God. We ask in Jesus’s name. Amen

臨，願神的旨意行在地上如同行在天上」。並求神讓我們明白，我們應當如何做，才算是盡忠於祂的大使命。

你是否知道耶穌的心意和想法呢？你渴望像耶穌嗎？你是否想要追隨耶穌的人生使命，成為一個像祂一樣的福音使者呢？華瑞克牧師曾說：「你是被神所造的，也是為神而造的；在你明白這個道理之前，你的人生將不會有任何的意義」。你目前的人生是否有意義呢？主耶穌可能很快地會再來。但愿每个人都能被神使用、作個“得人的漁夫”、帶着收穫的果实,來等待那日的降臨！

Opening:

天父，我們當今處在這紛爭擾攘的世界中，無論是從政治、經濟，還是道德方面來看，都是每況愈下。我們感激你那永不改變的承諾，你是我們隨時的避難所。儘管那些罪惡之國如北韓、伊朗等的威脅叫囂；以及各地的戰爭與動亂，加上會影響衆人的政府健康保險計劃尚未塵埃落定等等，這些看來永無止境的繁亂，我們要用詩篇 46 章 1-3 禱告：“神是我們的避難所，是我們的力量，是我們在患難中隨時都可得到的幫助。因此，地雖然震動，群山雖然崩塌入海洋的深處，我們也不害怕。雖然海浪翻騰澎湃，雖然山嶽因波濤洶湧搖動，我們也不害怕”我們感恩你與我們同在，願我們每天都追求，能更深切的瞭解你的心意，就不至於勞苦掙扎，而到你那裏找到,你應許給我們的平安。第 10 節神說，“你們要住手，要知道我是神；我要在列國中被尊崇，我要在全地上被尊崇”我們盼望主再來的那天，你在萬國中被尊崇的日子及早降臨。

又過了一個被世俗環繞的禮拜，天父，我們迫切需要你的潔淨。願聖靈監查我們內心，讓我們認錯悔改，再次恢復與你那親密的關係。

感謝你給我們這特權，能與弟兄姐妹一同敬拜你。祈求聖靈準備我們,以心靈和誠實，仔細聆聽你的話語。抓住我們那四處游蕩的心，專一的受教。奉主耶穌聖名。。

Benediction: Father, thank you for the message series on “Becoming Like Jesus”. By your grace, may the Holy Spirit have free access in our lives to transform us, so that others can see Jesus in us. May you teach us may you remind us to put your Kingdom interest first, and trust in your sovereignty to provide for our daily needs. May you grant us wisdom and intentionality to seek open doors to proclaim your grace to those around us this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Closing:

天父, 感谢你借着你的能力、以及因著我們認識那位呼召我們的, 你把一切有關生命和敬虔的事都賜給了我們。感謝你派遣了你的獨生子到世上來拯救我們。我們祈求, 在這日益更加瞭解耶穌心意的時候, 體諒到你指望我們, 能在這失喪的世界裏, 能回應你的呼召, 作個 “得人的漁夫” 帶領更多的人來接受你的恩典。禱告是奉。。。。

Benediction:

天父, 感謝你這一系列 “像耶穌” 的信息。藉著你的恩典, 願聖靈可以隨意的更新我們的生命, 讓別人能從我們身上看到耶穌。教導我們要 “思念天上的事, 不是地上的事”; 提醒我們把天國之事放在首要位置, 相信你的大能會供應我們日常所需。願你賜給我們智慧, 讓我們這個禮拜, 努力的向周遭的人, 開啓福音的門。禱告奉。。。。