

## February 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 – 7 Levels of Church: 6. Mission

### **Introduction:**

When looking at Church Growth and churches that have made big impacts on communities, it has happened as the church has its priorities around mission. With prayer, Mission leads to Renewal – Peter Wager

### **Why we struggle?**

If we are honest we struggle with mission and evangelism. It's words we hear about in Christian Circles however we sometimes we shy away from it:

1. We think others are better at it than us – The truth is we all have a part to play in sharing the Good News
2. We don't feel equipped to do it – We can do all things through Christ's who strengthen us, we do have something to give.
3. We think it is always an organised event – The truth is, it should be as a result of the way we live our lives
4. We are scared – The truth is mission should bring us life and not scare us away!

### **How Jesus did Mission?**

1. Matthew 20: 29-34 – Did it as a result of **compassion**. Not so he could get a testimony or because he was driven by guilt to do it
2. Luke 4:31-36 – Did in his **Authority** and God's **Power**. Without this we are going to cause minimal impact.

3. John 5:19-21 – **Only did what he saw the Father doing**. He didn't solve every single situation in Israel, he did what the Father asked of him.

4. John 4:13-19 – During mission, he **listened to the Father**. He listened to the Father's promptings so he could speak words of life.

### **Challenge for this week**

1. Pray that you would take an opportunity this week to share God's message with someone in whatever way that may look.
2. Each day, pray for even greater courage and boldness. Pray for love to cast out all fear.
3. Pray for God to reveal your part in mission. It's not your responsibility to do everything, it's your responsibility to play your part.

**CHURCH ALIVE**

To encounter God and to invite others into an encounter