

**1. Why are you here?**

- a. Not the pragmatic function
- b. Why has God saved you, brought you to this place and time?

**2. The answer in what God repeats.**

- a. When God repeats His words: pay attention
- b. When God repeats His ways: pay attention
- c. Eternal life is knowing God
  - i. Know His mind, His heart, His will
  - ii. Which are revealed in His word and in His ways

**3. God repeats His words**

- a. **Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)** *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*
- b. **Isaiah 11:9 (ESV)** *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

**4. God repeats His ways**

- a. **Genesis 1:28 (ESV)** *And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*
- b. **Genesis 9:1 (ESV)** *And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*
- c. **Genesis 11:8 (ESV)** *So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.*
- d. **Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)** *But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*
- e. **Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)** *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*
- f. **Acts 1:8 (ESV)** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- g. **Acts 8:1-4 (ESV)** *And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.*

**5. Why are you here today?**

- a. Because God repeats Himself
- b. **God makes people His own then sends them into the world to make Him known to others!**
  - i. You are called close to the heart of God
  - ii. You are sent to the ends of the earth to show His heart to the world
  - iii. **You are here for Him and His mission**

**6. Cornerstones for Cornerstone #4: Engage our mission priorities**

- a. We accept by faith and with gratitude that God calls us to Himself, to a God-centered, Christ-exalting, Spirit-empowered life of faith, worship, and service
- b. We have a mission, **but what does that mission look like when we make it our personal and congregational priority?**

**7. Luke 9:51-10:16 On Mission Like Jesus**

- a. **v. 51** Like Jesus, we will resolve to live for the glory of God no matter the cost
- b. **v. 55** Like Jesus, we will understand the desperate condition of the people around us
- c. **v. 62** Like Jesus, we will maintain the priority of the mission over the call of culture
- d. **v. 10:1-9** Like Jesus, we will faithfully depend on God to provide the means for the mission
- e. **v. 11** Like Jesus, we will stake our lives on God's truth regardless of our experience
- f. **v. 16** Like Jesus, we will keep a gospel perspective for the sake of the mission
  - i. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
  - ii. **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**
  - iii. **Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**
    - (1) These people, enslaved by the enemy of God, make themselves enemies of God
    - (2) They reveal more clearly their need of mercy and the certainty of judgment if they reject mercy
      - (a) People don't need your ANGER, they need your compassion
      - (b) People don't need your RETREAT, they need your sacrifice
      - (c) People don't need your REVENGE, they need your love
      - (d) People don't need you INDIGNATION, they need your testimony to the grace of God available to them through faith in Jesus Christ!
      - (e) People need you on MISSION!

**8. Cornerstone, as you**

- a. Establish your theological identity
- b. Enact your educational responsibility

- c. Empower your relational opportunity
- d. **Engage your mission priority!**
  - i. Embrace the lesson God repeats in His word and in His ways
  - ii. Trust Christ. Repent and believe.
  - iii. Like Jesus, set your heart, make His mission your mission, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.
    - (1) While there is still someone, somewhere, who has no knowledge of the glory of the Lord, the earth is not filled and your mission, Cornerstone, is not over.
    - (2) **Engage your mission priority**