



Word Notes: Sunday 01/07/18

Ben Harley

Key Text: John 5:19-20 & 14:12

Ben didn't so much preach on Sunday as share some the details of the work they are doing abroad – the projects but more the people. I believe the Lord gave me the two scriptures above which link their work together with Tim's talk last week, of how Jesus sent the 12 out to do the things he had been doing. Being a disciple of Jesus isn't just about what I get, it's about living our lives the Jesus way, which is more about compassion than keeping rules.

You can't help but be touched by stories of people in desperate need, especially young children, but you don't have to go to the other side of the earth to find people in need. Ben encouraged us to look for the God opportunities right in front of us – at arm's length – people we can reach out and touch with God's compassion in practical, emotional and spiritual ways. Through our support for Ben and Myriam our reach is more than just the short length of my physical arm, likewise together by pooling our talents, gifts, time and money each of our reach is multiplied by those labouring alongside us.

Discussion

Reaching our Community – 2

Continuing on from last week's discussions (or starting if you missed last week)

- 1) Jesus did what he saw the Father doing, then told his disciples they would do even more because he was ascending to the Father.
 - a) What does that say to you about the lives we should live?
 - b) How can it be possible for us to do "more"? Is that more because there are more of us, more because the HS is given to "all flesh" or more in some other way?

- 2) What do you see Jesus doing in the Gospels?
 - a) Does the church in Acts do the same, different or more?
 - b) What about the church today – what about us?

- 3) How should that work – by inviting people in or by us going out? Should a "meeting invite" be the first contact the non-believer has with the Kingdom or something else – how did Jesus do it?

Pray Together

Pray for the Harley family as they make arrangements to return east.

Pray for each other and our individual acts of compassion, small or large.

Pray for more opportunities to make a difference in lives.