

1. God Has Revealed Himself to Us Through Gospel Proclaimers

- a. **Isaiah 65:1** - I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that did not call me by name.
- b. God is actively revealing Himself to the peoples of the world
 - i. He is doing this now
 - ii. He is doing it primarily through His Church
 1. "I will build my Church" – Matt 16:18
 2. Even in the case of Paul, whom the LORD came to in a vision, there was a missionary to explain the gospel clearly to him (Ananias, Acts 9)
- c. Somebody proclaimed the gospel to our people group
 - i. Let us never forget that we were outsiders
 - ii. Let us never forget that somebody risked it all to proclaim to us the good news of Jesus' reign through His death and resurrection
 1. Both immediately (who shared the gospel with you)
 2. and historically (somebody broke into our culture)
- d. But it is GOD who has revealed Himself to us
 - i. We love because He first loved us
 - ii. We forgive because He has forgiven us through Christ
 - iii. We show mercy because He has shown us mercy through the blood of Jesus
 - iv. We reveal His greatness to the nations because He has revealed His greatness to us

2. What Has the Lord Called Us to do to Reveal Him to Other Peoples?

- a. PRAISE HIM AMONG THE NATIONS!!!
 - i. **Isaiah 61:11** "For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations."
 - ii. C.S. Lewis says that: "Men spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: 'Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?' Indeed we can't help doing it...because praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation... our joy no more separable from the praise in which it liberates and utters itself than the brightness a mirror receives is separable from the brightness it sheds. The Scots catechism says a man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. But then we will know these are the same thing. To fully enjoy is to glorify — in commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy him." (*Reflections on the Psalms, "A Word About Praising"*)
 - iii. Evangelism and Mission are simply extensions of praise. It all begins with praise.
- b. Participate with those who are proclaiming the gospel
 - i. Glocal – Local believers who work globally
 1. AMM – Bruce and Pat Campbell
 2. Joy to the World - Gayle and Marilyn Davis
 3. ISI – Dan Smith
 - ii. Local – Local organizations of the Church proclaiming the gospel of the crucified Christ
 1. Some of which will be outside at the missions tables following the service
 - iii. I encourage you to take the opportunity to see where you can participate in the praise of Jesus through glocal and local missions
- c. Support our frontier gospel proclaimers in their praise of Jesus:
 - i. John Jette
 1. PNG people groups - Aria, Tobo, Dinangat
 2. Jim Terhune sharing re: John and the Wise family (8)
 - ii. Mary Haag
 1. Cambodia - Khmer people group as a counselor
 2. Betsy Patton sharing from Mary's letters (8)

3. Video of Cambodia (5)

- a. Cambodians' felt needs: education, stop corruption, poverty
- b. Cambodians' real needs: see the beauty of Christ, repent and believe in Him
- c. Church in Cambodia: prayer for our brothers/sisters in Phnom Phen

3. How can we at EBF support this proclamation of the gospel to the nations?

- a. **P**raise Jesus for who He is and for what He has done and for what He has promised to do!!
 - i. **Romans 10:17** – Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ
- b. **R**emember our unified purpose with our missionaries: the glory of Christ among the nations
 - i. Are we even considering God's desire for the people's joy in worshipping Him?
 - ii. The Triune God almighty has invited the nations into the worship and fellowship of the Trinity!
 - iii. Are the Cambodian peoples and the tribes of PNG, John, and Mary in our thoughts in a more than fleeting remembrance?
 - iv. Are we "remembering" the gospel daily and that the gospel is for others, too?
- c. **E**levate their importance in our purpose here at EBF
 - i. If the Lord's end is to glorify Himself among all the nations, then our missionaries work should be preeminent in our work, too
 - ii. Not an afterthought, but an intentional purposed focus of high priority
 1. "For the sake of His name among the nations"
- d. **A**sk for the Lord's renown throughout these people groups
 - i. Pray for the reception of the gospel and the joy of these peoples
 - ii. Pray for the encouragement and sustaining power of the Lord to fill John and Mary
 - iii. Pray for continued perseverance for their teams as well
 - iv. The Lord reigns over all, let us ask Him without hesitation to work the things necessary to reveal Himself to these peoples
- e. **C**omprehend the people groups which we are actively reaching
 - i. It is imperative, to our mission, to understand the peoples whom we are proclaiming the gospel of Christ to through John and Mary
 - ii. What is their culture historically, socially, politically, institutionally, etc.?
 - iii. What are their greatest felt needs?
 - iv. The glorious gospel proclamation to them is *our* goal and *our* purpose, not merely John and Mary's
- f. **H**elp provide the resources necessary to reach these peoples with the gospel
 - i. Emotional help for missionaries and fellow believers from the people groups
 1. write letters of encouragement
 2. email them for prayer requests and words of affirmation
 - a. ask for their help, too
 - b. We have a lot to learn from those who risk much for the sake of His name
 3. send them gifts on their birthday, Christmas, etc.
 4. include them in your joys as well: they are a part of us, too!
 - ii. Spiritual help for missionaries and fellow believers
 1. Prayer for their continued dependence upon Jesus and deepening understanding of how to proclaim Him to their culture
 2. Send them articles, books, .mp3's that would be helpful to their understanding of Scripture and deepen their trust in Jesus
 - iii. Physical help for missionaries and the peoples
 1. resources for missionaries to live on, wells for villages, etc, education aid
 2. technology and media to aid them in their proclamation of the gospel
 3. short-term mission trips to help when needed