



CMC Global 2020 WORKSHOP

“Rethinking Missions”

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Introduction

- Brief ministry introduction (Papua New Guinea video - 5 min)
- The centrality of God in missions. We are not gathered to hear about my story. We are here to hear God’s story and plan for the nations AND our part in it.
- The 3 foundational truths needed in our response to God. These foundational truths are necessary because response to missions should not be based on emotions or “the needy people out there”. What are some undergirding truths one must embrace as we join God in His plan for the nations.

Outline:

1. Rethinking gain and loss. (Matthew 13:44-46)

- Missions is often perceived as “loss” and “sacrifice”
- Matthew 13:44-46: The man in the parable “joyfully” sold all that he had. Stop thinking missions as a “sacrifice.”
- Short-testimony of my daughters’ baptism on the island.

2. Rethinking our life (Matthew 16:25)

- The ONLY teaching by Jesus recorded in all 4 gospels BEFORE the cross.
- “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” This is contrary to the way we “perceive” life. But Jesus says, stop saving your life. This is more than a teaching but a direct “warning”.
- A follower of Jesus Christ will lead a life where the world will think “he’s giving his life away.” But we are gaining.
- Application: the American dream, the immigrant mentality.

3. Rethinking the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Jesus' ONLY command AFTER the cross.
- Jesus' spotlighting the Great Commission prior to his resurrection.
- It's not the Great Suggestion...this is to be obeyed.
- The Promise (I will be with you always), The Command (Go and make disciples of all nations), The Declaration of Authority (all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me). All these go together.

Conclusion

- Review of the 3 foundational truths. The non-negotiable