

final words – part 3

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Share something God has taught / shown you the last week.

A lot of talk about “community” – called to community.
Community churches etc...

final words

Matthew 28:18-20 – ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

1. All authority...
 - a. Go because He said so – go in His name. Not only a right, it’s a duty!
2. Go therefore
 - a. Urgency to get moving
 - b. Not always necessary to go across the world, just go across the road 😊
 - c. Go into the world (HK motivation)
 - d. Go with purpose!
3. make disciples
 - a. Be deliberate – they need to be made!
 - i. Disciples don’t just suddenly appear or emerge
 - b. Proclaim Christ
 - c. Baptise them – immediate response to gospel
 - d. Teach them – ongoing instruction & demonstration

4: nations

Acts 1:8 - ⁸"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Mark 16:15-18 – ¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Matthew 24:9-14 – ⁹"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Luke 24:46-47 - ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Blessed as a witness

Genesis 22: ¹⁵Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not

withheld your son, your only *son*— ¹⁷blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

Zechariah 8:20-23 - ²⁰ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; ²¹The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, “Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.” ²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.’ ²³“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard *that God is* with you.”””

His glory among the nations

Malachi 1:11 – ¹¹For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; In every place incense *shall be* offered to My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations,” says the LORD of hosts.

1 Chronicles 16:23-24,31 – ²³Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ²⁴Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples... ³¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”

Psalm 22:27-29 - ²⁷All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship

before You. ²⁸For the kingdom *is* the LORD's, and He rules over the nations. ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.

Psalm 46:10 - ¹⁰Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 47:6-9 – ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷For God *is* the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. ⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. ⁹The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth *belong* to God; He is greatly exalted.

Psalm 57:9-10 - ⁹I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. ¹⁰For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and Your truth unto the clouds.

Psalm 72:17-19 – ¹⁷ His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun.
And *men* shall be blessed in Him;
All nations shall call Him blessed.
¹⁸ Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only does wondrous things!
¹⁹ And blessed *be* His glorious name forever!
And let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory.
Amen and Amen.

Isaiah 66:18-19 – ¹⁸“For I *know* their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: *to* Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, *to* the

coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

Salvation among the nations

Isaiah 56:3-7 - Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD speak, saying, “The LORD has utterly separated me from His people”; Nor let the eunuch say, “Here I am, a dry tree.” ⁴For thus says the LORD: “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, ⁵Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶“Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant— ⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *will be* accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Psalms 67:1-7 – God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah* ²That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. ⁴Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. *Selah* ⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. ⁶*Then* the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Ask

Psalm 2:8 – Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

- Not called to community - called to nations!
- Must I hop on an airplane every weekend?

- Heart for nations lived out in local communities
 - Is my heart for my community or for the nations?
 - When somebody moves out of my community do I feel betrayed or excited?
 - Is my allegiance to my community or to God's plan for the nations?

Take the nation by taking the capital.