

Glimpses of the Kingdom Part 3: Jesus the Missionary (with John Peace)

Discussion Guide – November 23, 2025

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-22

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas^[a] and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Cor. 1:19-20

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations [ethnic groups], and then the end will come. Matt 24:9-14

Quotes

One way to see mission is that it’s how the Kingdom of Jesus spreads, often having to cross difficult frontiers such as distance, language and religion. – John Peace

Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe the purpose or mission of Jesus on Earth? What were some of the ways that he stated it himself?
2. How did the message of Jesus come to you? Are there people or movements you can identify which had a central role in this?
3. How might your background equip you to join Jesus in spreading his Kingdom a bit further?
4. What kinds of frontiers or barriers to the Gospel can you see around us in Thunder Bay and in the global village we live in? What might God be saying to us at Grassroots about them?