

World Mission Sunday (Matthew 28:16-20)

Sermon outline for all services at St James

Introduction: The little word "all"

1. All Authority

2. All Nations

3. All Things

4. All Time

Disciples making disciples ... All of us!

St James Turramurra: Reaching and Teaching People to be Disciples of Christ.

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The need

1. The general environment in Mirassol
2. Churches in the region
 - The false gospels being taught in the region [especially a focus on wealth and the devil]
 - Spiritism, witchcraft and New Age
 - Mormon missionaries in the dusty streets of Mirassol (!)
 - Idolatry [saints, money, power and possessions].
3. The spiritual environment
4. Many people asking us about Jesus – and listening to the answer!
5. "What will happen to me when I die?" is a major point of connection.

The plan

1. Instead of retiring to live out our days at the end of our working lives, we plan to work with God in spreading the gospel in the region of Mirassol, [and doing our utmost to live Christ-like lives!]
2. Churches there are discredited: so church plants are not the answer.
3. House churches (Acts 1-2) suggest a solution (especially Acts 2:42-47).
4. Prayer and Bible Study groups in people's homes = Nice
5. English conversation for Uni Students in student's homes = Peter and Nice
6. Find ways to seek out and help the poor, sick and destitute (Matthew 25:31-46) = group
7. Build up house group leaders to have a correct knowledge of God, the Bible, theology, etc. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Resource them and support them to continue the work as we get older.

Why do it?

1. God's amazing grace!
2. Love for Jesus, in grateful response to his death for our sins: our sins have been forgiven (Luke 7:36-50, Luke 15:11-32) - they can also be forgiven if they repent and believe, (and live regenerated lives!)
3. Love for Jesus => Jesus commands us to do so (Matthew 28:16-20, John 20:21-23)
4. Love for Jesus => proclaim the gospel
5. Love for Jesus => love for all people, everywhere (Luke 10:25-37)
6. Love for Jesus, in grateful response to his love for us.