

Lesson Four: A Model for Mission

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A. The Messengers _____ the Message.

Examples of what we embody for the world and for one another:

B. In Jesus, God brings us a model of perfect humanity, what we were intended to be, who we are supposed to be, who we could NEVER be. But he also brings us a model of what we are to become (“be like him” transformed into his image, 2 Cor 3:17-18).

Discussion Question: In what ways are we like Jesus Christ? (If you’re stuck, think Galatians 4 and Romans 8.)

C. What kind of model do we not have in Jesus?

“Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own business, and to work well with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.” (1 Thes. 4:11-12)

D. What kind of model *do* we have in Jesus?

Romans 8:29 [in light of Romans 8:17, 35-37]; Colossians 1:15 and 3:10.

Ephesians 4:20-25. (Note connection to work of Holy Spirit *and* believer)

From the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of South India (An
Exhortation for the Lord's Supper)

Dearly beloved, it is right that we who would come to the Lord's Table should take to heart the mystery of this sacrament. The mystery is this: that Christ truly gives unto us his body and blood as food and drink of everlasting life. The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for the sheep; he who was without guile has died for sinners, the Head for his members, the Bridegroom for his bride the Church; in obedience to the Father's will and in Infinite love to us, the High Priest has offered himself as the perfect sacrifice. By his death he has done away with all that stood in the way of our fellowship with God the Father, that **we may assuredly be his children**, be upheld by his love, be guided by him all the days of our life, **and rejoice in the hope of his glory**. In the fellowship of his sufferings he calls us to crucify the old man with his lusts, and to bear trials and tribulations patiently, to the glory of his name. In the power of his resurrection he calls us to newness of life. In the fellowship of his Spirit he joins us together, and seeks to change us into his image. By the same Spirit he pours his love into our hearts, so that we may love one another, and our enemies for his sake.

E. The message we bear: John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18

Can we distinguish between different KINDS of suffering? What does it mean to bear the Cross?

F. What has God made it possible for us to accomplish through *missional* suffering? Colossians 1:24.

G. What Paul taught "everywhere in every place": 1 Corinthians 4:8-17.

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1. A King and his Story
2. God's People in his Kingdom
3. A Really Extreme Makeover
4. **A Model for Mission?**

*The Messengers
become
the Message*

**The goal:
becoming *truly*
human**

2 Corinthians 3:17-18:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Discussion question:

In what ways are we like Christ?

How Christ is not a Model

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What Jesus didn't do:

- Bait and switch evangelistic rallies
- Promise a ridiculously happy life:
“Some of you they will put to death. . . .
But not a hair of your head will perish.”
- Help people become hip (public acceptance)

How Christ is our Model

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**The Message we bear:
The self-giving love of
God in cross-shaped
redemption in Jesus
John 13:34-35
1 John 3:16-18**

**Different kinds
of suffering . . .**

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**The mission is
the message:
Colossians 1:24**

**What Paul taught
“everywhere in
every place”:
1 Corinthians 4:8-17**

**The reason we
work . . . and do
everything else**

A case study

**Why Paul went to
Jerusalem (and
went on trial)**

**Cross-bearers
bearing the
message of the
Cross**