

Vision & Mission studies **ARPC Mission Reach**



Key verse: Romans 1:5.

Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.



Big Idea: The primary purpose of the human race is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Kick Off

Discuss some different ways it would be possible for Christians to reach out to others.

Make a list of reasons for why we should aim to reach out to others with the gospel?

This term we will begin by considering the four key aspects of our church's mission statement. A good mission enables people to work together towards a shared vision or end goal.

Our mission and vision statements are as follows:

Our Vision: *To be a vibrant and passionate Christ-centred church community.*

Our Mission: *To Grow in Christ, Equip through Christ, Serve like Christ and Reach others with Christ.*

STUDY

Read Romans 1:1-7

1. The letter of Romans opens with this amazing paragraph about the gospel, which Paul says is the GOOD NEWS of God v1. Thinking about God and who we are... what reasons can you give for why the gospel is good news?

2. The Gospel is the promised good news message fulfilled in the person, Jesus Christ. From the passage what can we say about who Jesus is and why he is unique?

3. Have a go at defining the role of Christ's Apostles from v5.

4. What are lost people to be '**called to**' in v5 and how would you explain this? How is this state of being '**called to**' further defined in v6?

5. Paul says this driving desire to see people come to know Jesus is motivated both through and for the NAME of Jesus. What do you think the phrase, "... **for his name's sake...**" really means?

Read Psalm 96

6. How is the name of the Lord and his glory connected in this psalm, (v8 in particular)?

7. Following on from the last question what is the role of the whole of creation?

THINK AND APPLY

a. From our study we have learnt creation's central role is to proclaim the glory of the name of Jesus. What impact should this have in how we go about reaching out to others?

b. The opening question in the shorter catechism¹ is, "*What is the chief end of man?*" the answer given is, "*Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.*" How does knowing the purpose of the human race help us to act as Christians when we see people ignoring God, blaspheming his name or committing idolatry?

c. Would we gain a deeper enjoyment of God if we aimed to glorify his name by seeking to reach others with the good news in order that they may glorify him also?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read
1Cor 3:1-15**

¹ The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written by ministers in the 1600's for the purpose of educating church members in matters of doctrine.