

SOIL & SPIRIT

(N) A1:8 MISSIONS

Soil & Spirit: Risk Based Love

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Speaker: Pastor Dave Schmidgall

Scripture: Isaiah 65:1-2

Series Overview:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8.

From the creation of Adam to the creation of the church, humanity has been formed from both soil and spirit. We are called to live empowered by God’s spirit, sent out into the earth. It is God who has a mission to set things right in a broken world, to redeem and restore it back to what he intended. This series will take us from a missional God to a missional church to living on mission every day.

This three-week series of NCC Daily will help us lean into the reality that living on mission every day is in fact a state of being. Through deep dives into missiology and through the stories of everyday NCCers we'll see that it simply requires asking whether what we do, how we think and speak and act, is open to Christ and Christ’s Spirit in bringing about shalom, wherever we are.

Series Discussion Questions:

What is God’s heart and mission for the world? What is God’s heart and mission for the church?
What is God’s heart and mission for each one of us, as we step into His purposes for our lives?

Message Overview:

As we continue our A18 Missions series, the way of Jesus is about finding safety and comfort in order to heal, restore and live from God’s love. But it’s so much more than that.

The mission of God and call of the missional Church is far more than our personal peace and prosperity - it’s about love-based risk - going where Jesus is - places where humanity is most at risk, at the intersection between darkness and light, soil and spirit, heaven and earth. We call this living from the redemptive edge. What does this look like, how do we grow in discipleship to follow Jesus into love-based risk?

You’ll hear many stories of ordinary people, empowered by God’s spirit, doing what Jesus did, all over the world.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

What does it look like for us to see Christ in everyone? What does that look like to be a Missional church?

"The more that we look at our self in the mirror we are missing out on looking beyond, to allow a God that sees us as His sons and daughters."

Dave Schmidgall

We are living in a post Christian society. Our culture is self-obsessed with itself but not self-aware.

- Reflect on Acts 1:8, Jesus' final words in Scripture
- Discuss how God sees you? What does that mean for the Church and for the mission of the Church as the body of Christ? Ask Jesus, how do you see me?

The missional church is risk-based love.

- "The empowerment of the spirit is the catalytic moment that jump starts us into the work of cultivating rhythms in life in the Spirit; which produces fruits of the Spirit; which results in discipleship." - Dave Schmidgall
- Read Isaiah 65:1-2

What Jesus' mission was is what our mission should be. "The gospel according to Jesus"

- Read Luke 4:16-18 and then read Isaiah 61
- This is how Jesus defined his mission on earth.

The church is invited to act, empowered by the spirit.

- Re-read Isaiah 65:1-2
- The mission of Jesus was to restore humanity by setting captives free, including restoring mindsets
- Discuss as a group or reflect on your own, is there a moment when a mindset that you had set in place was changed by serving or learning from someone different than you?
- Discuss as a group or reflect on your own, what is a memorable moment where you learned or heard something that brought you closer to the Spirit of God?

"I have learned over a lifetime how to see Christ in everyone."

Mother Theresa

Prayer: *Lord help me see me as you see me. To recognize the distractions and fatigue that keep me from trusting you more. To thank you for the areas of stability in my life and that these may be a foundation to live a life of faith. To know that you love the world more than I ever can on my own, and to take joy in being used by you to show your love in action.*

Practical Application

- Develop a daily rhythm of renewal and resilience to overcome "soul fatigue". Connecting with what God is doing around us, through a short daily devotional. Download the [NCC app](#) or go to [ncc.re/daily](#).

Take a moment to see how you can get involved. Check out our partners around the world at [ncc.re/partnerteams](#).

- Check out some opportunities to serve at [ncc.re/missions](#).
- Plug into a small group. [ncc.re/groups](#). Connect with others that are growing and activating their faith. Develop relationships where accountability to trusting God is a mutual journey. If you need guidance and support on a more personal level, look into some of the available resources at [national.cc/care-prayer/care](#)
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at** [ncc.re/UpperZoom](#)