

Going Forth - Lent 2

Joy of the Gospel, Chapter 1

The importance of being an outward facing Church, always ready to be sent forth by God.

We proclaim the gospel in obedience to Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. All through the Bible God challenges those who believe in God to **Go Forth** from their comfort zones to reach those in need of the good news. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself. The church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word . . . which surpasses our calculations and ways of thinking. I dream of a missionary

option suitable for evangelisation of today's world rather than self-preservation. I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church within is unhealthy from clinging to its own security. A church that goes forth is a church whose doors are always open.

Matthew 28.16-120

The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And

Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Ponderoid

What might *random acts of mission* look like?