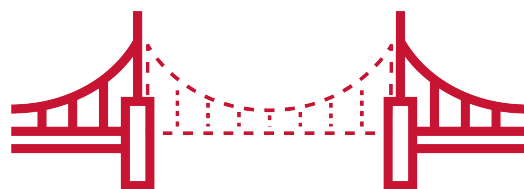


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BRIDGE THE GAP

missions month 2020

"Missions and the Disciple: From Exiles to Agents"

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1 PETER 1:1-2:10

KEY QUESTION: Who is the agent in the mission of God?

GOD'S MISSION: To save and sanctify a people, so they might be set apart to make His name known in all the earth.

I. THE GAP BETWEEN A BROKEN WORLD AND GOD (1 Peter 1:1-12)

INSIGHT: People do not need more evidence of universal corruption and alienation from God. They experience it every day.

TRUTH: The only way to bridge this gap is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

APPLY: Can you think of someone who needs a message of hope? What prevents you from sharing this endless treasure with them this week?

II. THE GAP BETWEEN A DISCIPLE AND GOD'S POWER SUPPLY (1 Peter 1:13-25)

INSIGHT: In Scripture, there is a correlation between nearness to God and personal holiness.

TRUTH: The Holy Spirit takes up residence in every disciple of the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 6:19-20). The work of the Holy Spirit in the disciple's life is called sanctification.

What hinders the Holy Spirit?	What does sanctification look like?
A. Indwelling Sin	A. Repentance
B. Fear	B. New Identity
C. Ignorance	C. Maturity

APPLY: Are you believing in the work of Christ and obeying the commands of Christ? Are you doing the basics?

III. THE GAP BETWEEN A MINISTER AND GOD'S PEOPLE (1 Peter 2:1-10)

INSIGHT: The historical distinction between clergy and laity is not biblical.

TRUTH: God's chosen agent is not just Peter, not just pastors, and not just missionaries...it's every disciple.

APPLY: Are you living as a sent agent in the mission of God? Anything less is not what God intended.