

Discussion Guide: A Man on a Mission

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

November 17, 2002: "A Man on a Mission" by Dr. David Kasali, Vice Chancellor of Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology. Dr. Kasali described how God has sent, and continues to send, people into this world on various missions...to accomplish his purposes. Luke, in chapter 4:14-21 of his gospel, describes Jesus as..."a man on a mission." As he began his earthy ministry, Jesus, being filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit, read from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2 to the people assembled in the synagogue at Nazareth, and proclaimed that, the Spirit of the Lord is on me [Jesus], because he [God the Father] has anointed me [by the Holy Spirit], and has sent me [on a mission]...

- To preach good news to the poor,
- To proclaim freedom for the prisoners,
- To recover the sight of the blind,
- To release the oppressed, and
- To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

And at the end of his earthly life, Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished." John 19:30.

Dr. Kasali encouraged us to realize that each of us have also been sent on a mission, by God. In order for us to fulfill our mission we need to...

1. Know who is the sender,
2. Know how he has equipped us to do the work that he wants us to do,
3. Know what task he has sent us to accomplish,
4. Realize that a day will come in which we will give a report.

Discussion Questions:

Dr. Kasali challenged us to ask..."What are we doing with what God has given us?"

In light of Dr. Kasali's challenge, let us each examine our lives as a Christian and ask...

1. Who has sent me?
2. How has the one who has sent me equipped me?
3. What task(s) has he sent me to accomplish?
4. Am I ready to give a report?

It might also be helpful to identify various roles, relationships and associations in which God has placed you, and then examine the above in their context. For example, what has God called me to do in my family as a son, daughter, husband, wife and parent; in my church as a member of the body of Christ; in my social life with other people, in my work life, in my community, and as a citizen of this great country in which God has allowed me to live?

Dr Kasali also encouraged us to, "Ask God to fill and empower us with the Holy Spirit for the work to be done." To learn more about how the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and stands ready to fill and empower us, read http://www.bsmi.org/lin_holy_spirit.htm.