

MISSIONS: Visiting speaker: John Elliott International Perspectives



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Who can name the most greetings in different languages?

Jesus rode to Bethlehem on a donkey – what would be your ideal form of transport?

John Elliott talked about the global challenge of reaching unreached peoples with the gospel. World Outreach has its mission over the next five years to add missionaries to 55 more people groups! Check out **Matthew 24:14**. We are in a time where it could be possible to see the gospel preached to all nations! There are still over 6000 people groups that need to hear the good news! What is your part in this global challenge? How will you enlist and be part of the biggest mission force the world has ever seen?

We often hear a call for 'revival' or see church meetings advertised as "revival meetings" – however John Elliott suggested that revival actually starts with us – with having a passion for the presence of God, and being people who worship our God! Check out **Psalms 22:3**. How would you describe your personal worship – how does this verse impact or challenge you and your approach to worship?

God inhabits the praises of his people – when we are joyful we stand out! We are not meant to be secret agents for Jesus – but his ambassadors! What does being an ambassador for Jesus look like in your life?

Check out: **Isaiah 40:5**; **Habakkuk 2:14** and **Isaiah 49:6**. What do these verses say to you about the glory of God and the times that we live in?

Psalm 92 talks about being fruitful no matter our season or our age or stage! We are meant to be people of influence. Check out **Jeremiah 1:11-12**. God watches over His word to see it fulfilled. Do you have a word (whether from the Bible or a prophetic word) that you are still waiting to see fulfilled? Share these with one another – and claim this promise from Jeremiah!

John Elliot gave us three things we need to be aware of when considering our future:

1. What you see affects what you commit yourself to! How do you see God at work in your life? In the life of the church?

2. What you see can be determined by what you hear. Don't allow negative people, skeptics or popular opinion to influence your decisions – we need to be people of the Word! How can you counter-act the opinions of those who are counter-productive to the ways of God and ensure that you are free from their influence?

3. What you see determines what you invest in. Check out Ecclesiastes 11:4. We need to be people who look at what God is doing and saying, and not what circumstances or society might be telling us. How can we live with this kind of faith?

The message finished with an exhortation to “GO” – not to be a passenger but to be involved. We are not meant to sit in Church, but to act! What is God saying to you today about your involvement in His mission?

PRAYER

Pray that we would be encouraged to enlist in God's mission to see every nation reached with the Gospel.

Pray that God's word would be established and evident in our lives, and that we would be a people who ACT and participate in God's plan, not just spectate!