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challenges & opportunities in Global mission

TRENDS



CHALLENGES

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MISSION = SENDING?

- GEOGRAPHICALLY DEFINED
- RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH
- SPECIAL AGENTS ARE REQUIRED
- GOAL = ESTABLISHMENT OF CHURCH

ASSUMPTIONS

1. MISSION IS ABOUT THE RIGHT STRATEGY
2. THE OUTSIDER, THE MISSIONARY, IS THE KEY HUMAN RESOURCE GOD WILL USE IN MISSION.

PROBLEMS

- overemphasises ethnic/linguistic barriers
- supports reductionist understanding
- supported by faulty eschatology
- encourages distant workers
- marginalises most of the church.

REVISIT SCRIPTURE!

- Q: JESUS TOLD US TO
- ☐ PLANT CHURCHES
 - ☒ MAKE DISCIPLES

OPPORTUNITIES

KANSEN

1. DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF MISSION

- EXPLORATION OF DISCIPLESHIP
- * BEING DISCIPLES
- * MAKING DISCIPLES

- HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH GROW?

- * BEHAVING
- * BELONGING
- * BELIEVING

- WE DO NOT SPEAK GREAT THINGS; WE LIVE THEM

2. RICHER, INTEGRATED UNDERSTANDING

- CHURCH AND AGENCY
- LOCAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL
- GATHERED COMMUNITY

3. HUMBLER UNDERSTANDING

- MISSION AS COMING
- MISSION AS INTIMACY

PATIENCE
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