

SERMON NOTES **Sunday 7 September** **sunnysidechurch**

Called to Go and Called to Send

**Bible passages: Romans 10:10-15; 2 Corinthians 9: 7-15;
Revelation 7:9**

Introduction

- The call of Scripture to mission (Romans 10:13–15)
God's mission is that all people hear and respond to the gospel. For some, mission means leaving but for most it requires sending, supporting, and enabling people to share the Word.

1. Wycliffe: Unlocking God's Word for every heart

- John Wycliffe translated the Bible into Middle English from the Latin vulgate. This unlocked the Scriptures to ordinary people for the first time.
- William Tyndale's translation from the original languages shaped the English Bible. He was supported by Humphrey Monmouth, who provided lodging, funds, and used his ships to smuggle New Testaments into England. Without his support, Tyndale's work might not have succeeded.

2. The Church's role today

- Two functions of the church: outreach and discipleship (Matthew 28:16-20)
- Those who are sending are encouraged to give cheerfully, and see how God's grace is at work in generosity (2 Corinthians 9:7-15)

3. The heavenly vision (Revelation 7:9)

- God's mission ends with a multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language before the throne.

Supporting World Mission is joining in God's plan for eternity.)

Conclusion

We are called to partner in God's mission today, through prayer, giving, and encouragement. The church isn't simply called to give, but called to generosity.

Some questions to discuss

1. Reflecting on your own coming to faith, what role has the Bible (or some particular passages) had in your life?
2. Why do you think access to God's Word in one's own language is so powerful?
3. William Tyndale's work was only possible because Humphrey Monmouth supported him. Who has supported you in your walk with God? How can we play a Monmouth-like role for others?
4. Read Romans 10:13-15. What steps does Paul list between someone calling on the Lord and being saved? How does this shape our understanding of mission?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-15. What stands out to you most about Paul's teaching on giving and generosity?
6. What might it mean for you to be called and sent this week?

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