

Acts 1:8 - Worldvision (Exodus 19:5-6)

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I. Introduction.

A. Topic: World vision.

B. Text: Exodus 19:5-6.

II. God marked out Israel for mission, but they totally missed it because of selfishness.

A. World evangelization in Acts was the primary objective.

B. When any church loses its objective, that objective becomes ingrown and self-serving.

C. This can happen to anyone or any group if they lose their sense of mission.

D. In this age of grace, God has chosen the likes of us to take His mission.

E. God has always had this as His grand design.

III. God's intent is to lead people to Christ and to see them mature. God wanted everyone to be involved in the grand design of multiplying disciples and raising up laborers to the ends of the earth. (Luke 2:1, 1 Samuel 2:35, Colossians 1:28-29)

IV. Why the plan breaks down. (John 12:24)

A. When those who hear the gospel do not die of their own self-ambition they abide alone and simply take up space in God's great world.

B. Only if the believer dies to himself will he bear fruit. (Mark 4:18-19, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

1. We belong to God and cannot use for ourselves what belongs to someone else.

2. Do not have that minor little flaw that you do not follow Christ when you hear Him tell you to do something. (Luke 9:23)

3. Jesus Christ is asking for faithfulness.

4. All of life is a trade - He must increase and we must decrease. (John 3:3)

5. For a world in need of the gospel, we must lay our lives down as a living sacrifice for God. (John 10:4-5)

Application questions

1. How does Israel's failure to carry out the mission demonstrate the dangers the church faces when it looks inward?

2. What is God's objective in evangelism? Explain.

3. What is the most important ingredient in our fulfilling the great commission? Why is this so?
