

Home Groups. Notes for discussion All Sent

Matthew's Gospel concludes with the words of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection. They contain a promise, "I am with you to the very end of the age", and a challenge, "Go and make disciples of all nations".

When you think of the small number of the original disciples they certainly did their best to expand the young church in those early years. Subsequently the church went through many periods of expansion and stagnation. The eighteenth and nineteenth centuries saw a time when many in Britain and America felt sent to take the gospel to places like Africa, China and India.

In Britain today the church is often portrayed in the media as out of date and dying. How do you feel about this?

We rejoice in the promise.

Do we respond to the challenge?

Read Isaiah 6:1-9

Imagine that you are Isaiah. You are having this remarkable vision.

What would your reaction be?

Why does Isaiah think he is ruined?

The message that Isaiah is commissioned to proclaim is a mixed one and includes rebukes and warnings of judgement. Would you be willing to take such a message to people caught up in our present culture?

Does this reflect your feelings when you think God might be challenging you to take on something new?

**Look at God's call to Moses in Exodus Chapter 3:9-16
List the reasons why Moses tries to avoid God's call. Have
you ever made similar excuses?**

**Read 2 Corinthians 2:17 to 6:2
What is the task of an Ambassador?
Would you like to be one?**

**Have you ever spoken about your faith to anyone outside the
church?**