

The Gospel gathering

Last Sunday, a St Kea mission partner, Richard Wallace preached Isaiah 66:18-24 and drew out how this passage the wonderful good news of God doing what he promised. His headings were All People, All Persons, All Participants, Always Present, All Pardoned.

Start with prayer and then read Isaiah 66:18-24 with the following question in mind: In what is described in these verses, how much has already happened and what is still to come?

All People (v18-23)

Read Acts 1:8 - how does this begin to fulfil the promise?

Where have we seen glimpses of this work of God to gather?

(Richard mentioned in his sermon that 77,000 people are coming to Christ every day around the world. 70,000 of them are in the global south and 7,000 are in the global north)

All Persons (v20)

Within the idea of 'all people' Richard wanted us to see the extent of diversity represented in the modes of transport and pointed us to Gal 3:26-29 to see more of this fulfilled.

All Participants (v19-20)

How easily do you think of yourself as a 'sent one' to declare God's glory? What might this mean for you with the particulars of your context and situation?

Always Present (v23)

Richard suggested that the language in this verse suggested an ongoing experience of God's presence rather than a single event, noting that this is explicit in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20). How does this help us in feeling about to be a part of God's mission? How might we consciously draw on this promise?

All Pardoned (Saved by Grace) (v24)

How does seeing what we have been saved from help us to rejoice in God's Grace? How might it affect our priorities and our manner in joining with God's mission?

What one thing might you take from these verses and either start or deepen your commitment to?