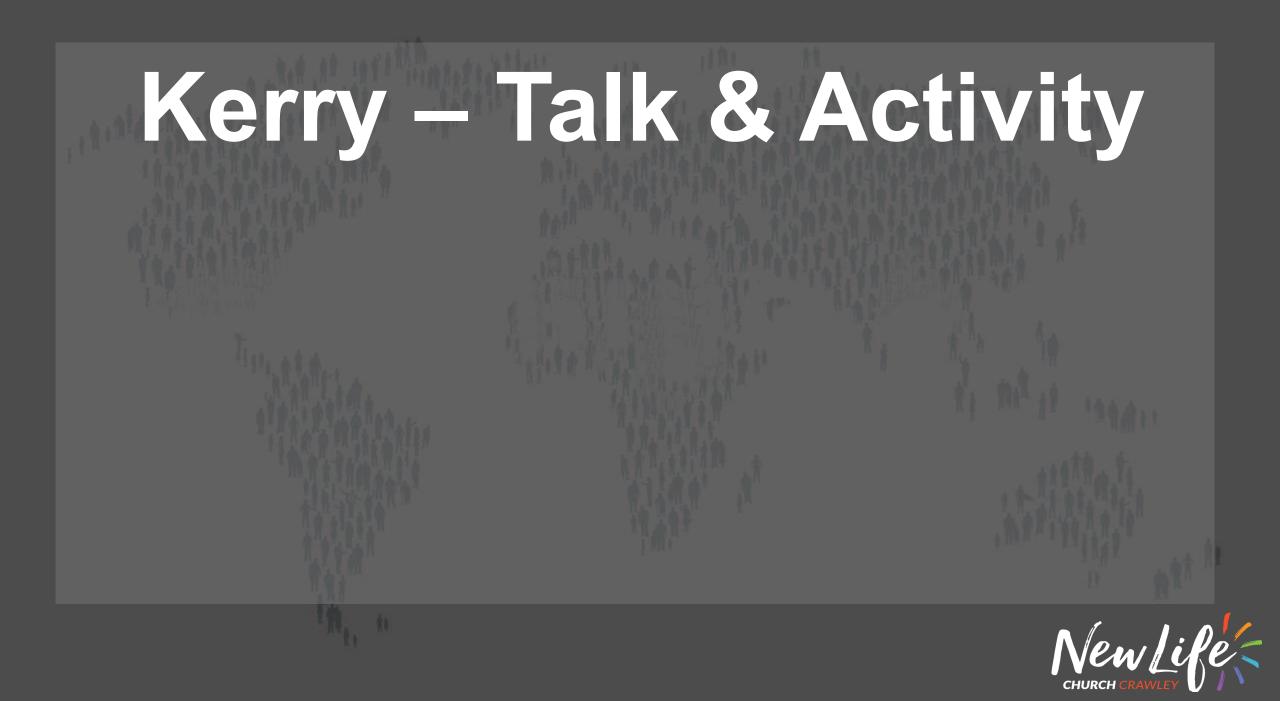
# Missions Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021





### Acts 10:34-37 Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favouritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism.



#### Acts 10:38-41

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.



### Acts 10:42-44

And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name." Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.



### Acts 10:45-48

The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.



Keywords in the text that reveal they are the work of Jesus - ALSO the work of the church in mission.

"And you know that God ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with POWER. Then Jesus went around DOING GOOD and HEALING all who were OPPRESSED by the devil, for God was with him."

Acts 10:38 NLT



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS IN ITS DIVINE AUTHORITY



(Picture from this link https://perfumesociety.org/scentedsecrets-queenscoronationanointing-oil/)



### "ANOINTED":

We see this a lot in the Old Testament where people were literally rubbed with oil or poured on them to present someone as divinely authorised by God.

1 Kings 19:16, Lev 8:12, 2 Sam 2:4



### It's what the Resurrection proves

"and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 1:4 NLT



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS IN ITS GOD GIVEN POWER

Power: we see this word connected to our word dynamite.

It literally means the physical force and ability to perform something



### "POWER":

Many times in the bible we see this power of performing miracles: Matt 13:54, Mark 6:14, Acts 6:8, 2 Thess 2:9,

Acts 1:8 you will receive power Acts 3:12 Not our own power or godliness



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS IN WHOLENESS

HEALING = to make whole, with the focus on God himself

Luke 17:15 (ten lepers healed)

"One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!"" Luke 17:15 NLT



"Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again." 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NLT

#### God wants us to be whole in every area of our life body, soul, spirit



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS IN HELPING OTHERS

Doing Good = to do good, the give benefits, to be philanthropic.

Jesus was marked by compassion for people Matthew 9:36-38



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS IN SETTING PEOPLE FREE

#### **OPPRESSED** =

to powerfully bring someone down and deny them the higher position or Blessing they should be receiving.

It means, to dominate, tyrannise, to overpower



Jesus started his mission saying that he wanted to set the captives free, to release prisoners *Luke* 4:14-18

The thief comes to steal, kill, destroy but I have come that they might have life.



### **Conclusion: HOW CAN YOU RESPOND?**

surrender to Christ (so you can be forgiven)

support missions

• start focusing your energy on doing the ministry of Jesus (first missionary was a madman Mark 5:20)



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