

THE GREAT GO-MISSION

...On Course

"19 ...go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

MATTHEW 28

**WE HAVE
BEEN GIVEN
A GREAT
COMMISSION
- IT STARTS
WITH GO!**



What do you think?

#AskAtAlpha

Date/Time: Autumn 2022

Where: Elim Aberystwyth



**THERE ARE
TWO WAYS WE
CAN
INTRODUCE
PEOPLE TO
JESUS - BRING
HIM TO PEOPLE
AND BRING
PEOPLE TO HIM**

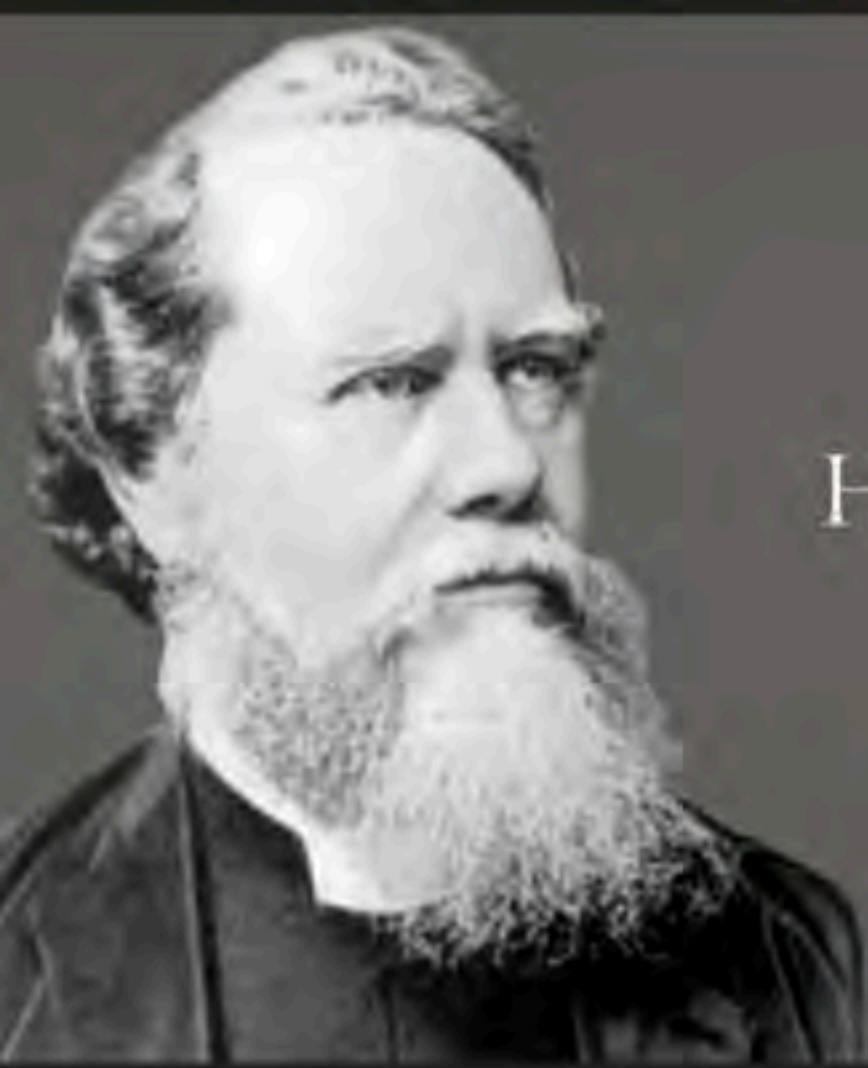
**(USUALLY BOTH
ARE NECESSARY!)**

“16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.”

“18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.”

“19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?
20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.”

ACTS 17



HUDSON TAYLOR

1832-1905

"CHINA IS NOT TO BE WON FOR CHRIST BY QUIET, EASE-LOVING MEN AND WOMEN ... THE STAMP OF MEN AND WOMEN WE NEED IS SUCH AS WILL PUT JESUS, CHINA, [AND] SOULS FIRST AND FOREMOST IN EVERYTHING AND AT EVERY TIME—EVEN LIFE ITSELF MUST BE SECONDARY."

HUDSON TAYLOR



TO GO...

- Many are called to go to new places to share the Gospel
- Many now come to the UK - now often understood to be 'post-Christian' - to share the Gospel
- All believers are called to be witnesses where we are

BRING GO!

- We don't have to go far to find people who need Jesus
- In recent weeks we have been majoring on our opportunity to be witnesses in our community contexts
- We can share Jesus with our community and bring them to Him

“17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.”

LUKE 5

“19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.””

LUKE 5

“21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?”

LUKE 5

“23 Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.””

LUKE 5

25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

LUKE 5

BE A BRINGER

- ➔ The man's friends were so moved by His need that they got Him to Jesus by whatever means necessary
- ➔ The religious in the room were offended - it was messy!
- ➔ Jesus dealt with the (more vital?) spiritual need before the physical one
- ➔ The faith of the friends was instrumental in the man's forgiveness

IN YOUR RESEARCH, HAVE YOU
FOUND THAT THERE'S ONE
SPECIFIC REASON THAT
VISITORS COME TO CHURCH?

THE FRIENDSHIP FACTOR.

WE'VE ASKED MORE THAN
50,000 PEOPLE OVER THE LAST
10 YEARS WHY THEY CAME TO
CHURCH, AND BETWEEN 75
AND 90 PERCENT OF
RESPONDENTS SAY, "I BEGAN
ATTENDING BECAUSE
SOMEONE INVITED ME." THOSE
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ARE
CRITICAL TO THE GROWTH OF
CHURCHES. THEY FAR
OUTWEIGH FACTORS LIKE THE
FACILITIES, MUSIC, PREACHING,
OR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—
PEOPLE MAY STAY BECAUSE OF
THESE THINGS, BUT THEY
COME BECAUSE SOMEONE
THEY KNEW INVITED THEM.

CHARLES ARN (PRESIDENT OF CHURCH GROWTH INC.)

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QUESTIONS-FOR-CHARLES-ARN.HTML](https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2009/march-online-only/3-questions-for-charles-arn.html)

GO ALPHA

- The Alpha Course gives us an opportunity to invite those in our local community to hear about (and encounter) the Gospel
- We can bring people to an opportunity to ask questions, make friendships and encounter Jesus together

RESPOND

- Is God prompting you to step up and be involved in Alpha @ Elim Aberystwyth 2022?
- Who will you invite?