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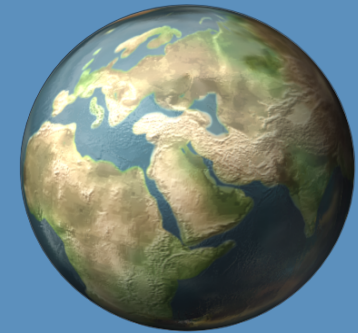
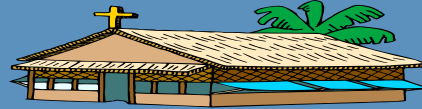
Leadership Seminar October 25, 2008 Session II

Missional Ministry in a Postmodern Context

The Church Between the Gospel and the Culture



Gospel



The Church: an Alternative Culture

Matthew 5:13-16

1. Salt of the Earth – to become foolish...
2. Light of the World – represent kingdom salvation to the world...
3. City Set on a Hill – issue is seen or not seen...
4. Live in Such a Way that the Kingdom Will Be Manifested...



The Missio Dei

1. Theology Proper
 - a. Based in the character of God...
 - b. Based in the action of God...
 - 1.) Father sends the Son...
 - 2.) Father and Son send the Spirit...
 - 3.) Father, Son and Spirit send the church...
2. Implications for Ecclesiology...
3. Implication for Soteriology...



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Priorities to Recover the Missional Soul of the Church

1. Church must revive what it means to be communities of the Reign of God in a world of de-centered autonomous selves & multicultural formers of social truth...
2. Church must discover what is faithful action in the public life of her society which is pagan in the midst of privatized faith...
3. Church must learn to speak in post-Christendom accents as messengers of the Reign of God in a pluralistic world...

Leadership For Missional Churches

1. Shaped by the Revelation of Jesus Christ in whom the Reign of God is present...
2. Shaped by the Spirit's formation of the post-Pentecostal community of the redeemed...
3. Shaped by the Recovery of Eschatology..
4. Shaped as a People who both announce and demonstrate God's intention for the creation...



Domestic Contextual Missiology

AGENDA

1. Forming an alternate communal “world”...
2. Casting a wider rationality...
3. Healing our fragmentary “worlds”...
(work, home, commerce, etc)
4. Initiating an intrusive witness...



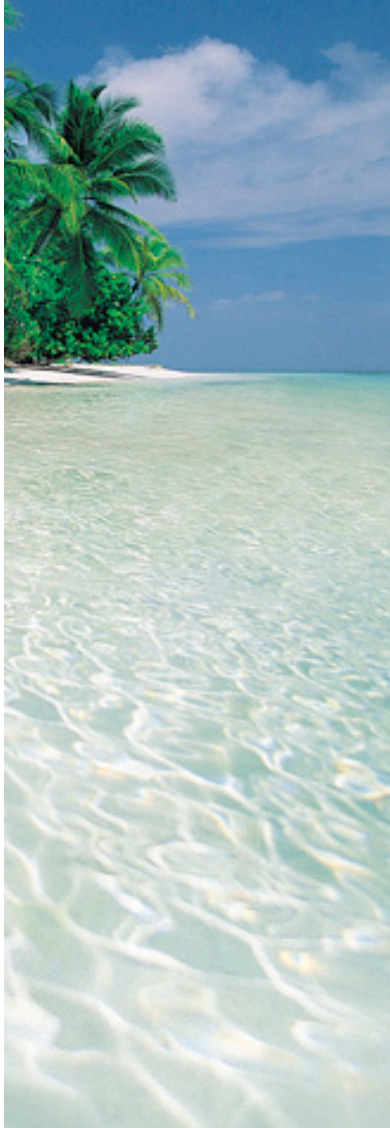
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Post-Captivity Evangelism

1. Evangelism must be seen as an invitation to enter the Kingdom and thus the church...
2. Converts need to be presented the implications of entering a new race of men...
3. Can no longer assume that enculturated people have a common understanding of language with us...
4. Without imposing the gospel, we need to trade on the moral point of contact for the gospel...

Implications for Evangelism & Apologetics

1. God redemptively engages people in their history by the grace of the Holy Spirit.
2. There must be a faith community that demonstrates that the gospel is true in practice and thus in reality.
3. By the use of redemptive history we must show the narrative is compelling and coherent on its own terms.
4. Our faith narrative must be presented as encompassing all of life experience.
5. We must honestly & fully hear other faiths.



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Hearing, Responding to & Obeying the Gospel

1. Evangelization – the heart of ministry...
2. Encountering Christ as the purpose and witness of public worship...
3. Community commissioned to be, to do and to say His witness...
4. Holy Spirit shapes community for mission by continuous encounter with Scripture...
5. Ministry of Word equips community through the biblical witness...
6. Gospel fullness recovered...

The Overarching Chiasmus of the Bible

1. Creation/Perfection – Genesis 1 & 2
2. Sin/Judgment – Genesis 3 & 4
3. Old Covenant Redemptive Event
- 3'. New Covenant Redemptive Event
- 2'. Judgment/Removal of Sin – Rev. 18-20
- 1'. Consummation/Perfection – Rev. 21-22

The Bookends of the Bible!
Genesis 1-4 & Revelation 18-22



Canonical Biblical Theology

1. Historical progress – God’s self-disclosure is a sequence of revealing actions and words over a long period of time...
2. Historical development in both act and word is an internal expansion, an organic unfolding from within...
3. The process increases rapidly the nearer revelation approaches its final goal...
4. Canonical Biblical Theology is the exhibition of the organic progress of special verbal revelation in its historic continuity and multiformity...



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Missional Ministry Enactment

1. Founded in a biblical/theological framework so its connection with God's mission and our participation in it is clear to all.
2. Informed by the best literature (common grace) which bear on the ministry enactment to be implemented.
3. Carefully evaluate the amount of change and/or disruption for the congregation.
4. Implementation focus on outcomes stated in measurable verbs with specific timetable.

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5. Develop active prayer base for the agreement and enactment phases.
6. Plan a communication strategy that will keep people informed on what is happening.
7. Regular feedback and evaluation in order to adjust the action in process when necessary.
8. Careful formal and informal assessment which provides learning for the next biblical/theological enactment of mission.

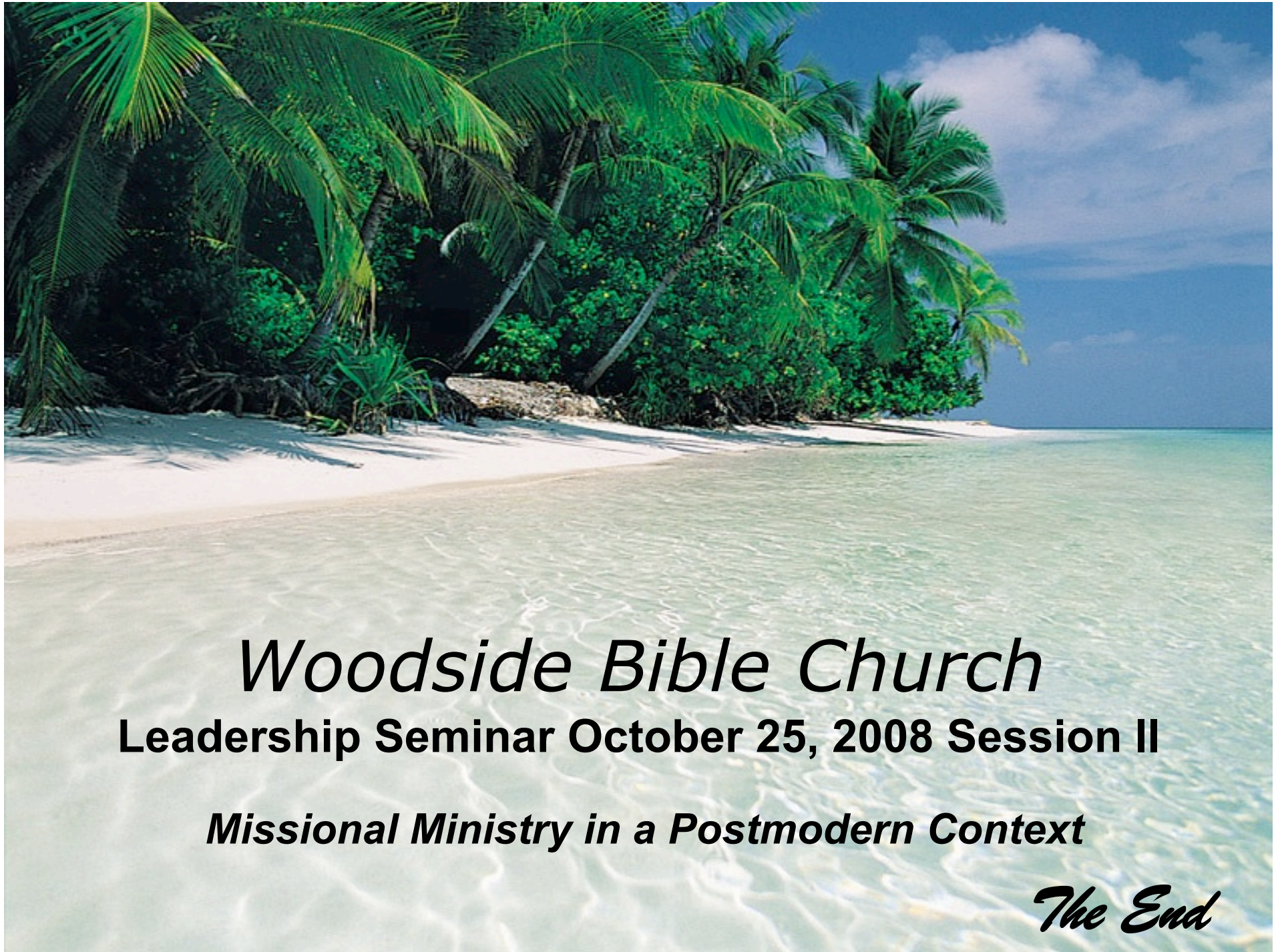
A Missionary Church

1. A People of Praise - Ephesians 1:12
2. A Kingdom People - Matthew 5:13-16
3. A Particular People - Isaiah 43:21

...You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9-10





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The End

Images of the Church

Church “Reformational”

A
place
where
certain
things
happen

Church “Contemporary”

Supply Side Ecclesiology &
vendor of
religious
goods &
services

Church “Missional”

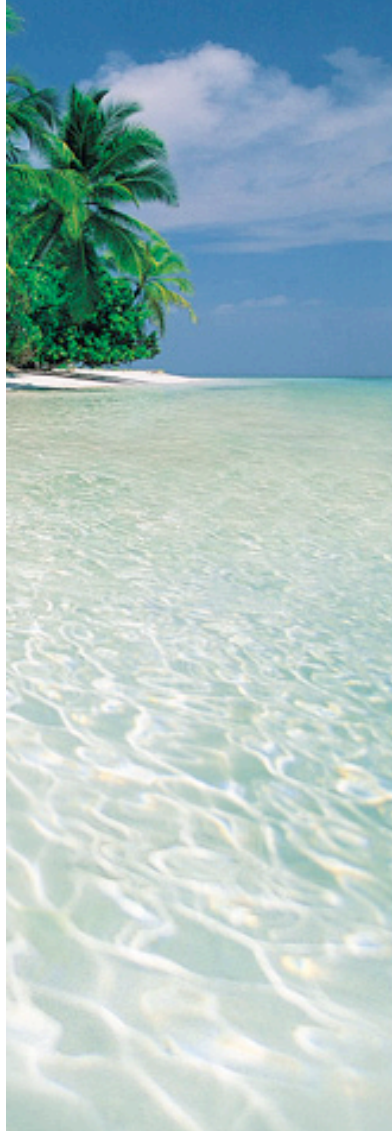
People
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on a
mission



The Redemptive Mandate

Matthew 28:18-20

“ALL authority is given unto me ...
Move out and disciple ALL the nations,
Baptizing them into ALL of the name of God,
Teaching them to keep ALL I commanded you;
I myself am with you ALL the days even ...”



Preaching in a Postmodern Context

1. Duty of every preacher: to let the image of God's self-revelation mirror itself as fully and clearly as possible in his mind...
2. Consider doing theology in the context of the narrative and not using the narrative only for illustration, application, typology, numerology or morals...
3. The form of the revelation is as much a work of God as is the content...

