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THE HISTORY OF TRUE JESUS CHURCH (II)

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Through the Spirit’s power, the gospel spread to numerous other countries far beyond China. The Holy Spirit will perfect the true church.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is truth, and guides His believers into all truth.
<i>Good Work</i>	Rely on the Spirit to help us preach and develop the church. To become a worker for God, set our minds on things above, maintain a spirit of persistence, and keep a humble heart.

Introduction

God commanded us to preach the truth to the ends of the earth as early as Old Testament times. For the apostles, the “ends of the earth” was Europe. But where are the “ends of the earth” for us today? Here are some locations the gospel has already spread:

- A. West Malaysia, Sabah (1927)
- B. Indonesia (1941)
- C. Japan (1946)
- D. South Korea (1948)
- E. United Kingdom (1972)
- F. France (1983)
- G. Germany (1985)
- H. Africa
 - 1. Nigeria (1978)
 - 2. Liberia (1985)
 - 3. Ghana (1985)

Life Application

1. Relying on the Holy Spirit

To continue the work of building up the church, we need to rely on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to help us (Rom 8:11; Zech 4:6). But the power of the Spirit can only come about through prayer.

- a. *Praying for Ourselves:* Learning to rely on the Spirit is a process. Only by studying Scripture and praying daily for ourselves will we build up our wisdom and knowledge of the Lord.
- b. *Praying for Our Church Leaders:* It is easy to forget that the leaders of our church are only human. We may not be able to help them personally, but when we dedicate time to pray for them, we will see God’s power manifest not only in our lives, but also in our church.

2. Whom Does God Use in His Work?

Our church of the past and the present have a common element: good and faithful workers for Christ, whom the Spirit uses for His mighty works. How do we also strive to become someone worthy to do His work, to serve Him, and ultimately be blessed by Him for seeking to fulfill His kingdom?

- a. *A mind that is set on things above (Col 3:2):* Serving ourselves here and now will only profit us in this lifetime, but when we serve God, we lay up for ourselves everlasting treasures in heaven.
- b. *A persistent spirit:* God delights in those who persevere and are not easily discouraged from serving Him. As long as a worker does not grow weary in doing good, God will strengthen them.
- c. *A humble heart:* When our servitude is marred by our pride, we no longer serve God, but ourselves. As long as we rely on God with a heart of humility, our work for Him will bear fruit.

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Lesson 4 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (2 Timothy 4:2):

1. What does it mean to be “ready in season and out of season”?
2. “And let us not grow _____ while _____, for in due _____ we shall _____ if we do not _____.” (Galatians 6:9)
3. Why is it so important that we pray for our church leaders?
4. What are three characteristics of those God uses for His work?
5. Why is it so important to maintain this kind of heart?
6. Of the three characteristics, which do you need to work on the most? Why, and how will you do so?