

Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) Fall Mission Webinar

“Mission Myths – Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph. 4:15)”

November 13, 2021 – 3:00 pm (Central Time)

Lesson 1: Mission Myths about the Gospel – Speaker: Pastor David Ude

Location: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI

- “The Good News is just old news”
- “Just living the Gospel is a good enough witness”

Lesson 2: Mission Myths about Me – Speaker: Pastor Tom Naumann

Location: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI

- “I can’t do mission work” (bad speaker, not outgoing, etc)
- “I need to know every answer”

Lesson 3: Mission Myths about Them – Speaker: Mr. Jeff Aymond

Location: Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN

- “People just aren’t looking for a church home anymore”
- “Everyone has heard about Jesus already”

Lesson 4: Mission Myths about My Church – Speaker: Pastor Neal Radichel

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN

- “It doesn’t matter what we try, nothing works”
- “We must change or it won’t work”

Lesson 5: Mission Myths about the Culture – Speaker: Pastor Mark Tiefel

Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA

- “Truth doesn’t matter to evangelism or faith”
- “To tolerate is to love”

Agenda – Central Time

2:30 pm – Zoom Forum Opens

3:00 pm – Welcome/Opening Announcements

3:10 pm – Lesson 1 | Mission Myths About the Gospel

3:30 pm – Lesson 2 | Mission Myths About Me

3:50 pm – Lesson 3 | Mission Myths About Them

4:10 pm – Break (10 minutes)

4:20 pm – Lesson 4 | Mission Myths About My Church

4:40 pm – Lesson 5 | Mission Myths About the Culture

5:00 pm – Q/A session

- Q/A Text Line: 715-600-3766

Zoom meeting tutorial for joining: <https://youtu.be/hlkCmbvAHQQ>

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Lesson 1: Mission Myths About the Gospel

“The Gospel is Just Old News”

1. Name some of the most amazing miracles that happened in the book of Acts?
2. Even with amazing miracles like that happening, what always stood out as even more amazing?
3. What is the substance of salvation? Romans 1:16-17
4. Imagine if we still had the power of signs and miracles and healing, but not the forgiveness of sins, the sacraments, and eternal life. Which would you rather have?

“Just Living the Gospel is a Good Enough Witness.”

1. Evaluate these phrases: Are they all saying basically the same thing? Is what they are saying true, false, or misleading?
 - a. “Just living the gospel is a good enough witness.”
 - b. “Preach the gospel at all times, use words when necessary.”
 - c. “Deeds, not creeds.”
2. What role do our works play in mission work?
3. But the substance is the gospel and the gospel is a word. It must be proclaimed:
 - d. Ephesians 1:13
 - e. 2 Timothy 4:2
 - f. Luke 24:47

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Lesson 2: Mission Myths About Me

1. What are some additional excuses (mission myths) that you sometimes make about yourself which may hinder you from personal outreach? (“I’m not outgoing”, “I’m not a pastor”, etc.) Be honest.
2. Just as you need conviction and the right tools to change a tire, you need conviction and the right tools to do mission work. What does the example of the calling of the Prophet Jeremiah teach about your ability to do mission work? From where do you get your conviction? What’s the right tool for the job?
3. What is the job of a witness? How does this simple understanding of personal witnessing debunk the myth that you need to know every answer?
4. It’s been said that a man without a plan is lost before he starts. How is this true for mission work? Which witnessing plan are you going to use in your next opportunity to witness for Jesus?

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Lesson 3: Mission Myths About Them

1. Has the phrase “people aren’t looking for a church home anymore” ever kept you from witnessing (either spoken by someone else or in your own thoughts)?
2. Describe a “church home” in your words.
 - a. Does your congregation fit the description?
 - b. Why or why not?
3. Can you think of someone in your life who...
 - a. You are unaware of what they believe?
 - b. An unbeliever in need of a place of belonging?
 - c. A believer in need of encouragement or a church home?
4. Has the phrase “everyone has heard about Jesus already” ever kept you from witnessing (either spoken by someone else or in your own thoughts)?
5. Can you think of someone who may not “truly know” about Jesus?

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Lesson 4: Mission Myths About My Church

“It doesn’t matter what we try, nothing works”

- a. What have we tried?
 - i. Public Information or Personal Invitation?
 - ii. Luke 14:21-24
- b. How consistently have we tried it?
 - i. How caring is someone or a group who is inconsistent?
 - ii. Luke 13:6-9
- c. Explain what you mean by “nothing works.”
 - i. Are our goals aligned with the goals of the gospel?
 - ii. Isaiah 55:9-11

“We must change or it won’t work” (churches need to reflect culture)

- a. What “won’t work”?
 - i. Is “it” about filling pews and/or getting a response to our work?
 - ii. 2 Timothy 4:3-5
- b. How would you like to “change”?
 - i. Change of the worship place or space? Change of the Way or Word we worship?
 - ii. Luke 13:34-35
- c. If we’re trying to reflect the culture, how often are we going to “change”?
 - i. Division in doctrine = Multiplication of denominations.
 - ii. Ephesians 4:14-15

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Lesson 5: Mission Myths About the Culture

1. What emotions do you feel as a Christian when you see these myths promoted in our culture? What warning must you be aware of when you feel this way?

2. How can the engagement triangle equip personal and congregational mission work? Discuss ideas in both areas.

3. Despite the differences we have in our culture, why is there always common ground across people? What hope does this give us when it comes to evangelism work?

4. How does the Triune nature of God connect with the engagement triangle?