

“STRONGHOLDS”

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

This month our attention has been focused on missions. All believers are called to live missionally for the Lord, but it is necessary to understand what is happening in different parts of the world regarding the spread of the gospel. There are places in the world where there are no churches, no Christians, and no gospel witness. In other words, people in some places live in total darkness. Today’s message will help us understand where some of these places are and what believers can do about it.

#1. SPREADING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES SPIRITUAL WARFARE,

vv. 3-5

- A. Believers must not be naïve about spiritual warfare
- B. Believers are soldiers for the Lord
- C. Believers are in a battle for the hearts & minds of people

#2. SPREADING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES SPIRITUAL WEAPONS,

vv. 3-4

- A. Believers do not wage war as the world does
- B. Believers have spiritual weapons, Eph 6:10-18
- C. Believers must discern worldly weapons in their culture

#3. SPREADING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES DESTROYING

STRONGHOLDS AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, vv. 3-5

DEFINITION

A Stronghold is any entrenched thought pattern that stands in opposition to the gospel. Destroying strongholds should result in people adopting a Christian worldview.

- A. Believers must know the arguments that oppose the gospel in their culture
- B. Believers must discern the work of Satan, 2 Cor 4:3-4
- C. Believers must know about the 10/40 window

#4. SPREADING THE GOSPEL RESULTS IN OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST,

v. 5

- A. Believers are called to obey Christ, Mat 28:20
- B. Believers are to lead others in obeying Christ
- C. Believers display their love for Christ through obedience

#5. SPREADING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES ACTION

- A. Pray for God to raise up more missionaries
 - B. Pray for missionaries already deployed
 - C. Pray for stewardship
 - D. Pray for strategy
 - E. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open hearts
 - F. Pray for open doors
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#1. What is the context of 2 Corinthians 10:1-6?

#2. Explain how it is that all people are involved in spiritual warfare

#3. What are the weapons of the world?

#4. What are the weapons available to Christians? (Ephesians 6:10-18)

#5. What is a stronghold?

#6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 and discuss its meaning.

#7. What other parts of the world throughout history has Satan established significant strongholds?

#8. What can believers do in Roseville to facilitate the spread of the gospel in the 10 / 40 window?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EAST INDIAN DINNER

Thanks to Vinod, Nalini, Joyce, Raj and their family for putting on the East Indian dinner. The food was fantastic and the fellowship was just as good. If you were not able to attend the dinner you can still make a special offering to missions by writing "dinner" in the memo of your check or on the offering envelop. Place it in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary. This is above and beyond your normal giving.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30. [Click the "online meeting room" link on the home page of the website Hillcrestroseville.com](#)

YOGA OUTREACH – Next Saturday 10:00 – 11:15

Pastor Bruce is a certified Yoga instructor and would like to offer regular classes, but needs to know what the best times would be. If you are interested in attending his classes write on the clip board in the back what your preference would be. Include the day and time. Invite a friend!

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to

Hillcrest Church!

Giving God Our Best! 2021

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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