

1) Community

- God (in community), create mankind to live in community
- The 4 **C**'s of Family Community
- **C**uriosity → **C**onnecting → **C**ontributing → **C**ommitment
- **Not C**onsumerism → consumers suck life, take out, demand, pay their dues

2) Jesus creates a New Community

Mrk Chpt 1 – 4

- Building Community: *“And Jesus called those He wanted – and they came”* Mrk 3:13
- Maybe these disciples followed Jesus out of **Curiosity**
- But soon the disciples started **Connecting** with Jesus on a new level
- **Jesus said: Come Follow Me** – Join my **Community**, **Contribute**, Be **Committed**

a) Jesus wants YOU in His Community

- Maybe you feel as if God can't use you → doesn't want you
- God said to Moses: *“I AM has sent you!”* – *“I will be with you!”* Ex 3:14
- God wants to use YOU! (*God chose the foolish...*) 1 Cor 1:26-27

b) Jesus take time to Teach His new community

- Jesus *‘withdrew’* to **teach** His disciples Mark 3:7, Mark 4:10, 4:34
- A new way of thinking, it's not a religion – but a relationship
- He talks about a new Kingdom, new rule & reign, New way of doing things
- **He talks about going where no man has been before...**

Go Somewhere New

3) Teaching: *“To go where no man has gone before”*

- You are the light of the world Matt 5:14, Mrk 4:21
- Jesus teaches the disciples/us: **“GO... Spread the Word...”** → **“Build God style Community”**
- Kingdom of God needs to go...
 - Kingdom of God need to enter dark hearts (Friends & Family, Neighbours)
 - Enter new & old communities, young & old communities, near & far Communities
 - **Broadcast the love of Jesus over new Technologies**
 - **New way of broadcasting over new Technologies**

4) Mission Trip to the Gadarenes

Mark Chp 5

- Jesus is about to take the disciples on a field trip (**sea trip**) – practical example...
- The **Decapolis** was an area that consisted of 10 cities – New **Communities**

5) Past or Future Minded?

a) Types of Soil & Hearts of Man

- The sower sows the Word (Good news about Jesus) Mrk 4:14
- There are various types of soil & hearts of man Mrk 15-20
- Not all types of ground receive the Word.

- Jesus goes to Gadarenes - *Is this a failed missions trip?*
- Jesus showed that (it's not the crowds / wider community) that counts
We go for the **ONE person**, **We love 1-1**

b) Future Minded

Mrk 4:20

- If the Farmer is **Past / Present** minded – **he won't sow**
 - If I look at the **Past** lack → only a little → Need to hold on tight
 - So then in the **Present**, **I won't sow any seed**
 - **Scarcity Mind Set** → **When / Then**
- When farmers sow they are **Future / Present** harvest minded
 - Expecting a harvest in a **Future** time
 - I sow seed in the **Present** time
 - Farmers are **Future / Present Minded**
- Farmers sow because they want a given **type** and **size harvest** - **Future** minded

6) Change in environment / atmosphere

- What works in this atmosphere (season) does necessarily work in another atmosphere
- Some structures & strategies become irrelevant
- Jesus is inviting you to go where no man has been before Is 43:18-19
 - Forget **Before-Covid** (BC 😊)
 - Forget the Blast from the Past
 - We can't be **Past / Present** minded
- We are now POST-COVID, never been here before – **Uncharted Territory**
 - New way of life
 - New self & health awareness
 - New ways of working and living
 - We need a **Future / Present** mind set

7) Conclusion

- **Church Community:** Where you are **Connected** & **Contributing** & **Committed** – **Why?**
- God is asking us to **Go somewhere new...** Love 1-to-1
- What will stop us from going forward? (**Past / Present thinking**; **BC** Thinking)
- How will we succeed? (**Future / Present** Minded, Together as **C**ommunity)