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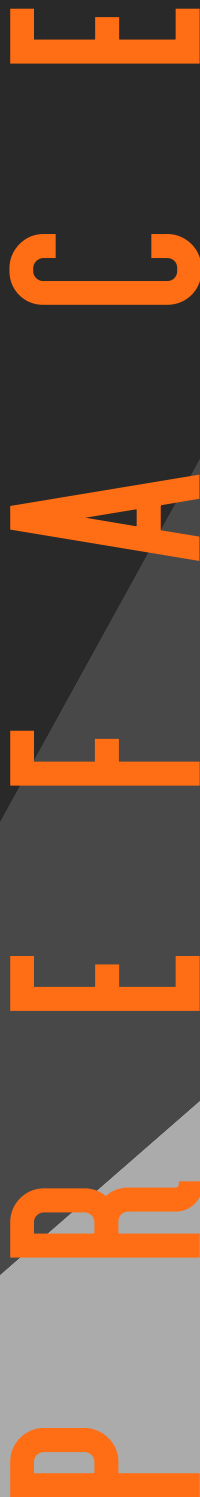
We're deeply grateful for the opportunity to present this booklet. Conferences often result in a 'one-and-done' experience, yet when Jesus commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations, his intent was far from that. Our aim is for this booklet to serve as a source of continued inspiration, keeping the momentum alive. You can use it not only for personal benefit but also to remind you of the urgency in making disciples. Additionally, we have more copies available for you to take back to your congregations, ensuring that any progress initiated at the Missions: Triangle Conference continues to flourish.

We encourage you to extend the ripple effect in your own life and through your spheres of influence. We are also thankful to the Lord for bringing together congregations from the Triangle region for this event. We believe this conference will help break down the barriers that sometimes divide gospel-and-Christ-centered churches and unite us around a shared calling.

As we unite, we place our trust in the words of Jesus as he prayed for believers like us: "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21). Consider this: by coming together as one, our great God can use our unity to draw 'the world' closer to faith in Jesus. t's a wonderfully straightforward evangelism strategy! Let's unite and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us towards that end. For those who have received this booklet after the conference, be aware that we have future plans in the works to further this mission. We invite your prayers and participation.

If you wish to grow in evangelism and discipleship, our doors are always open. Let's move forward together in unwavering faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



SCHEDULE

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REGISTRATION | 8:30-9:00

OPENING PRAYER | 9:00-9:05

WORSHIP | 9:05-9:15

MARK KNETSCH | 9:15-9:40

PRAYER: BENJAMIN TANGEMAN | 9:40-9:45

RYAN DOHERTY | 9:45-10:10

PRAYER: TOM COX | 10:10-10:15

BREAK | 10:15-10:30

GROUP DISCUSSION | 10:30-10:55

WILLIE HARRIS JR. | 10:55-11:20

PRAYER: JIM FOLK | 11:20-11:25

PANEL DISCUSSION | 11:25-12:00PM

LUNCH & MINUTE AT THE MIKE | 12:00-1:00

J.R. BUCKLEW | 1:00-1:25

PRAYER: EDDIE BROWN | 1:25-1:30

GREG PRUETT | 1:30-1:55PM

CLOSING REMARKS AND SEND OFF | 1:55-2:00PM



MARK KNETSCH

RESLIFE CHURCH, APEX

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TALKING POINTS

- Old Truths of the Great Commission
- The Context, the Mission, the Method
- New Realities in Today's Culture
- What is Post-Modernism?
- What is Secularism?
- Old Truths Meet New Realities

PRAYER POINTS

Pray that...

- You will grow in the "Go!" of the Great Commission.
- You grow in your ability to make disciples. What does it look like for you to grow in your ability to teach others about Jesus in your church? Neighborhood?
- Christians will understand how to contextualize the gospel in their particular context.
- You will grow in understanding your identity as a missionary.
- Pray for your calling to financially support mission agencies and experts who understand how to share the gospel with unreached people around the world.

ACTION ITEMS

- How could you grow in the "Go!" of the Great Commission?
- Do you consider yourself as a missionary? If so, where is the Lord strategically sending you?
- How could you grow as your own local theologian in your community?
- What shifts in our society hinder you as a missionary from reaching the lost around you?
- What challenges have you experienced when you feel the urge to share the gospel?
- What global trends do you see negatively influence the church's ability to communicate the gospel?
- How could the Holy Spirit help you address those impacted by those negative influences?
- Do you know of other Christians you could partner with in reaching your neighborhood?
- How could you strategically come together to pray specifically to grow in courage to live out the Great Commission?
- Our missionaries are trained to communicate the gospel to different cultures. How could you train yourself in understand the culture around you?
- How could you challenge yourself in giving more generously to missionary agencies?

ABOUT MARK

Mark Knetsch is the pastor of Resurrection Life Church in Apex. He attended Calvin Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity) and recently graduated from Southeastern Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry). He has interest in raising leaders who are equipped to make disciples in today's secular culture. As a church planter, Mark is also fascinated by how effective evangelism and discipleship works in today's post-Christendom climate. He looks forward to learning from other local Christians in this endeavor at this conference. Mark Knetsch is married to Heather and is father to Mark, Deacon, Ava, Clay, and Lily.

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RYAN DOHERTY

SUMMIT CHURCH, APEX

TALKING POINTS

- In order to love our neighbor, we have to know our neighbor.
- We want to know our neighbor in order to love them.
- The best way to love our neighbor is to introduce them to God.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray that...

- God would give us his eyes to see the fields ripe with harvest.
- God would send/we would obey the call to go as laborers into the harvest field.
- We would be moved with compassion and not be ashamed of the gospel.

ACTION ITEMS

- Open your spiritual eyes and look at the fields of people in your life. What do you see? Be intentional to know others in your community!
- What bridges of peace can you build with others so the gospel can shared?
- What relationships do you have/need to have with others?
- Be obedient to demonstrate and share the gospel with others.
- We have the privilege to discover the customized, present way a person needs "saving" and apply the appropriate remedy. (ie comfort, inclusion, healing, etc)
- Respect other faiths, deeply held beliefs aren't easily changed. Find common ground and let love, not the law, compel the conversation.
- Say what you mean. Some words have heavy baggage. Casually speaking undefined and unexplained vocabulary is not thoughtful.
- Let your friends discover the truth about Jesus Christ as they discover it themselves in Scripture.
- You don't have to wait until someone asks to pray. Pray for someone immediately, don't just tell them you will pray for them. Pray for People in the moment. Almost any interaction with someone can lead to prayer.
- If our eyes are spiritually open, God will show us the ones he wants us to encourage through prayer and it will often lead to something more!

ABOUT RYAN

Ryan is married to his better half, Morgan, who is a Nurse Manager at a local clinic serving low-income and uninsured patients worldwide. They have three children attending schools in Apex and share a love for soccer, reading, and the outdoors. The Dohertys are dedicated to supporting local churches, connecting with international neighbors, refugees, and students. Ryan is the Pastor of Mobilization and Prayer at The Summit Church in Apex, where he's been since 2007, and he's passionate about equipping believers to spread the gospel locally and globally.

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WILLIE HARRIS JR.

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TALKING POINTS

- The church is given power by the Holy Spirit, so we must be witnesses of the Gospel to those near and far
- Witness to the Gospel
- Witness to those near
- Witness to those far

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for...

- Repent and ask God for forgiveness for not witnessing
- A better understanding of the Gospel and a biblical worldview
- The wisdom on how to use technology to spread the Gospel
- Church planters and missionaries
- How you can participate in missions

ACTION ITEMS

- Understand the Gospel
- Learn how to connect the Gospel to life
- Understand the worldviews of your community
- Befriend and evangelize all ethnic groups
- Send and support church planters and missionaries
- Use technology to spread the Gospel

ABOUT WILLIE

Willie Harris, Jr. serves as the Lead Pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Cary responsible for preaching and teaching. He has been educated through the local church, personal study, reading, and training through workshops, seminars at local seminaries like Shepherds Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and conferences such as Advance the Church and 9Marks. Willie also serves as an instructor and chairman of the board at LAMP Seminary RDU.

He is married to the lovely Anita, and they have three children Isaiah, Abigail, and Gabrielle. In addition to serving Mt. Zion, Willie works as a software engineer at IBM. He is passionate about making disciples and loves technology, theology, science fiction, and chocolate.



J.R. BUCKLEW

PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS

TALKING POINTS

- The Church's view of the Bible
- How success is measured
- Aim of modern discipleship within the church today

PRAYER POINTS

Pray that...

- The Church would recognize the authority given to us in the Bible to be ambassadors of Christ to the nations.
- We would over emphasize sending of believers to the nations.
- Our discipleship of our people would move them to evangelism and further discipleship of those around them.

ACTION ITEMS

- In light of what you have heard, consider how you are measuring mission success?
- Learn more about the 10/40 window and examine what part you play in reaching the "ends of the earth"
- Review the resources we have recommended and develop a personal discipleship plan for the next year with an eye towards missions.

ABOUT J.R.

A visionary leader with a heart dedicated to transforming lives. Born a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA), American Sign Language (ASL) was his first language and remains his heart language. His passion for the Deaf community's access to the Word of God has taken him around the world as a minister and advocate. J.R.'s groundbreaking spirit led to the establishment of a Deaf ministry in Ethiopia, complete with a Deaf-staffed café and sign language training centers.

As the former Director of Deaf Bible and Founder/President of Deaf Bible Society, he pioneered the widely acclaimed Deaf Bible app, impacting hundreds of thousands globally. Collaborating with esteemed organizations like Wycliffe Bible Translators and Deaf Missions, J.R. envisions a world where every person has access to a Bible in the language they understand the best. Currently, J.R. serves as the Chief Advancement Officer at Pioneer Bible Translators and the Chief Steward of Church Mobilization at illumiNations.

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GREG PRUETT

PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS

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TALKING POINTS

- Prayer is the Strategy that Powers the Mission of God
- Prayer is the Strategy that Powers the Church

God Answers:

Prayers in Jesus' name with unlimited Power
| Persistent Prayer | Unified group prayer with unlimited power | Persistent unified Group prayer in Jesus name

PRAYER POINTS

Pray that...

- The Lord will revive our understanding of the power of strategic prayer for missions
- The Lord of the Harvest to send workers to the field, even among those attending Missions Triangle
- What we have heard today would burn in our hearts
- The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea (Hab 2.14)
- The Lord will unite churches in the Triangle to reach our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth

ACTION ITEMS

- Ask God to show you what he wants you to do
- Listen for God's assignment. It's going to sound impossible. Maybe even terrifying. That's how you know it's God talking.
- Keep specific, strategic prayer request lists for the people you influence and the work of God's Kingdom around you so you can be persistent in prayer. Write a list with this question: What are the impossible things that have to happen to do God's assignment?
- Gather together regularly for unified, persistent group prayer
- Pray expectantly

ABOUT GREG

Greg Pruett, president of Pioneer Bible Translators in Dallas since January 2007, lived in West Africa for over 12 years with his wife, Rebecca, and three children. During this time, they translated the entire Bible into the Yalunka language and shared Christianity with those who traditionally followed the Qur'an. Greg remains involved in church planting efforts among the Yalunka through online and in-person engagement. He holds a civil engineering degree from Texas A&M, a master's from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from the same institution. Additionally, he has received linguistic training from the University of North Dakota and Dallas International University.

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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FOR PASTORS

[Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Based Ministry in Your City by Tim Keller](#)

Explores the concept of ministry in an urban context, providing guidance on how to approach and engage with the challenges and opportunities of city life while staying grounded in the Gospel.

[Pastoring in a Secular Age by Andrew Root](#)

Delves into the complexities of ministering to people in a secular society. It discusses the challenges and strategies for effective pastoral care in an increasingly secularized world.

FOR CHURCH LEADERS

[What is the Great Commission? by R.C. Sproul](#)

Explores the Great Commission, a key biblical directive to spread the message of Jesus. Discusses the meaning and significance of the Great Commission in the context of Christianity.

[Evangelism in a Skeptical World by Sam Chan](#)

A guide for engaging with a skeptical audience and effectively sharing the gospel.

EVANGELISM TOOLS

[The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism by Tim Keller](#)

Addresses the challenges posed by skepticism in contemporary society. It presents reasoned arguments for faith and responds to common objections, making a case for Christianity in an age of doubt.

Evangelism Program for new believers: [Christianity Explored](#) (website)

DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS

Discipleship Program for new believers: [Multiply 222](#) (website)

[Discipleship Explored](#) (website)

[Across the Street and Around the World Following Jesus to the Nations In Your Neighborhood and Beyond by Jeanie Marie](#)

This book explores the concept of taking the message of Jesus to people in your neighborhood and beyond, emphasizing the idea that mission work begins right where you live.

[Breaking the Missional Code by Ed Stetzer & David Putman](#)

This book delves into the principles of missional living and how to effectively engage with your community, offering practical advice on how to be a missional Christian.

[Last 4 Words by Greg Kelley](#)

This book examines the uneven distribution of the gospel message and the need for more inclusive mission efforts. It uses the analogy of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and highlights that a significant portion of the world lacks access to the gospel. Only a small fraction of funds allocated for foreign missions reach “the ends of the Earth”

[Missions by Andy Johnson](#)

Explores the relationship between local churches and global missions.

[On The Block by Doug Logan](#) - Dives into what it means to be a Christian in a broken, fallen world.

[Planting Missional Churches by Ed Stetzer and Daniel Im](#)

A guide for church planting with a missional focus, exploring the strategies and principles behind starting new churches that are committed to spreading the message of Jesus.

[Plain Theology for Plain People by Charles Boothe](#)

Encourages current evangelicals to draw on the wisdom and experience of African-American Christians.

[Radical by David Platt](#)

Radical challenges readers to reevaluate their faith and take more radical steps in following Jesus, particularly in the context of mission and service to others.

[Sent: Living A Life That Invites Others to Jesus by Holleman](#)

This book discusses living a life that reflects the Christian faith in a way that attracts others to Jesus.

[The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door by Pathak and Runyon](#)

This book explores building authentic and meaningful relationships with your neighbors, providing practical advice for connecting with those around you.

[The Gospel and Personal Evangelism by Mark Dever](#)

Seeks to answer the four basic questions about evangelism that many Christians ask: Who should we evangelize? How should we evangelize? What is evangelism? Why should we evangelize?

[The Gospel Comes With a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World by Rosaria Butterfield](#)

With this story of her conversion as a backdrop, Rosaria Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how God can use this same “radical, ordinary hospitality” to bring the Gospel to our lost friends and neighbors.

[Urban Apologetics: Cults & Cultural Ideologies by Eric Mason](#)

This book addresses the challenges of defending the Christian faith in an urban context and engaging with different belief systems and ideologies.

[What is the Gospel? By Greg Gilbert](#)

An exploration of how to create a clear and biblical understanding of the gospel.

[When Everything Is Missions by Matthew Ellison and Denny Spitters](#)

Takes a step back to define and understand the Great Commission and Missions.



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