

Session 1: “We Want to See Jesus”

*Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, ‘Sir, **we want to see Jesus**’. Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

John 12:20

The Importance of Vision

Without **vision**, the people perish. Proverbs 19:18

*And the LORD answered me: “Write the **vision**; make it plain on tablets, so that whoever reads it may run with it.* Habakkuk 2:2

What is the vision?
-of your life?

-of YWAM Cambridge?

YWAM Cambridge is a multigenerational worshipping missionary community called by God to do whatever we can to help bring revival & reformation to the city of Cambridge and to the ends of the earth.

-of the DTS?

1. To **GATHER** and **CHALLENGE** people to worship, listen to and obey God, releasing them (in the context of the DTS) to serve through evangelism, intercession, acts of compassion and other expressions of God’s heart for the world, possibly even pioneering new ministries.
2. To **INSPIRE** and **CULTIVATE** growth in one’s relationship with God resulting in Christ-like character, which is based on a solid Biblical foundation, the work of the Holy Spirit and the personal application of Biblical truth, especially concerning God’s Character, the Cross and empowering Grace.
3. To **SHARPEN** one’s ability to relate to, learn from and work with people, including those of different cultures, personalities and perspectives.
4. To further **EQUIP** each one to serve God’s purposes either in or outside of YWAM Family of Ministries, strengthening a commitment to reach the lost, especially the unreached, to care for the poor, and to influence all areas of society.
5. To **IMPART** the vision and foundational values of Youth With A Mission International as well as that of the host operating location and to provide information regarding a variety of opportunities for service.

The vision is Jesus.
(cf. Pete Greig’s poem)

God is revealed through Jesus

No-one has ever seen God, but God the Only-Begotten has made Him known. John 1:18

*Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"* John 14:8-10

*Long ago, at many times and in many way, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days **He has spoken to us by His Son...** through whom also He made the world. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...* Hebrews 1:1-3

"As I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown God'. What therefore you worship as unknown this I proclaim to you..." Acts 17:23

And only through Jesus

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me**"* Jn. 14:6

*There is one God, and there is **one mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* 1 Tim. 2:5

Salvation is all about seeing Jesus

*...a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless **when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.* 2 Corinthians 3:15b-18

Justification (of the spirit)

*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has **shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.* 2 Corinthians 4:6

We sometimes think that only the extraordinary and unusual stories qualify as 'real testimonies'. Paul's Damascus Road conversion (Acts 9:1-19; Acts 22:1-22; Acts 26:1-29) is in this category. But just as important are the 'Emmaus Road' conversions (Luke 24:13-35) where people's hearts are gradually opened as they encounter Jesus through the ordinary rhythms of Christian discipleship: the Scriptures (24:27,32) and the breaking of bread (24:30-31,35). Perhaps Luke has deliberately left Cleopas's companion anonymous because he – and all Christians! – can identify with this account!

Sanctification (of the soul)

*[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened...*** Ephesians 1:17-18

***Open my eyes** that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

Psalm 119:18

Glorification (of the body)

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, **we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is**.* 1 John 3:2

*For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; **then we shall see face to face**. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.* 1 Corinthians 13:12

Revelation 1: "I saw one like a Son of Man"

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me **a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet**, saying, "I am **the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last**," and, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw **one like a Son of Man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were **white like white wool, like snow**; and His **eyes were like a flame of fire**. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His **voice was like the sound of many waters**. In His right hand He held seven stars, and **out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword**; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades." Revelation 1:10-18

A loud voice like a trumpet

Prophetic warning: **Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm** on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. Joel 2:1

Melodious instrument: **Praise him with trumpet** sound; praise him with lute and harp! Psalm 150:3

Summons to battle: **If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will prepare for battle?**

1 Cor 14:8

The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

'I am **the First and I am the Last**; Besides Me there is no God. Isaiah 44:6

Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In Revelation, A & Ω speaks of Jesus' divine nature, and the First and the Last of his human nature.

The biblical name of God YHWH was sometimes vocalized Yahoh and so transliterated into Greek (which has no consonant 'h') as ΙΑΩ " (cf. Bauckham, Theology of the Book of Revelation, p.27)

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**; that in all things **he might have the preeminence**. Colossians 1:18

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." **The last Adam** became a life-giving spirit...The first man was of the earth, made of dust; **the second Man** is from heaven. 1 Cor. 15:45,47

"This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes **after me** has **surpassed me** because he was **before me**.'" John 1:15

Son of Man

But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself;

nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see **the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven**." Matthew 26:63-64

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came **one like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

Eyes like a flame of fire

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13

Examples: Jesus (Luke 22:61); Peter (Acts 3:4); Stephen (Acts 7:55); Paul (Acts 13:9 and Acts 14:9)

Voice like waters

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow **rivers of living water**.'" But this **He spoke of the Spirit**, whom those who believed in Him would receive... Jn. 7:38-39
 When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, **like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty**, like the tumult of an army. Ezekiel 1:24

Hair white as wool

The Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was **white as snow**, and the hair of his head like **pure wool**... Daniel 7:9
 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as **white as snow**; though they are red like crimson, they shall become **like wool**." Isaiah 1:18

Crying out for a vision of Jesus

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that **Jesus of Nazareth was passing by**. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
 Then **those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more**, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**" He said, "Lord, **that I may receive my sight**." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; **your faith has made you well**." And **immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God**. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. Luke 18:35-43

Son of David, do not pass me by
 'Cause I am naked
 I'm poor and I'm blind
 Son of David, don't pass me by
 'Cause I am naked
 I'm poor and I'm blind
 (John-Mark McMillan)

We have permission to be forceful in our pursuit of Jesus

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffers violence** and the violent take it by force" Matthew 11:12

When revival passed Cambridge by

Sun.10 --...We reached Grandchester a little before seven [on Sunday evening]. Finding a little company me together, I spent half an hour with them exceedingly comfortably; and through the blessing of God, I was no more tired when I went to bed than when I arose in the morning.
 Mon.11 --The house was thoroughly filled at five, and that with serious and sensible hearers. I was sorry I had no more time at this place; especially as it was so near Cambridge, from whence many gentlemen used to come when any Clergy-man preached. But my work was fixed; so I took horse soon after preaching, and rode to a village called Botsamlode, seven miles from Cambridge...
 The Journal of the Reverend John Wesley (p.79)

Let's lift up a shout!

Clap your hands, all you nations; **shout to God** with cries of joy. Psalm 47:1

...the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and **the sound was heard far away**. Ezra 3:13