


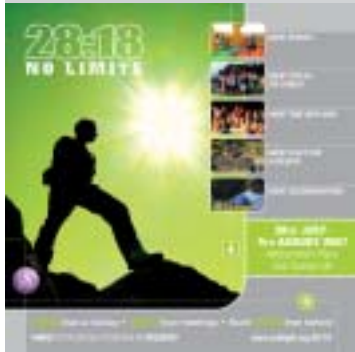


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About the apostolic building mission of God!

When the leaders of the early church met in Acts 13, we don't know how it all happened, but we do know that the Lord spoke, somehow! That's what our Prayer Days are for: times to lay hold of God, but also times when God speaks. We want to be led by the Spirit of God, not by strategies devised by men! I want to share some questions that we feel God is highlighting to us at the moment, that we are talking about as a team, that together we might hear the Holy Spirit.

The team

How do we develop the *European Apostolic Team*? We called ourselves that as a statement of intent. We may not have been very *European*, or very *apostolic*, or even much of a *team*, but we were saying: "This is what we want to be!"

We appreciate our relationships together and are responding to the call to 'go to Europe'. We're asking God to grow a 'proper' European team. Should we have a separate UK team? Somehow it's got to be connected – we need to see UK churches and people led out into Europe. Each member of the team has an apostolic calling and passion in their own right, and we're asking how much each member works in their 'own patch' and how much they contribute to the big picture.

Leadership

We're asking questions about the development of leadership at every level.
We all need to have a

kingdom vision about sending people for training, to KBCTC or anywhere else! I am convinced that the law of sowing and reaping applies in this area too, as in finance. If we give generously, God will give generously back.

We're looking to encourage churches in a fresh way to train leaders. Young people now don't aspire in the same way to lead churches. Some people are disconnecting as they become dissatisfied with church. But the church is God's only plan! It's his means to extend the kingdom in the world.

As a team, we're going to look afresh at the selection, training and appointment of congregational leaders. As leaders, we need to speak positively about church, leadership and caring for God's people!

Prophetic

This is another area of concern for us. Ephesians 2 says the church is built on the

foundation of apostles and prophets.

We're lacking the prophetic in our worship and in church life generally. Too often we sing a few songs and then sit down for the notices. In Revelation 5, in the midst of worship, John is caught up in a vision of the world. The worship goes up!


We need to learn how to sing prophetically, how to train and release the prophets, how to respond and say 'yes'!

Mission

We've talked about 'family on mission' a lot recently, but God won't let us move away from this one! This sense of mission and the outflow of God's life gives the church its sense of vitality.

At 28:18 in 2005 a vast number of people came forward to offer themselves for fresh initiatives in the UK and abroad. We have a responsibility to help people move forwards into the call of God.

We've focused the Leaders' Conference 2007 on church-planting. God is speaking about that afresh, to get it properly into our DNA. And we're calling next years' summer event '28:18' again, because until this thing is part of us, deep down, we need to keep underlining it!

 From a talk by Steve Thomas at the October 2006 Prayer Day