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THE PLACE AND ROLE OF THE YMG IN THE 21ST CENTURY



INTRODUCTION

- “ Connexional greetings and best wishes
- “ Theme: *Learning from the past moving towards the future*
- “ Subject: *The place and role of YMG in the 21st century*
 - *What should amadodana do to strengthen and sharpen themselves for mission/evangelism in the present environment?*



CHANGING LANDSCAPE

- “ Recognize that the world is changing rapidly and radically
- “ In some instances it is for the better and in some for the worst
- “ It is the best of time but also the worst of time
- “ Changes present threats and opportunities
- “ Threats - shake the very foundations of our faith and all other presuppositions, taken for granted etc.
- “ Opportunities - help us sharpen our tools and strengthen our faith



CHARACTERISTICS OF 21ST C

- “ Many contending voices
- “ Contestation of ‘truth’ – no one has monopoly
- “ Instant gratification – môtore sal self sien
- “ Visual society – seeing is believing
- “ ‘Supermarket culture’ - variety of choices
- “ Bigger is better – size matters
- “ Casual and informal is ‘cool’
- “ Power, prestige and possessions – ‘in thing’
- “ Era of ‘quickies’ and ‘disposables’



CHARACTERISTICS OF 21ST C

- A confused world, with many competing voices that needs to hear about the mighty power of our God as never before
- A sick world where poverty, crime, family disintegration, moral decay, incurable diseases etc., abound. We need God's intervention. God says: *If my people humble themselves and pray, I will heal their land*
- A world that is characterized by brokenness, hopelessness, conflict, hurt etc. – we must be seen to be caring



UNCHANGING GOD

- God is unchanging – existence, nature etc
- God's Word is eternal
- Sin separates us from God
- Jesus is the only way to salvation
- Christian faith remains the same



DANA PLACE & ROLE

- Strengthen & Sharpen
 - Anchored in the roots – ancient landmarks
 - Knowing Christ and making Him known
 - Sharing faith
 - Spreading Scriptural holiness
 - Transforming the world



DANA PLACE & ROLE

- Rethink
 - Relate to the world
 - Method of evangelizing
 - Read and interpret the Bible
 - Move from maintenance to mission
 - Self understanding



QUOTE

- *The gospel must be constantly forwarded to a new address, because the recipients are repeatedly changing their place of residence*

Paul Thielicke



CHANGING PARADIGM

Old Model

- “ Meant to convince
- “ Fear driven
- “ Cold and distant
- “ Condemning/aloof
- “ Instructional (tell)
- “ Judgmental
- “ Manipulative

New Model

- “ Asking and listening
- “ Love motivated
- “ Relational, engaging
- “ Grace and empathy
- “ Exemplary living
- “ Being real – no masks
- “ Patient and persuasive

QUOTE

- *You cannot share the good news with someone until you first find out what their bad news is, and you won't find out what their bad news is, until you are alongside them and they trust you*

Jeremy Sylvester

