

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Missions and Justice – Compelled by Love

Matthew 25:35, 37-40 | 1 February 2026 | Ms Lam Bao Yan

Reflection Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:3

Why is love needed for missions? Share a story of someone (it can be a personal story) who was motivated by God's love to be involved in missions and how that has impacted the work in the missions field.

2. Read Romans 12:21 and John 1:5

Evil is a reality we know/read about/experienced personally. The Bible also teaches us clearly that until Christ's second coming, there is evil in the world, but God's people, through the power of the Holy Spirit can restrain and even stop evil (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Discuss how that could happen.

Share a story (from Bible or Christian history, or what you have read) or testimony (personally experienced) of how the work and prayers of the people of God (missionaries, pastors, Christian leaders, Church) have restrained/stopped evil.

3. Read Psalm 91 (especially verse 4)

What are the promises of God in Psalm 91 that we His people can ask from Him and receive?

In her sermon, missionary Bao Yan shared an amazing story of how the Lord sent a flock of doves (seemingly from nowhere) to bring down a military drone (which has been known to cause death and injury in the Ukraine-Russia war), after she encouraged the soldiers near her to shout the name of Jesus (to save them). Later she also

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shared that her pastor in Singapore had felt compelled to pray for her, and asked intercessors to do so, at the exact same time she encountered the military drone. Do you think there are similar examples of miraculous deliverance in the Bible when God's people acted in faith and called out to the Lord in prayer? What does this teach us about God and missions?

4. Read Matthew 25:35-40

Why does our Lord Jesus equate caring for the physical needs of the vulnerable as doing it for Him? What does that teach us about God? What does Jesus mean when He equates not caring for the physical needs of the vulnerable as not doing His will, and even not belonging to Him? (Matthew 25:41-46) – how would you respond?

How has Bedok Methodist Church done what is written in Matthew 25:35-40? Have you personally participated in what BMC has done to do God's will? Would you do it?

5. Read Romans 10:14-15

In the 18th century, it was a very prominent viewpoint of certain influential churches in England, that there was no need to send missionaries because if God wanted to save the "heathens", He would do it without needing the church to do anything about it. It sounded right since God is Almighty and He can certainly do whatever He wants.

However Romans 10:14-15 clearly teaches us His will with regards to the salvation of peoples. What is His will? What does a correct understanding of God's will in this area teaching the church to do?

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