

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclear lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

IAN MILLER

And I said,  
**Here am I;  
Send me!**

Isaiah 6:8

**REDISCOVERING THE GOSPEL**



**STUDY GUIDE**



# Here am I; Send me!

## Rediscovering the Gospel

This study guide is for use in small groups to facilitate discussion of Ian Miller's devotional book *Here am I; Send me!* It is set in the context of the *Awakening Australia* outreach in Melbourne, November 16-18, 2018 but it can be used anytime, anywhere!

The aim of working through Ian's book and these studies is to clarify our understanding of the Gospel and dispel any fear and intimidation we may face when sharing it with others. We will discover that understanding the Father's heart for people and their differing needs changes everything.

The book presents 25 different facets of the Jewel we call The Gospel. Your objectives in discussing together are to:

1. discover a couple of images of the Gospel (facets of the Jewel) and be able to explain them confidently in 2 minutes. (Ian shows how this can be done in 60 seconds. Our study will make it easier for you.) Part Two of *Here am I; Send me!* presents many facets of the Gospel and how it may impact the hearer. Choose two of these that:
  - a. you relate to and/or
  - b. you consider speak relevantly to your friends in their current situation
2. ask the Holy Spirit for three names of lost people you know and commit to pray for them daily
3. commit to worship God every day
4. commit to pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach every day

**Each week in your group it would be good to**

1. spend time in corporate worship
2. pray for the lost friends that each person has identified
3. pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach and activities



# Week 1

**Spend time in corporate worship.**

**Pray for the lost friends that each person has identified.**

**Pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach and activities.**

1. To start the series, come to your group with the names of the three people you have identified who need to be introduced to Jesus. Share about the people you have committed to pray for. There will not be time to talk about them in depth. Be aware some may be sensitive/private and so should not be shared publicly.
2. In Part One of *Here am I; Send me!*, Ian identifies three obstacles which followers of Jesus face when it comes to evangelism: fear, unrecognised need, and unbelief.
  - a. **Fear** - On page 21, Ian identifies six fears which hinder us from sharing the Good News
    - i. Which one of these fears (or some another) has hindered you in the past?
    - ii. '*The best antidote to the fear of man is the fear of the Lord.*' (page 24)
      1. Read Psalm 18:6-19 and Ian's conclusion on page 28. Discuss how it is that the fear of the Lord can be a comforting and motivating force for us in sharing the Good News.

**b. Unrecognised need** - pages 29-33

- i. Think of the three people you are praying for. Most will have needs of one form or another. But what of the source, the underlying need – the need for a relationship with Jesus? Discuss how a relationship with Jesus can help with the real and perceived needs of your friends.

**c. Unbelief** - pages 34-37

- i. How do you react to Ian's personal revelation of what God was saying to him? *'Ian, you don't believe the Gospel. You know all about it, but I need to take you back to it. You don't believe people are in danger.'* (page 36)

Does it apply to each of us? Do we see in our normal daily routine the 'babies' that are in danger? The Great Commission – We believe in it, but do we? Are we 'open for business'?



# Week 2

**Spend time in corporate worship.**

**Pray for the lost friends that each person has identified.**

**Pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach and activities.**

1. Over the next two weeks, we will consider some of the ways the Good News relates to us and other people, so make sure you have read *Part Two: The Glorious Gospel* (pages 42-134) of Ian's book.
2. ***Evangelion*** – evangelism, gospelising, good-news-ising (Refer to pages 38-41)

For discussion:

- a. In the past, what has been your understanding of how evangelism happens?
  - i. What emotions/feelings come up when you hear the word *evangelism*?
- b. Having read Ian's explanation of the original Greek and its intention, how does that make you feel about evangelism?
- c. Taking into account Ian's explanations, read Mark 16:15.
  - i. What does it mean for you now to 'preach the gospel'?



- ii. Give some examples of how that might happen in normal, ordinary, everyday life.
- iii. Now think of one of the three people you are praying for. Describe what good news might look like in their world.

### 3. Jewel Discussion

- a. In *Here am I; Send me!*, we discovered many different ways of approaching the Gospel. Obviously we cannot discuss all of them, so come to a consensus within your group of three or four facets of the Gospel that you will discuss next week.
- b. If you have time, you could discuss one of these now and pray for those of your friends that this aspect of the Gospel would particularly relate to.
- c. In preparation for next week, your group will find that it will want to discuss one more than another. That is fine because this is not meant to be a doctrinal study, but a devotional one. In order to help guide your group, you may want to consider some of these points in your discussions next week:
  - i. What is it about this description of the Gospel that speaks to me?
  - ii. Who of my friends would relate to the Gospel shared in this way and why?
  - iii. Ian presents many life stories and insights in this section. Comment on a story or insight which stood out for you in the facet you are discussing.
  - iv. Take turns in sharing this facet of the Gospel in two minutes.
  - v. As a group, pray aloud the sample prayer at the end of the facet discussed, maybe inserting people's names if it is appropriate.



# Week 3

**Spend time in corporate worship.**

**Pray for the lost friends that each person has identified.**

**Pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach and activities.**

1. Continue your discussions on the aspects of the Gospel that you previously have decided to explore.
2. Remember, this is a devotional study, one which will lead us to pray more fervently for our friends and family that the Holy Spirit has laid on our hearts. For each facet you discuss, you may want to consider:
  - a. What is it about this description of the Gospel that speaks to me?
  - b. Who of my friends would relate to the Gospel shared in this way and why?
  - c. Ian presents many life stories and insights in this section. Comment on a story or insight which stood out for you in the facet you are discussing.
  - d. Take turns in sharing this facet of the Gospel in two minutes.
  - e. As a group, pray aloud the sample prayer at the end of the facet discussed, maybe inserting people's names if it is appropriate.



# Week 4

**Spend time in corporate worship.**

**Pray for the lost friends that each person has identified.**

**Pray for the *Awakening Australia* outreach and activities.**

## **1. A Heart for Worship** (pages 137-139)

- a. Often worship is associated with an organised meeting. How often do you worship as part of your daily routine?
- b. How might you incorporate more worship into your daily routine?
- c. How does worship facilitate Good News sharing?

## **2. Go with Jesus' Anointing** (pages 140-142)

- a. What is the relationship between Gospelising and the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8)
- b. Who has asked us to go and Gospelise? (John 20:21)
- c. *'Jesus always calls people to do what they cannot.'* (page 140)  
If that is so, where do we get the confidence to go and do?  
Ponder Ephesians 3:20.

## **3. Finish the night by praying for each other to be filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for each other for a spirit of faith and anticipation to share the Gospel.**



# Conclusion

What you have learned, put into practice.

Worship every day.

Pray every day.

Remember your three people every day.

Pray for our country every day.

Pray for revival every day.

Offer yourself to be used in the harvest every day.

Envisage yourself stepping out to share the Gospel every day.

Encourage your friends in your small group to do the same.

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