

Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline July 12, 2015 (Ryan Vallee)

Fruitfulness on the Frontline – The Big Picture Colossians 1:1-20

Fruitfulness: any attitude, word, or action that gives glory to God.

Frontline primarily means a place or time we regularly meet with people who don't know Jesus, though it also includes all places of life where we invest time and energy: workplaces, neighbourhoods, social media, or amongst friends and family.

6M Topics

- Modelling Godly Character
- Making Good Work
- Ministering Grace and Love
- Moulding Culture
- Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice
- Messenger of the Gospel

Firstly, Good News...

But there's a problem...

- Only 8% of identifying Christians regularly attend church gatherings.¹
- The single biggest reason people don't attend? 47% responded "church is irrelevant to my life".²

¹ At least once a month

² http://www.mccrindle.com.au/the-mccrindle-blog/church_attendance_in_australia_infographic

Breaking the Sacred Secular Divide...

Reframed Vision of God's Mission...

Colossians 3:23

Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

Ongoing Call of Humanity

Genesis 1:26-28

Mathew 28:18-20

“Go”--- “Baptising”--- “I am with you”

Moving into Colossians, our main text for our series...

Colossians 1:6

Empowered to Bear Fruit

- Imagine our city celebrating His coming because they have already tasted what it means for the world by the way we've lived our life.

Colossians 1:10b-12

Foretaste of the Future....In Christ, we continue His mission and bear fruit and make life flourish along our frontlines.

God's empowerment for fruitful living means we can offer the world a sample of what it's going to taste like when God finally sets the world right.

Martin Luther, *"There is no work better other than to please God; to pour water, to wash dishes, to be a [cobbler], or an apostle, all are one...[as we] please God."*

