

Sermon Outline

CROSS SHAPED MISSION | Dave

Bible reading: Philippians 2:1-11

A CMS core value.

Knowing what is best.

¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:10-11

Participation in Christ's Sufferings.

Having the mindset of Christ.

"CROSS-SHAPED

The cross is both the message we proclaim and the life we live.

Therefore, we serve in the power of the Holy Spirit, humbly laying down our lives in weakness, vulnerability and dependent prayer, for the sake of others and God's glory."

(<https://www.cms.org.au/what-we-do/vision-and-values/>)

The power of Christ's resurrection.

Therefore God exalted him...

"In theory we know very well the paradoxical principle that suffering is path to glory, death the way to life, and weakness the secret of power. It was for Jesus, and it still is for his followers today. But we are reluctant to apply the principle to mission, as the Bible does... As Douglas Webster has written, 'mission sooner or later leads into passion. In biblical categories... the servant must suffer... Every form of mission leads to some form of cross. The very shape of mission is cruciform. We can understand mission only in terms of the cross.'"

(John Stott, The Cross of Christ, Chpt 11, Pg 291, IVP 1996)

Resource:

Heart of Mission

CMS SANT Podcast

Season 1, Episode 5, 'Mission in the Future', 28 February 2022.

A helpful podcast produced by CMS SANT exploring current issues in Mission. This episode includes David Williams (Director of Training & Development, CMS Australia) unpacking the future of mission by delving into the historical origins of CMS.