

lessons to be learnt from the story

- kingdom 'business' is not competitive – if it becomes so, then we should have no part in it
- *missio Dei* reminds us that it is God's mission, not ours
- the initiative for mission is God's – we follow where the Spirit leads us!
- the fruit of mission derives from a spirit of partnership and interdependence

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2. mission starts from a position of 'weakness'

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- mission starts from a position of weakness
- It addresses needs
- our 'humanity' is what acts as the connecting point with others
- if we are not humble, the experience and process of mission is likely to humble us

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3. mission should be 'prophetic'

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- mission should be prophetic, in that a key motivation should be the search for:-
 - honesty
 - truth
 - encouragement/discipline
 - empowerment
- it is supernatural – authority is from above, it is guided by the Spirit and effected through the gifts of the Spirit

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4. mission must be practical

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● mission must be practical attending to our needs:-

- material
- social
- emotional
- psychological

as well as the 'spiritual'

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5. mission demands
the crossing of borders

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● mission demands the crossing of borders:-

- race
- gender
- religious persuasion
- social stigma

...as well as geographical

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mission...

- is not **competitive**
- starts from **weakness**
- should be **prophetic**
- must be **practical**
- demands **border-crossing**
