

CGN Mission & Methods Podcast: Episode 2 Show Notes

I. Essential Information:

- Episode Guest: CGN Director Kellen Criswell
- Episode Description: *"In this episode, Kellen Criswell, Director of CGN, breaks down the Vision, Mission, and Initiatives of Calvary Global Network."*
- Recording date: May 2018

II. Sources Mentioned:

1. Scripture:

- **The Five Great Commission Texts in the New Testament (ESV, et al)**
 - **Matthew 28:18-21:** "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
 - **Mark 16:15-16:** "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."
 - **Luke 24:44-49:** "Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
 - **John 20:19-23:** "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."
 - **Acts 1:4-5, 8:** "And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has

come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- **The 3 Pillars of Great Commission Work**
 - **Pillar 1.** *Gospel-proclamation for conversion (Matt. 28:18)*
 - **Pillar 2.** *Disciple-making for transformation (Mk. 16:15)*
 - **Pillar 3.** *Church planting for multiplication (The Acts Narrative)*

2. Websites:

- The Joshua Project: www.joshuaproject.net

3. Recommended Books:

- DeYoung, Kevin. *What is the Mission of the Church?: Making Sense of Social Justice, Shalom, and the Great Commission.*
https://www.amazon.com/What-Mission-Church-Justice-Commission-ebook/dp/B005LIH9N2/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527805680&sr=8-1&keywords=what+is+the+mission+of+the+church
- Payne, JD. *Apostolic Church Planting: Birthing New Churches from New Believers.* https://www.amazon.com/Apostolic-Church-Planting-Birthing-Believers-ebook/dp/B017T4FBDU/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1527805787&sr=1-1&keywords=apostolic+church+planting

4. Other Media:

- CGN Page: <https://calvarychapel.com/cgn>
- CGN Social Media:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/calvaryglobalnetwork/>
 - Twitter: @CGlobalNetwork
 - Instagram: CalvaryGlobalNetwork
- Joshua Project Global Statistics on Unreached People Groups: <https://joshuaproject.net/global/progress>

5. Definitions of Key Terms:

- CGN Vision:
 - *A Community of Churches Committed to Great Commission Engagement*
- CGN Mission:
 - *Engaging together in relational and strategic initiatives for gospel-proclamation, disciple-making, and church planting, among all peoples for the glory of Jesus*
- CGN Initiatives:

- The Awareness Initiative:
 - *Educating the church about the unfinished nature of the Great Commission Task*
- The Training Initiative:
 - *Training current and next generation preachers, disciple makers, and church planters in Great Commission work*
- The Connection Initiative:
 - *Connecting trained leaders with real world ministry opportunities, and connecting people with Christ-centered churches*
- Community (Related to CGN Vision):
 - *A group of like-minded leaders and churches who acknowledge our shared values, and want to partner around those values in life and ministry*
- Christology:
 - *The study of the Person of Jesus Christ*
- Missiology:
 - *“The philosophy and practice of missions.”*
<http://biblicalmissiology.org/biblical-missiology-statement-of-practice/#biblical>
- Disciple:
 - *“The Greek term for “disciple” in the New Testament is mathetes, which means more than just “student” or “learner.” A disciple is a “follower,” someone who adheres completely to the teachings of another, making them his rule of life and conduct.”*
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-disciple.html>
- Unreached People Group (UPG):
 - *“An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance.”*
<https://joshuaproject.net/help/definitions>
- Unreached/Unengaged People Group (UUPG):
 - *“An unengaged unreached people group (UUPG) has no known active church planting underway. According to the [IMB Global Research Office](#): “A people group is engaged when a church planting strategy, consistent with evangelical faith and practice, is under implementation.”* <https://joshuaproject.net/help/definitions>
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6. Key Episode Quotes:

"We want CGN to be known as a Great Commission network!"

"The Great Commission is central to Jesus' purpose for the church in the world."

"While the Great Commission is not less than church planting, it is also more."

-Kellen Criswell

"In the USA there is one trained Christian worker for every 235 people. Once you leave the USA, that drops to one trained Christian worker for every 450,000 people." "An estimated 85 percent of the pastors around the world have no theological education or pastoral training." (Heads, Hearts, Hands: A Manual for Teaching Others to Teach Others)

-Dr. David Sills