



## CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

*This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:*

*Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.*

*Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.*

### **FULL SESSION SUMMARY – WORLD FAITHS: Bearing Witness to the Love of Christ with People of Other Faiths**

**DATE OF SESSION:** 20 October 2010

**SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY:** Anna Bramble (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)

**PRESENTER(S):** Benjamin Kwashi, Michael Ramsden, a Muslim woman

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE/ PROBLEM:** How can we declare the gospel in a humble but compelling manner to those who believe their worldview is superior? How can our acts of love complement our words of truth?

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- \*The love of Christ must be visible in our lives
- \*The gospel is a way of life
- \*Evangelism requires sacrifice

Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi began the session with Romans 1:16, declaring that we are convinced we have a gospel to proclaim, and it is worth dying for. This is not only a theology, but a way of life. The gospel is the dividing power that leads to the restoration of lives and it takes a determined humility effort, a consistent gospel, and diligence.

A testimony from a Muslim woman encouraged the group to love Muslims as Jesus continues to bring the truth of John 3: 16 to 1.3 billion Muslims. She also spoke of Jesus' unconditional love by saving Muslims and bringing to fulfillment Revelation 7: 9 "...a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."

Michael Ramsden reflected on the disconcerting fact that for most of us, himself included, evangelism does not require much sacrifice. He charged the group that the gospel that we know is not a gospel of comfort, but a gospel that enables us to say anything anywhere so that the name of Jesus would be glorified. He posed the question, "Do we love Christ enough to lose ourselves?" Encouraging the group he made it clear that we don't have any reason to witness in our name or provision, but we should make it clear that every work, deed, and action is for Christ, through Christ, and to Christ.

#### **TAKEAWAY**

Through learning to communicate in a way that others understand, people come to know Jesus. Cities are highly strategic places to witness. We must raise the cross in a way that this generation will understand. Those who carry the gospel will not always be welcomed; there will be humiliation, persecution, and suffering. We have a gospel to proclaim, that is worth living for and worth dying for.



## 1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Bearing Witness to Christ's Love  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Monologue Sketch: "Seen" - Cape Town 2010 Performing Arts Team  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 20 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 Globalink Team)

### Synopsis:

A young woman pensively passes a cord back and forth from one hand to the other as she talks about the men with whom she spends the night. They forget about her the next day and don't recognize her in the market because what they do is done in the dark. Then one day she hides some spies on her roof, and when their pursuers have gone they come out of hiding and ask her name. No one ever calls her by name. She is known as "that woman."

She smiles wistfully as she continues to toy with the cord. The men gave her the cord to tie in her window when Joshua comes with his army. She knows that when they come they will remember her by name when they see the cord in the window. They will say, "Hey Rahab."

### Study questions:

1. Why was it so imperative to Rahab that the spies wanted to know her name?
2. Have you ever felt as if no one cared about you as a person?
3. What steps could you take to identify and embrace forgotten individuals in your church and community?

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## 2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Bearing Witness to Christ's Love  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Testimony: Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 20 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 GlobalLink Team)

### Synopsis:

Benjamin Kwashi is Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria. He considers the issue of faiths intersecting. The apostle Paul, a fanatical militant activist, was changed from seeking the eradication of the gospel to its proclamation. He declared that persons from other faiths can be changed. The gospel involves divine power which leads to faith, transformation and action. That gospel is for the whole world. If Christians desire to bring others to Christ we must be totally surrendered and represent Christ without fear. The devil is defeated. The gospel calls for a decision and asks us to challenge all forms of human humiliation and degradation.

In March 1987 in Zaria, Nigeria as Christians were slaughtered, Kwashi's advice was for them not to retaliate. This year in Jos three Christian villages were burned. Men, women, and children were killed. Again, the response was no retaliation. Two attempts have been made on his life: once, away from home, forty men violated his wife when he was not there. A year later, at home this time, others came to murder him. He asked for a final chance to pray and they vanished. Kwashi concluded with the ringing affirmation that we indeed have a gospel to proclaim, a gospel worth living for, a gospel worth dying for.

### Study questions:

1. Read Romans 1:16, 17 in light of what is happening to Christians today around the world. Are some of us afraid of proclaiming the gospel? Why?
2. In a pluralistic world, how can Christians proclaim the gospel with sensitivity and courage?
3. Do you agree with Archbishop Kwashi that Christians should not retaliate? Why or why not?
4. How can those of us who do not face such persecution stand with fellow believers who are suffering for their faith?



### 3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Bearing Witness to Christ's Love  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Call to Bold Witness from a Position of Powerlessness – Michael Ramsden  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 20 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Synopsis:

Michael Ramsden addresses the topic of a bold witness from a position of powerlessness. He looks to the Apostle Paul whose conversion on the Damascus road led to a clear call to preach the Gospel of Christ. Paul witnessed regardless of the cost, including imprisonment and death. Michael noted that the modern church keeps looking for methods of evangelism that cost nothing. However, the pattern of the New Testament showed that evangelism could cost everything. Are we willing to lay down our lives for the Gospel?

We all say God is merciful but he is the only God who acts both in mercy and in justice. Other faiths offer mercy but only God acts justly at the cost of the life of His Son. We have the imperative to preach the gospel to every human being. It is difficult to do with words but words are imperative. If we have already lost everything by following Jesus we have nothing to lose by following Christ. The gospel we preach is worth proclaiming. It is worth living for and worth dying for.

Study questions:

1. What stories of preaching the gospel have you heard that resulted in martyrdom? What is your reaction to such accounts? What motivates such actions?
2. Why do you do acts of compassion?
3. How can the church encourage more boldness in witness?