

# A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

I know that I've mentioned this in a previous letter, but I am so looking forward to our missions conference next week. It is hard to put into words how exciting it is for us to host these church planters from England and Scotland and for you to hear what God is doing through them. Not only will we have the opportunity to learn what God is doing in their respective places, but we will have an opportunity to gain some insight into our future ministry.

What do I mean? It doesn't take much imagination to see that our country is twenty to thirty years behind the United Kingdom and Europe when it comes to the aggressive secularization that those places have known. When you consider how quickly certain social movements have grown and been established by law in our country, when you see how public the unbelief of our culture's thought leaders has become, we can see that unless God intervenes with a third Great Awakening, we are likely to be in a similar situation culturally and spiritually as our United Kingdom brothers and sisters.

That's why what they are doing is so important—they are showing us how a winsome and gracious insistence on the Good News of Jesus through the ministry of the Word still works in changing the hearts of secular, post-Christian men and women. We may think we need new methods, but the Gospel is still the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes; the Spirit still uses his Word to change people. That said, these brothers have great wisdom in how they declare the Good News—how to make sure it “lands” and “connects” with this present generation. In addition, they have great wisdom when it comes to thinking through developing the next generation of leaders who see mission as not something they do in “foreign lands,” but something they do with their neighbors, co-workers, classmates.

So, I hope you will take this opportunity to learn with me. I'm excited to soak up as much as I can from these brothers so that we might think through how we continue to pursue God's call upon us to see new people formed for a new Memphis. Looking forward to February 20-24!

In the grip of God's grace,



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