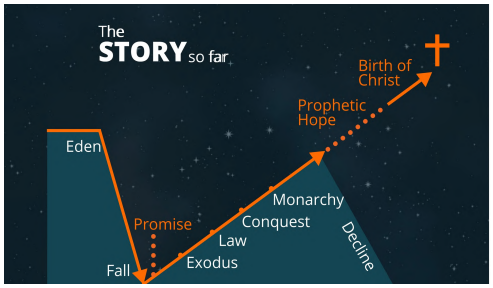
GOD'S BIG PICTURE - TALK OUTLINE UNIT 8 - THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM

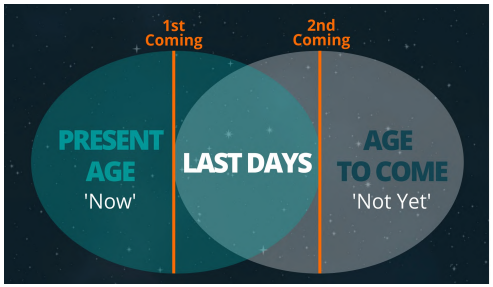
GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE **STORY** SO FAR



THE **LAST** DAYS

Kingdom 'now' but 'not yet' **Matt 25: 34**



THE **REASON** FOR THE DELAY

- What seems like a long time to us isn't to God **2 Pet 3: 8**
- God wants more to hear and repent before it's too late **2 Pet 3: 9**

- Chronology of the last days **Acts 1: 8**

  SENDING THE SPIRIT →
  GOSPEL PROCLAIMED →
  JESUS RETURNS

THE **SPIRIT** AT PENTECOST

- Preaching in other tongues/languages: a reversal of Babel
- A fulfilment of **Joel 2: 28-32**
- The age of the Spirit-

  OT - lived only in special individuals for certain tasks

  Now - fills all God's people for empowering witness
- The spread of the gospel in Acts:

Jerusalem → Judea → Ends of the World

THE WORK OF THE **SPIRIT**

BRINGS **NEW BIRTH**

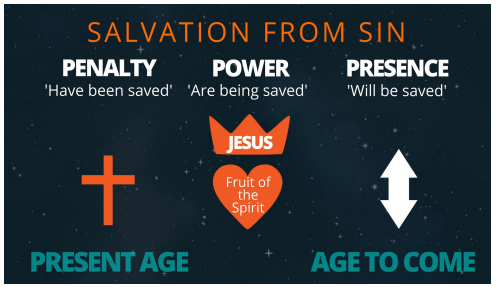
- 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' **John 3: 3**
- We need to be 'born of the Spirit' **John 3: 5**
- The spirit opens our eyes to understand the gospel and moves us to repentance and faith
- All Christians have the Spirit living within them **Rom 8: 9**

EQUIPS US TO SERVE **CHRIST**

- Enables believers to witness to Christ
- Equips us for ministry - gifts to build the church **1 Cor 12: 7**

PRODUCES **HOLINESS**

- **Rom 8: 13**
- **Gal 3: 14**



A KINGDOM **'NOW'** BUT **'NOT YET'**

- **2 Cor 12: 9**
- **Rom 8: 23**

KINGDOM of GOD	PROCLAIMED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	The Church: believers from all nations
GOD'S PLACE	The Church: God's temple
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Relationship with God in the Spirit

Now do the bible study for Unit 8

Next study- THE PERFECTED KINGDOM

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

When are we tempted to use 'shameful ways' or 'distort the word of God' in evangelism?

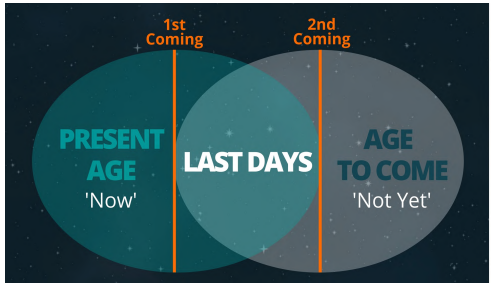
What can we learn from Paul's example?

What response should we expect?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Explain verse 7 in your own words

To what extent do v8-12 reflect your experience of evangelism?



Red 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

What do these verses tell us about what we can expect now, in this present age?

What will we receive in the age to come?

What difference should this hope make to us now?