

# **Write This Down**

Convocation

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# **AGTS Mission**

**Shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill, and passion to revitalize the Church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.**

**Evangelism will  
actually have to look  
people in the eye and  
engage them  
relationally over a  
period of time.**

- **Spirituality that is a long obedience in the same direction and is utterly convinced that not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God, is a bold affirmation; not a tradition's mantra.**

- A spirituality that sees smiles and style as its greatest assets will not be adequate.
  - Suffering in massive quantities is already the experience of a majority of followers of Jesus in the world. Dare we think that we are exempt?

- **Communities must represent Jesus fairly through misunderstanding and sheer contempt.**
  - The term friend will have to be redefined and the graces of human interaction face-to-face, will have to be recaptured.

- Creeds that are reclaimed and reinvigorated by thorough and conceptual frameworks that capture the hearts of people set adrift by human self-destruction that reveals our sin nature.

- **Any gospel that is not announcing a new society at work in the world, what the Apostle Paul called the Church, is simply not a robust Gospel.**

Scot McKnight: *8 Marks of the Gospel*

- **We belong to God.**
- **He is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe**
- **His Power is more than enough.**
- **It arrives from the future and is complete and comprehensive.**
- **His purpose is eternal—redemptive and transformative.**