

# Good News in the Local Church

1 Thess 1. 4-10



# Secular Culture

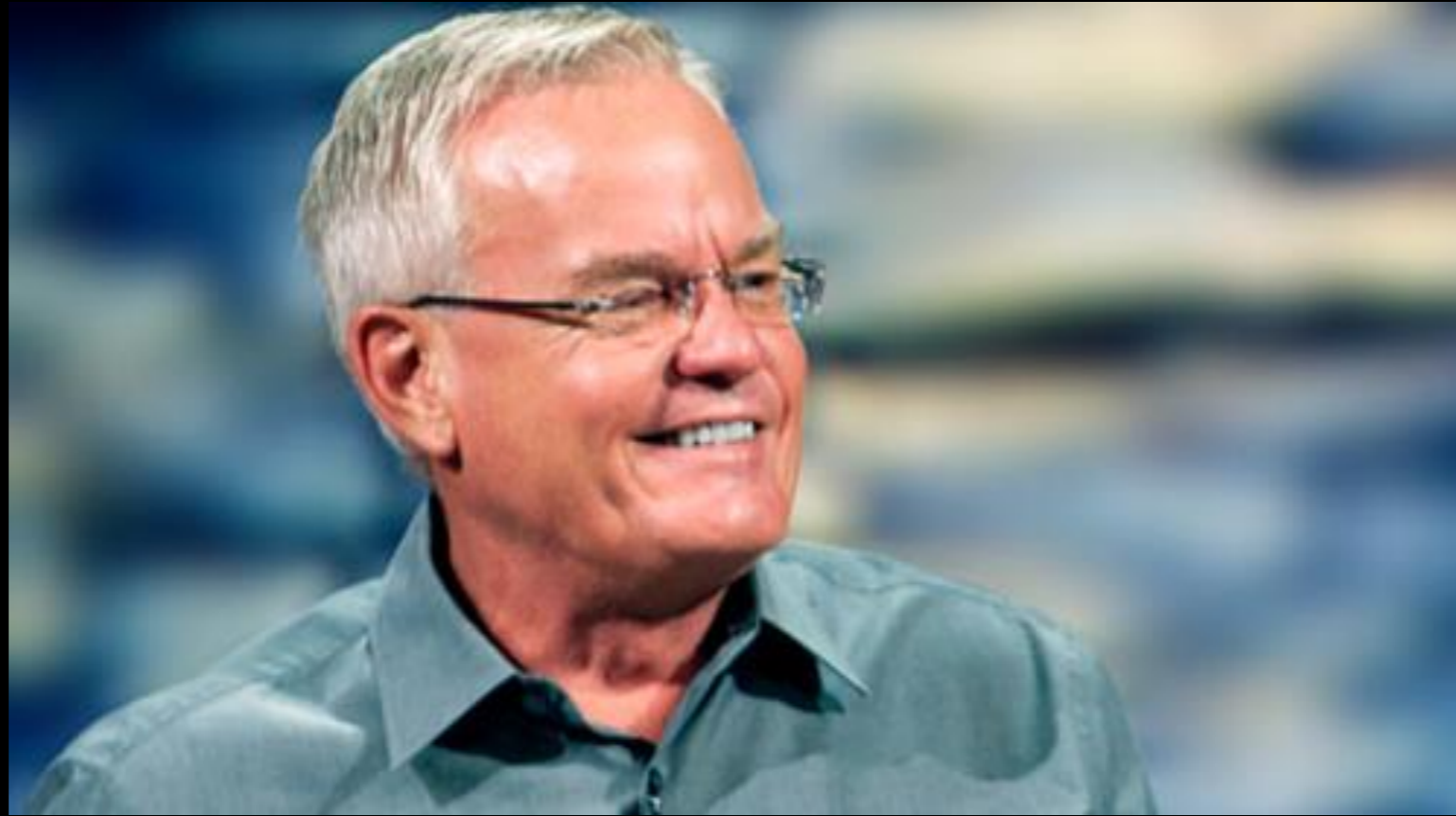
- Fragmentation
- Isolation
- Alienation



# Church Culture

- Unpredictability
- Consumerism
- Great Opportunities!





*‘The Church is the hope of the world.’*

Bill Hybels

# How the gospel came to them... v.4

- By word
- With power
- With deep conviction



# How the gospel was received... v.6-7

- Suffering
- Joy
- Became imitators



# How the gospel was shared v.8-10

- 'It rang out'
- It spread everywhere



# How can we grow evangelism in the local church?

- Develop a heart of prayer

*‘Research into rural church growth showed that the main factor is prayer.’*

Arthur Byers





# How can we grow evangelism in the local church?

- Open the front door: develop a culture of invitation
- Close the back door: good small groups



# How can we grow evangelism in the local church?

- Events: 1,2,3 chilli 
- Daisy chains
- Parish missions are back!