

Becoming a Missional Church in the Post-Christian Era

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AFTER 2° WORLD WAR

Postmodernism there is disbelief in metanarratives. No more Utopias.
Furthermore, there is a distrust of truth claims. No more ultimate Truth.
An age of disillusionment.

POST-CHRISTIAN DEFINITION

Post-Christianity is the situation in which **Christianity is no longer the dominant civil religion of a society** which gradually **assumed values, culture, and worldviews that are not necessarily Christian.**

POST-CHRISTIAN ERA

The **European postmodern generation**,
torn by a war on their home soil,
left the churches behind.

Religiosity in the Netherlands



70%

ATHEISTS

18%

CHURCHLESS RELIGIOUS

12%

CHURCH ATTENDEES

I am the **generation that wasn't raised Christian**,
not the generation that left the church. I am the
generation **that doesn't know what the Bible is**,
not the generation that stopped reading the Bible.
My parents' generation is where you'll find the
anti-Christians. **My generation is just ignorant.**

POST-CHRISTIAN ERA

**People don't want answers,
or at least, not just one answer.
They want to find their own answers.**

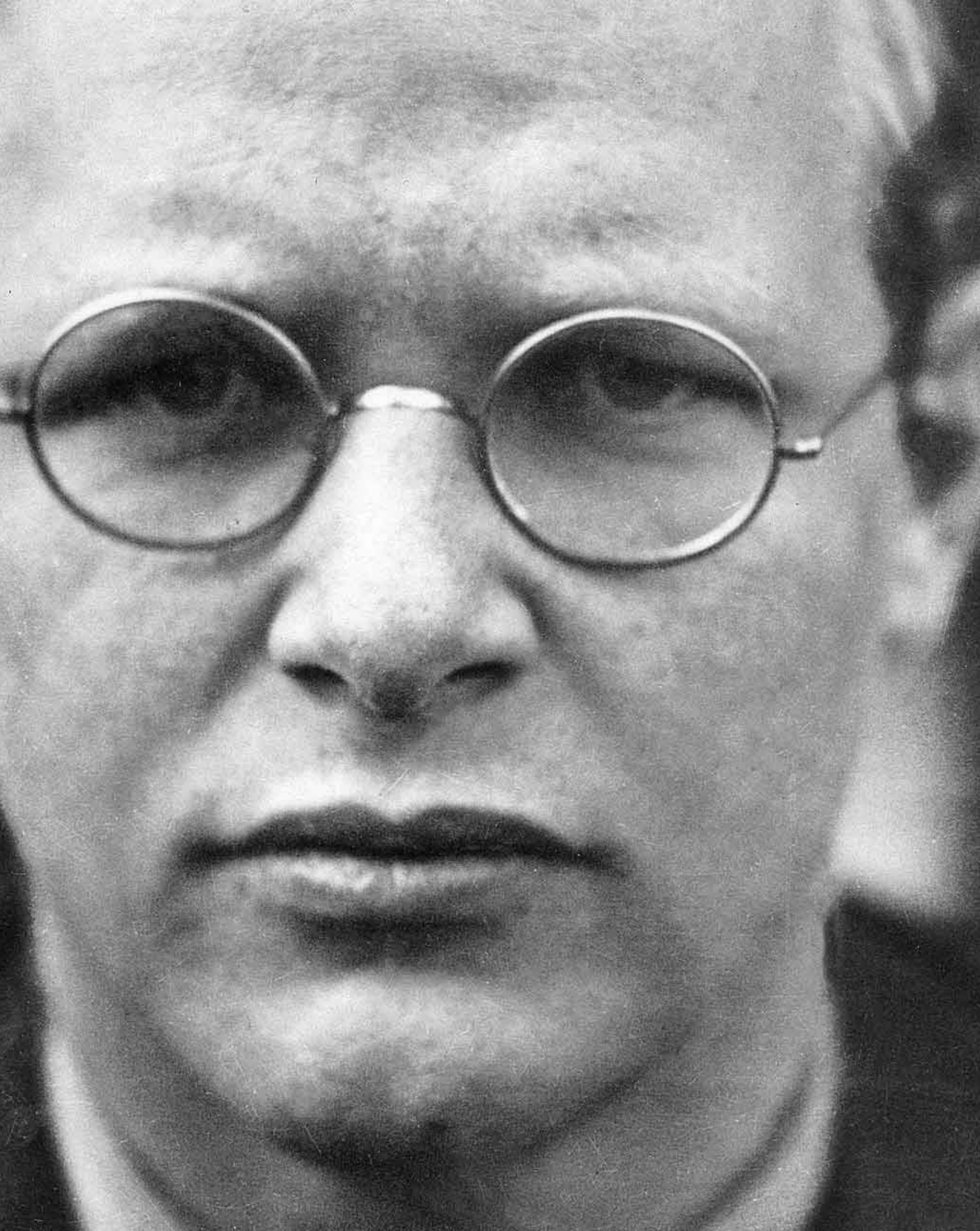
Unlike Jesus, we generally teach by giving answers. Answers that the people around us don't want. **People want experiences.** **They want guides.**

CHALLENGE

**Post-Christian people have a distorted
image of what it means to be a Christian.
HOW TO REACH THEM?**

JESUS' APPROACH

When **Jesus** had finished saying these things,
the crowds were amazed at his teaching,
because **he taught as one who had authority,**
and not as their teachers of the law.



MISSIONAL CHURCH

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**"The church is only church
when **it is there for others.**"**

JESUS' APPROACH

Just as **the Son of Man** did not **come** to be served, but **to serve**, and **to give his life** as a ransom for many.

BECOMING A MISSIONAL CHURCH

**Being missional means that,
more than bringing people
to church to hear about Christ,
Christ is brought to people through
the church's presence in the world
and in life in society.**

Missional Christians become people highly interested in people. They provide opportunities for meetings, relationships, invite people to their homes, interact with the barber, the taxi driver, the teacher, the doctor, the butcher, the supermarket cashier and the co-worker. **Evangelization happens in an organic and intentional way.** Organic because Christians are so affected by the Gospel that **preaching the Gospel comes naturally to them, and is part of who they are.**

JESUS' APPROACH

JESUS went through all the **towns and villages**, **teaching** in their synagogues, **proclaiming** the good news of the kingdom and **healing** every disease and sickness. When **he saw the crowds**, he had compassion on them, because **they were harassed and helpless**, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples: **The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few**. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out **workers into his harvest field**.

BECOMING A MISSIONAL CHURCH

- 1 - Having a real, honest and daily experience with God.**
- 2 - Understanding our prophetic role as Seventh-day Adventists.**
- 3 - Living in a way that is consistent with our high calling in Christ.**
- 4 - Offering intentional and effective activities that embrace our families, our friends and the surrounding community.**