



Ben Rawding shares a powerful story from recent mission week - *The Scattering*, with an unexpected reminder that even when we don't see immediate results, God is always at work.

I've just finished one of the most messy, beautiful and emotional weeks of the year – at an annual young person's mission week called *The Scattering*. For seven days, we camp out in a local church, train and equip young people and then take to the streets to share the gospel in the local community.

And every year, God shows up. We've seen people healed, lives transformed and some giving their lives to Jesus right there on the street. But this year, it felt a bit different. It felt like hard ground. If I'm honest, I had real moments where I felt a bit disappointed.

On the one hand, we had one of the best training weekends we've ever had. The young people were so committed in the services and just went for it. And yet, in terms of seeing actual "fruit" - people making big decisions on the streets and seeing lives genuinely impacted - it felt like one of the toughest

years.

But then - I was just on the phone with my boss yesterday, talking about how the week had gone, and I hear about a story that happened right at the end of the week – just as everything was wrapping up.

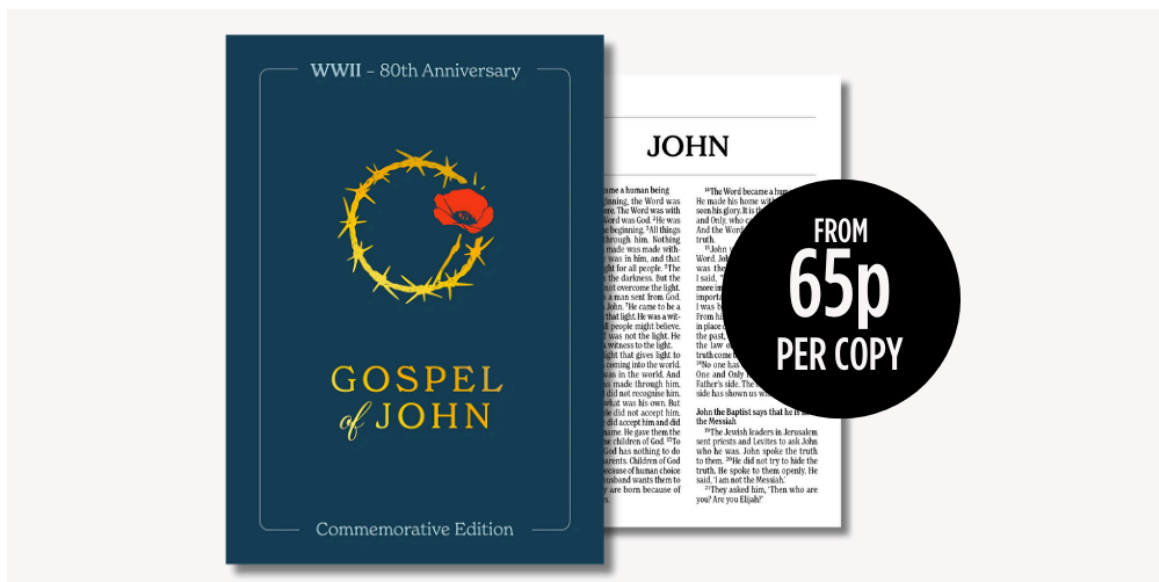
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