



Life Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, October 8, 2017

Doing Missions

Icebreaker: *Do this in teams or pairs.* Find 10 things you have in common with your partner (Being an only child, loving the ocean, having the same favorite ice cream, being a 'morning' person, etc. Obvious things like gender, body parts, etc, are not allowed).

Open in Prayer.

This month we've been focusing on missions. This discussion will help us consider how we can be committed to missions through support, but also in our own lives.

What is Missions?

- What comes to mind when you think of missions or missionaries?
- What traits should someone have to be a missionary?

Missions work is often thought of as occurring only overseas or in places we must travel to. However, missions work can be done in our own neighborhoods. One explanation of missions is this: Missions is one of those words we toss around a lot in the Christian world, but it isn't always clear what we mean by it. Allow me to help. Missions means being sent by God into a specific place in order to partner with God to expand his kingdom.¹

Read and Discuss Acts 16:11-15 and Mark 5:1-20

- How do the conversions of Lydia and the Possessed man differ?
- Paul shared with Lydia, and the Bible says "the Holy Spirit opened her heart to accept". How does this encourage you in your experience with telling others about Jesus?
- Paul encountered Lydia and Jesus encountered the possessed man after traveling to their villages, or putting themselves in a new place. Where can you go or how can you reach out around you to connect with people who need Jesus?
- Why did the villagers send Jesus away but not the possessed man?
- Why does Jesus want the healed man to stay behind? What obstacles or victories do you think lay ahead for the healed man?

Read and Discuss Romans 10:12-15

- What are the various ways Paul lists for us to help others hear the Gospel? What ways can you be involved in sharing the Gospel at home and elsewhere?
- Who in your life was influential in your process of coming to salvation?
- What does it mean to be a witness?

¹ <https://intervarsity.org/blog/why-missions-matters>



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- Where in your life are you connected with others, such that you could influence them by your faith? What keeps you or others from talking about God or sharing the Gospel?
- Which of the following most accurately describes your view on sharing your faith?
 - It makes me nervous or uncomfortable. It feels like an imposition, so I avoid talking about it.
 - I'll answer questions if someone asks, but I don't bring it up.
 - c. I try to talk about it on occasion when I think it is appropriate.
 - I evangelize regularly and talk to strangers about God regularly.
- Jesus calls us to be salt and light. How can you live your life in a way that makes people thirst for God?
- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) In this verse, Jesus restates his commission to His disciples. How do you think this applies to your life? How are you called to witness to your faith?