

January 21st, 2024

Bearing Fruit and Growing

Colossians 1:1-8

1) As we surveyed the biblical and historical record to see the progress of the gospel, or as Paul said in Colossians 1:6, how the gospel is “bearing fruit and growing through the whole world”, what was the impact on your heart and mind?

2) Share about your personal exposure to, experience with and ambitions to be part of global missions. How has the Holy Spirit used global missions to shape your discipleship?

3) What impact on and insights into life with Christ have you gained from the missionaries you know personally or from those you’ve read about or heard about biographically?

4) **Read Matthew 9:35-37.** Discuss Jesus’ characterization of the world and his heart for his people. As we’re in our week of Prayer and Fasting, spend time praying for our church partners and those you know personally who are serving to take the gospel to the nations; and pray for the Lord to raise up workers to be sent into the harvest.

5) How is the Spirit working in your heart in relationship to the nations? What part is God giving you to play? Give yourself in this week to prayerfully ask the Lord to give you His vision for your part in His mission.