

MORNING WORSHIP

August 15, 2021

Song of Worship "A New Hallelujah"
Michael W. Smith, Debbie Smith and Paul Baloche (2008)

Missionary Report (Decatur 9:15) Glenn & Sharlene Grubb
Mission to the World

Missionary Report (Madison 9:15) Tim & Debbie Blycker
Avant Ministries

Missionary Report (Decatur 10:45) John & Jan Lohrenz
Avant Ministries

Missionary Report (Madison 10:45) Armando Diaz
Navigators

Missionary Report (Decatur Field House 10:45) Bill & Linda Parker
Avant Ministries

Scripture Reading & Prayer 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

Song of Worship "Is He Worthy"
Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive(2018)

Message "Relying on God"

Song of Response "Lord Most High"
Don Harris and Gary Sadler (1996)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

Missions Conference

Theme: Set Your Minds on the Things Above (Colossians 3:1-4)

The Lord's Day Morning – August 15, 2021

Third Session Sermon Notes

"RELYING ON GOD"

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. — 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

- What would you list off for non-negotiables that are necessary to build a church?
- Prayer, Word of God, the sacraments, love for one another, a heart for the lost, music, multi-media, and programs for the community, age-appropriate ministries... etc.
- How important to you is persecution and suffering as a non-negotiable for being a church?
- Persecution and suffering is _____ in the book of Acts as Jesus builds his church-kingdom on earth by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- At the end of the movie called Ben Hur, Jesus Christ was _____!
- The message of the Gospel offends Muslims. It is okay! Don't worry! God will take care of the hearer. It is His message. Muslims will not convert to Christ if they are not offended by the message of the Gospel. Offend them by being very clear about the teachings of Christ!

Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions:

1. Apostle Paul experienced afflictions, he was utterly burdened beyond his strength that he despaired of life itself and felt that he received the death sentence. How does he explain the reason why he experienced all these afflictions?
2. Think of a time when you went through afflictions, you couldn't carry any more burdens, or when you were very sick. Apply this principle to that situation: *But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.*
3. How are Christians comforted in the midst of persecution, suffering and torture?
4. What are the doctrinal points Muslims have trouble with?
5. Discuss some of these doctrines: Doctrine of God, Doctrine of the Word of God, Original Sin, Atonement, Trinity, Deity of Christ, Forgiveness of Sins... etc.
6. How can you share your faith with a Muslim without compromising your faith?