

2 WEEKS



Chosen



A KEEPER OF THE STREAM

Kicking it off: Discuss what comes to mind when you think of world missions.

Big Idea: Followers of Jesus cultivate a life that affirms dignity in every person and restores brokenness in our world.

Discussion:

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. Love God and love my neighbor. This was the reply from the expert in the law when asked by Jesus what was written in the law regarding inheriting eternal life. But he likely didn't expect Jesus' reply after asking "Who is my neighbor?" What do you suppose Jesus was trying to communicate to him (and us) in telling this story in response?
2. Knowing that Samaritans are despised by Jews, what message was Jesus subtly giving this Jewish man? In what ways did the Samaritan cross physical and cultural barriers to show kindness to the man who was beaten?
3. Loving our neighbor will sometimes require us to cross physical and cultural barriers as well. Discuss what that might look like for you.
4. In Sunday's message, Josh shared a story about the Keeper of the Stream, stating that the life of the village

depends on the health of the stream: the stream is our world and you are its keeper. How does this relate to the attitude and actions of the Samaritan toward the helpless man? How did he contribute to the "health of the stream" by his actions?

5. Read Romans 10:12. As we focus on world missions in these two weeks, discuss how might God be calling you to be a "keeper of the stream" and love and honor others above yourself in tangible ways, going the extra mile to show kindness and love.

Wrapping It Up: Take some time to pray together as a group for the kids in Nyaronga, Tanzania who will have the opportunity to choose sponsors from Sunnybrook. And for their lives to be transformed by the love of Jesus Christ shown through His followers.

Prayer Focus: Pray for all the ministries starting up this week, including students and support groups.

Memory Verse:

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." **Romans 12:10**



Key Scriptures:

Luke 10:25-37 *"On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

Romans 12:10 *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*

THE GLOBAL CHURCH ADVANCES

Kicking it off: What are some of your favorite things about Fall?

Big Idea: The Global Church was God's idea, and we have been invited to be a part of it for our generation.

Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20. We talk a lot about our call to go and make disciples, but sometimes we overlook "of

all nations". Not only are you part of a local church, you are part of a global movement. Discuss how you can be bold in extending your reach for the cause of Christ.

2. Read Acts 28:31. In this passage, the apostle Paul, who, though he was imprisoned in Rome, boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though he was not in control of his

physical circumstances, he knew his mission was to continue to share about Jesus at with everyone he came in contact with. As a result, many came to Christ and the Gospel continued to spread throughout the world. Discuss how you might leverage whatever situation God has put you in, to share His truth with others.

3. Read Matthew 16:18. Discuss the many ways that the enemy has sought and is seeking to destroy the church of Jesus Christ, recounting the ways that has backfired and has actually served to advance the Gospel.
4. Read Matthew 24:14. What part can you play in the Gospel being preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations? What about to those right here in our

community that are from other nations?

5. What one thing from Pastor Jeff's message this week hit home with you? What bold action will you take as a result?

Wrapping It Up:

Pray together for the continued advancement of the Global Church, and for the part each of you will play in the continued movement of it.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the Rooted groups that launch next week and for many to be transformed by this 10 week experience.

Memory Verse:

"He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ— with all boldness and without hindrance."

Acts 28:31



Key Scriptures:

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Acts 28:31 *"He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ— with all boldness and without hindrance."*

Matthew 16:18 *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

Matthew 24:14 *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

