

Global Missions Text: 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 Helder Favarin, Pastor and Evangelist of Granada, Spain

- 1. Theologian Christopher Wright has said "The whole Bible presents a God of missional activity, from His purposeful, goal-oriented act of Creation to the completion of His mission through the redemption of all Creation in the new heavens and new earth, and the creation of a new humanity in Christ, redeemed from every nation on earth though the blood of the cross." Helder began his message by proclaiming that we are all a part of God's mission.
 - a. How would you summarize the role of the believer in the mission of God?
 - b. What would a life lived engaged in the mission of God look like?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2.
 - a. How does Paul describe the basis of his motivation for wanting to tell others the Good News of Jesus Christ?
 - a. "Because we are convinced that one died for all." (v. 14), Helder challenged us with the idea that we don't participate in the mission of God because we are not truly convinced that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In what ways do you struggle with doubt and/or the exclusive claims of Christ?
 - b. What do you think Paul means when he says, "we are controlled by Christ"? What areas of your life are you resistant to hand over to Jesus?
 - c. When we allow ourselves to be controlled by Christ we become ambassadors of Christ to the world. What do you think it means to be an ambassador of Christ?
- 3. Pastor Favarin said that at the heart of mission is evangelism and our expression of love for others.
 - a. For evangelism, what compels you to share the gospel with others?
 - b. Other than salvation, why do you think it's so important for others to know Jesus?
 - c. What's at stake if we don't share the gospel?

Challenge: We are all called to be a part of God's global mission. Yes, we should be living on mission in our communities and in our nation, but God is a global God and Jesus commanded us to "make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) There are three main ways we can be involved. We can be a prayer, a giver, and/or a goer. How do you feel compelled to get involved in global mission? What practical, tangible things can you commit to right now in order to be an ambassador of Jesus?

Prayer:

Close your group time in prayer, using these prayer points to guide you:

- For our own hearts to be broken for the things that break the heart of God
- For our hearts to be changed through prayer for the unreached. That we would begin to have a heart of love and compassion instead of judgement and indifference.
- For God to move in the hearts of the people and for them to know that Jesus is the One that rescues and saves

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We learned about two very important ministries that are fighting the good fight and working hard to reach the unreached people groups of the world. We encourage you to go to the sites below to join in prayer for the nations. It is amazing to see God work in these big ways and when we pray, we become part of that mission!

Check out Operation World to pray through the nations: http://www.operationworld.org/

Check out the Joshua Project to explore and learn more about unreached people groups: https://joshuaproject.net/