

WORSHIP

2020 Vision: Every Nation, Every Tribe, All Peoples

Panel Discussion | October 18, 2020

Last week: *God is with us.* This gives us reason enough to step out in faith and engage in His world-wide mission, whether we are going or giving.

Today we hear three perspectives on 'how' to engage in missions – as a lifelong vocation, as a short-term servant, as a serve-from-home partner.

What Scriptures were influential in leading each of our panelists in their engagement in missions?

What people most influenced their involvement? How?

What ideas about your own involvement in mission have gone through your mind as our panelists have spoken?

NEXT WEEK: Joshua 7:1-26

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

One of our key ingredients of small group is a relational environment, which involves transparency, confidentiality, and accountability. How transparent do you think you are in your group?

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: *Think about the missionaries or parachurch workers (Navigators, Cru, many others) who you have known. Which ones have been most inspiring to you? What is it about their lives that inspires you?*

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Reread the Scriptures that influenced our panelists. What do these verses mean to you? Are they verses that are meant to increase our understanding of God, or are they verses that are meant to direct and guide our behavior?
2. Are there other Scriptures that have greatly influenced you? What are they?

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

3. When you read the Scriptures are you inspired to act on what you read? Can you give an example of doing this?
4. When you have taken action because of a Scripture, has it always turned out the way you thought it would? What are your thoughts toward God when it turns out differently than you thought it would?
5. Are there Scriptures that you want to act on, but haven't yet? What holds you back? How can you overcome this? Can other people be helpful? Who? How? What will it take to get their help?
6. What do you think God wants to do with you? Does it excite you, make you nervous, scare you? What will it take to help you step out and follow Him?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

7. After listening to our panelists (and others) how do you see God leading you with regard to helping in His world-wide mission? How will you decide what God wants you to do? What will it take to get you started down that path?