



Pursuing a Brighter Future in Ministry
January-February 2022

Feb 6: No Red Octagons

Icebreaker:

Tell about a time when you have been part of a relay team where you had to carry something (baton, torch, spoon, eggs, water balloons) on to a teammate?

Message Bible Text:

Romans 15:14-21, Romans 10:14

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the importance of everyone on the team carrying the torch/baton till the end of the race or the goal?
2. How has our church been instrumental in spreading the gospel in this area and abroad in the past?
(Hebrews 12:1-3.)
3. Where do feel/sense our church has been strong in reaching others? Where have we been weak?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Acts 2

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the needs of the individuals we are looking to reach?
2. What are barriers or roadblocks that we as Christians, as a church, put in front of others who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ? (authenticity, rules, expectations)

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Paul traveled 1400 miles to spread the news of the gospel? How far will you go?
- You may be the only Bible that some people read.
- Are we as a congregation willing to be a sending church of missionaries, pastors, church plants?

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Prayer for the Consistory retreat that they may follow the Spirits leading in their discernment going forward.
- Pray for opportunities to be a witness for Jesus Christ.
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Extend: Three Ideas for Torch-Bearing...

1. We have an ambition to raise up leaders, and desire to journey with seminary-tracked students at Northwestern college as they pursue God's call.
2. We have an ambition to grow our ability to reach people online through a recording studio and more digital ministry.
3. We have an ambition to explore the creation of 1-3 new church plants/satellite campuses within one hour's drive of Orange City.

Memory Verse:

Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."