



# WHAT ON EARTH? IS MISSIONS?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLE IN CHANGING THE WORLD



*As you watch the DVD you will be asked as a group to stop and discuss the following topics and questions. This guide is meant to help you follow the DVD by providing a space to record your thoughts and reflections.*



## **SESSION ONE:** WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?



### **MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

With two or three others, please write down what you believe is the "mission" of the church:

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### **GREAT COMMISSION** (Matt. 28:16-20)

What do Jesus' words in Matt. 28:16-20 mean to you? What are the practical implications of these words for you and your church?

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### **MISSION**

Based on the definition of "mission" you've just heard, what things do we do as a church (or should we do) that would be described as mission?

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## 1. BEING A WITNESS

Do you find it easy or hard to tell other people about Jesus? Why? / Why not? What have you found has helped you to tell other people about Jesus?

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Discuss the difference between being a witness and doing witnessing:

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## 2. SOCIAL ACTION

Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37. What are the lessons from this parable for you? Jesus' final words to the expert in the law were, "Go and do likewise" (vs. 37). What application do these words have for you?

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Describe what it may mean for us to follow Jesus' model by entering into other people's worlds?

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How can we demonstrate "compassion" in practical ways?

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## 3. BE AN ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE ISSUES

With two or three others, please write down what you believe justice is:

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# **SESSION ONE: WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?**

As Christians, what responsibilities do we have to advocate for justice and morality?

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What do the Scriptures just listed show us about God's "justice"?

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What can and should we do to be advocates in our society?

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What are some of the social and moral issues on which we need to advocate?

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The host just gave five practical points on how to be an advocate. Discuss why each of these is important:

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What can we as a group do to advocate for the powerless, defenceless or underprivileged?

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## **CONCLUSION**

Take a few minutes to write down just one thing from today's discussion that you will apply to your life in the coming week.

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# **SESSION TWO:**

## **WHAT IS MISSIONS?**



### **REVIEW:**

What really impacted you from the first discussion? What have you done about what was discussed?

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What does the term "missions" mean to you?

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### **GREAT COMMISSION**

What is your understanding of Jesus having all authority in heaven and on earth?

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What's your concept of "discipleship"?

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Why do you think these two words "make disciples" are the key to the whole passage?

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Why do you think many Christians don't disciple others?

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# **SESSION TWO:**

## **WHAT IS MISSIONS?**

How do you think the distinction between “nations” and “people groups” should affect how we fulfil the Great Commission?

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How many different people groups (or cultures) do you know?

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### **GREAT COMMISSION AND THE SECOND COMING**

If we are the first generation in history that has the potential to fulfil the Great Commission, what should we be doing?

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What can we (as a group) do to reach the Least-Reached People groups?

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### **CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION**

Take a few minutes to write down just one thing that you will do this week from our discussion.

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# **SESSION THREE:**

## **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**



### **REVIEW:**

What really impacted you from the first discussion? What have you done about what was discussed?

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### **WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL**

What happens to someone who believes in Jesus and dies?

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What happens to someone who rejects Jesus and dies?

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Suppose someone never hears the Gospel but lives a "good" life and does "good" works? What happens to them at death?

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If a person who has never heard of Jesus has a chance of being saved through "general revelation" but someone who hears and rejects him goes to hell, are we doing them a disservice by being obedient to the Great Commission and telling them? Why / Why not?

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The DVD just mentioned a number of Scriptures speaking about the importance of sharing our faith with those who have never heard. How should all this affect the way we live our lives?

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## **CALLING TO MISSIONS**

Do people need a special or specific call to be involved in missions?

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## **7 PRACTICAL THINGS WE CAN DO TO BE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS**

### **1. PRAY**

Write a list of the things you will begin praying for in regard to missions:

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### **2. GIVE**

Please examine the following Scriptures that speak about supporting missionaries financially and write down what each one teaches:

**1 Cor. 9:4**

**1 Cor. 14:2**

**2 Cor. 9:10**

**Rom 15:24**

**3 John 8**

**Luke 8:1-3**

How can I (individually) raise more money to give to the missionaries our church supports?

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### **3. GO**

Share your experiences on a short-term team or any cross-cultural experience.

### **4. PRACTICALLY SUPPORT YOUR MISSIONARIES**

In discussion with the whole group, please write down what you can / will do to better serve:

# **SESSION THREE:**

## **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

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### **5. ADOPT A LEAST-REACHED PEOPLE GROUP**

In discussion with your group, discuss how you will go about doing this:

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### **6. REACH OUT TO PEOPLE OF OTHER CULTURES IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY**

How many different cultures are you aware of in your own community? In discussion with your group, brainstorm ways in which you can engage with them:

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### **7. SUPPORT YOUR PASTOR AND HIS / HER MISSION'S VISION**

In discussion with your group, think of ways in which you can honour your Pastor:

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Also with the group, discuss ways in which you can "own" the vision of the church and its global vision.

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## **CONCLUSION AND REFLECTION**

**Take some time to record the ONE BIG lesson you got from this series:**

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