

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

How are you seeing that God is at work reaching people with the Gospel in our world today?

Starting November 21, pick up a copy of our Woodlands Supported Missionaries and pray through them at dinner.

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Take an honest look at your heart. Are you excited about and in agreement with God reaching all the nations? Or is there anything in you that thinks some people are a lost cause and not worth the effort? What's a step you can take toward sharing God's love with that person?

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

There are several resources for further study linked on our webpage. Go there to find: encouraging videos of the work God is doing around the world and several prayer resources, including a link to the Operation World app which guides you through prayer for each country of the world on a daily basis.

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

Romans 1:4b-5, ESV

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Download Operation World's app on your phone and pray through the world using the daily prayer guide available there.

Starting November 21 and stretching through the Advent series, we will have a prayer resource for **Woodlands missionaries** available to pray through. You can also check out our missions display by the world map and pick a family to support in prayer.



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

Leader Resource Guide

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God's Global Purpose



SERMON NOTES

1. **At the beginning of the Bible.**
Genesis 12:2-3; 15:5-6; 22:17-18; 26:4; 28:14
2. **In a key messianic Psalm.**
Psalm 2
3. **In the words of Jesus.**
Matt. 25:31-33, 34, 41; 28:18-20 Luke 24:47 Matt. 24:14; Acts 1:7-8
4. **At the beginning of the church.**
Acts 2:5, 8-11
5. **At the end of the Bible.**
Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-10

COMMUNITY BUILDING

If you could travel to any other country (nation), where would it be? Why? What would you do there?

Share an illustration you have recently heard which shows God is at work reaching people with the Gospel in our world today.

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Leaders, these questions will be the only questions provided for this series. if you are meeting both weeks (one of which is Thanksgiving week), divide these 8 questions between your two meetings.

Suggestion: week 1 use 1-5, 8 and week 2 use questions 2, 6-8

1. Describe your first encounters with the Gospel. Include who, what, when, where, and how.
2. Summarize your answer to the question: "What in the world is God up to?"
If your group plans to meet both weeks of this series, use this question the first week and the second - discuss how the answer to this question has changed after the second sermon in the series where Pastor Brian talks about God's specific plan to reach His purpose.
3. How do you think God is going to accomplish this?
Use Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:28-29, Romans 1:5, Matthew 16:13-20 to aid in your discussion.
4. Review the study of "nations" that Brian walked through on Sunday. Who does God mean when he says nations?
See Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 17:1-8, Psalm 2, Revelation 5:9-10 and Revelation 7:9-10.
5. How do you view the future of our world? Read Psalm 2 together. How should the promise in Psalm 2 that God's Son will someday possess the nations impact how Christians should view current national and world events?

6. How do Revelation 5:9-10 and 7:9-10 impact how you view people who are different than you, culturally, racially, socially, immigrants, refugees, our enemies, etc...?
7. What hope does Matthew 28:18-20 give you as you seek to follow Jesus?
A disciple is someone who is constantly seeking to bring his/her life under the obedience and Lordship of Jesus. The idea that all authority has been given to Jesus and he promises to be with you until the end of the age brings indestructible hope.
8. To what (place, people, person, priority) might God be calling you? Why not go?
Lean into this question and let God's Spirit speak to individual group members. Linger and let the silence (if there is any) hang for a second. God is not silent.
When you're answering the question "Why not go (to wherever, whomever, whatever God is calling you to)?" recall the quote Pastor Dave shared in the last sermon of Rooted in Grace from missionary Karen Watson: "I was called not to comfort or success but to obedience ... There is no joy outside of knowing Jesus and serving Him." And revisit your answer to question 7, if needed.