

Pray, Give, Go

Series: What 2 Live 4

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Scripture: Romans 10

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

Matthew 9:38 "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.

Acts 13:3 "then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:3

Romans 10:15b Just as it is written, "How beautiful and the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Romans 10:15a "How will they preach unless they are sent"

Group Session

Opening Questions

Do you think there are times that believers in general don't care enough about missions. To what do you attribute that? Is there anything we can do to change that?

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. We learn through Scripture that we are to pray for the hearts of people to be open to the gospel. Why is this the most important prayer to pray?
2. Another prayer is that we pray for people to go. What makes this an important prayer? What is likely to happen to us as we pray this prayer earnestly?

3. We are to pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Have you heard any missionary stories this week that are obviously a result of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? Please share some.
4. Have you ever been on a mission trip? If so, how did it change you? If not, what keeps you from considering taking part?
5. How has this week of missions focus impacted you the most?
6. Do you believe that each of us has a responsibility to pray, give and go? Discuss your answer.
8. Acts 1:8 leads us to focus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We could also consider that Ballantrae, Birmingham, Baltimore and Bangladesh. Do you feel that we as a church are sometimes unbalanced? What about you personally? Are you balanced with your focus next door as well as the next continent?

Closing Challenge

What will be different this week as a result of this week's focus through the One Mission Celebration?

One Mission Celebration

Church Partnership with Doulos Partners

Interview with David Johnson, Director, during the Worship Services

Trained leaders are ready to plant church and will be starting this week. The first week of November, member of Westwood will have the opportunity to go to Cuba and are invited to attend. Also work is going on in India and Mexico.