

## Discussion Notes

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Global Work Emphasis

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### What is Global Work?

- Our theme is "He must increase: Making Jesus Known". This is a summary of the heart behind our Global Work.
- Isa. 49.6, "He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

***"Mission arises from the heart of God himself, and is communicated from his heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of the global God."*** (John Stott)

- As followers of Jesus we say that we care for the widow and orphan and destitute. We say that we have experienced the mercy and love of Jesus. It is important that we take action on it.

### Why should we be concerned with Global Work?

- It is part of our Story as the people of God
- God is a God that sends:
  - Joseph (Gen. 45.7) - to save lives in a famine
  - Moses (Ex. 3.10) - to deliver people from oppression and exploitation
  - Elijah (1 Kings 19.15-18) - influence the course of international politics
  - Jeremiah (Jer. 1.7) - to proclaim God's Word
  - Jesus (Luke 4.16-19) - to preach good news, to proclaim freedom, to give sight for the blind, to offer release from oppression
  - Disciples (Matt. 10.5-8) - to preach and demonstrate the delivering and healing power of the reign of God, to make disciples, baptize and teach (Matt. 28.18-20)
  - Paul and Barnabus - famine relief (Acts 11:27-30)/church planting (Acts 13.1-3)
- The people of God are a "sent" people. God desires that we be a light to the nations – a light in our speech, our actions, and our love for God and others. This calling did not end with the early church, but continues on today.

### How do we get involved?

- So we know now that God is a global God and that we are called to be a global people. So how do we do that?
  - Through the past several years this community has had significant impact, not only in Fort Langley, but also in China, Slovakia, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Russia, Burkina Faso, Poland,

Cambodia, Dominican Republic, India, Sri Lanka, and on, and on, and on.

- To do this, it takes more than just a warm feeling in our hearts, it takes generosity. Sending people all over the world takes finances, in fact, it is going to take \$140,000 this year. It takes setting time aside to pray for our community and for our Global Workers. It also takes time to build relationships with those around us, but also with those we are sending.

## Summary

- God is a global God. He is in love with the person on the streets of that city you can't even pronounce as he is with you. And he is REALLY in love with you. Which means what? He is REALLY in love with them as well!
- As the people of God, we feel God's heart for those who are without Him, and so we are compelled to do something about it. Maybe we can't go, or we are not supposed to go overseas, but that does not mean that we can't do anything.
  - God is a God that sends people. And God has sent us, Living Waters. Physically he has placed us in Fort Langley (until the church plant, then we'll be in a couple of places), but our response as a sent people is a Global response.
- This response is three-pronged: community oriented, prayer focused, financially engaged. In each of these areas, God wants us to be generous
- Three practical steps for you to take:
  - Finances: this may look like \$5/month, or maybe it will look like \$500/month, either way, you are answering God's call.
  - Community oriented – we have Alpha coming up. A great place to invite your friends who have questions about Christianity. Invite them to attend it with you, by doing this, you are answering God's call.
  - Prayer – if you are part of a Life Group, I want you to consider getting your Life Group to adopt one of our Global Workers, to pray for them with regularity.

## Questions

1. How does Global Work excite you? Do you feel engaged with what God is doing around the world?
2. Do you feel the God's heart communicating with yours? In what ways do you feel God's heart?
3. Do you feel "sent"? What does that look like in your life?
4. What are some of the practical steps that you can take when it comes to Global Work?