

Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – July 31, 2011

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

Sermon Title: International Sunday

Pray: Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

Opening Questions: This week we focused on International Missions in our church service. Who are some of the missionaries, or what are some of the mission experiences that have impacted you the most? Have you ever been a part of a mission trip? Where did you go and what did you do? How did that trip impact you?

Read and Discuss: The great missionary, David Livingston once said, "God had only one Son and he made that Son a missionary." Do you agree or disagree with his statement?

Discuss: What would you define as the role of missionaries in today's world?

There is increasing pressure on missionaries not to share the Gospel with those to whom they have gone to minister. There are many who think that this is a new phenomenon, and that missionaries should just serve the culture without sharing the Gospel. Read the following passages in the Bible and discuss what they have to say about missions.

Matthew 10:1-42

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

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Acts 11:19-30

Acts 13:1-12

Acts 15:36-41

Acts 18:1-17

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Discuss: Jesus never said that following Him would be easy. The first missionaries faced incredible struggles and so will we. 2 Timothy 3:12 says, “12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” God hasn’t just called those who are serving Him in vocational ministry to share the Gospel. Making disciples is something that all Christians are called to be involved in, no matter the cost. We need to earn the right to be heard, but we also need to be willing to open our mouth and share the truth of the Gospel when given the opportunity. Pray that God will give you the courage to stand for Him, and to love others enough to tell them the truth.

Pray: At the beginning of the group time we talked about missionaries who had made an impact on us. Take some time to pray about specific missionaries as a group tonight. Share some of the needs that you know that these missionaries have. Pray too for courage to live out the call that God has given all of us to make more disciples for Jesus Christ.