

Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – October 30, 2011

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church
Woodbury, Minnesota

Sermon Title: Bible Translation in Tanzania
Guest Speakers: Tim and Chris Gilmore, Missionaries to Tanzania

Notes:

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: Tim and Chris are involved in the very important work of Bible translation. Imagine if you didn't have the Bible available in your language. What difference do you think it would make in your spiritual life? Do you have a life's verse or a favorite Bible passage? Share it with the group.

Read and Discuss:

Take a look at the Scripture Tim read in Zinza (beginning in Luke 4:17) - - now read Paul's testimony in Acts 26 (emphasis on verses 17 – 18). Can you spot the similarities? List some of the similarities below.'

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Questions for further reflection:

Do you take the Bible for granted? How would your life be different if the Bible hadn't been translated into English?

Tim and Chris showed a video clip showing the Zinza receiving God's Word for the first time. Were you surprised by their response?

If your group is able, watch this 10 minute clip of another group (this one in Papua New Guinea) receiving the Bible in their language for the first time. You'll be stunned by the excitement of these people.

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2011/03/03/what-does-it-look-like-to-receive-the-new-testament-for-the-first-time/>

Take ten minutes and let your heart break and burn, weeping with joy along with brothers and sisters you will only meet in heaven:



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Pray: As you close in prayer ask God to give you a heart that is truly in love with His Word. Take some time to pray for the millions of people who don't have God's Word available in their language. Pray for the Gilmores, the Coopers and others who are involved in the important work of Bible translation across the globe. This would be a good time to have expanded prayer (if time allows) for God's movement across the world and that we might take seriously His Great Commission to make disciples of all people.