

Home Group Questions

the week of 6/3/2018

Missions Conference

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday was our Missions Conference at Riverview, with one of our missionaries, Shige Nakazawa speaking. Our church has a love for missions, which comes right out of the Word of God and Jesus' command to tell the whole world about the good news of Christ.

LOOKING IN THE WORD

1. Discuss the Missions Conference here at Riverview. What were some things that blessed you about Shige Nakazawa's sermon, or any interactions you had with missionaries who were at our church?

- What have been your attitudes towards missions in the past, and how have those attitudes changed regarding missions in recent years?

2. **Read Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission) and Acts 1:6-11.** What do these verses tell us about our need to reach a world for Christ?

- Discuss the struggles you perceive missionaries to have as they prepare to go to the mission field, and the struggles they have while they are in the field.

What are ways in which we as a church can help our missionaries to fulfill what God has called them to do?

3. **Read 1 Peter 3:14-15:** How does Peter describe (v. 14) what will often be the context for sharing your faith with

others? Peter tells us we should not fear or be troubled. What are some ways in which you overcome the fear of sharing your faith with others? What are attitudes or fears you have that may hinder you in sharing your faith with others? As a home group, discuss how you can overcome those fears.

- Knowing that we shouldn't be surprised by the attacks of those around us, what is the best way to prepare our hearts and minds for interaction with others? (Beginning of verse 15.)

- What are some other ways in which we can best prepare ourselves to make a defense for Christ? Share some resources (books, websites, radio programs) that you find helpful in sharing and defending your faith.

- **In verse 15,** Peter shares that we should have gentleness and respect for others as we share. This is a wonderful aspect of Christian tolerance, in that we can share our faith with others yet not get into verbal assaults if they disagree with us. How can we avoid getting into arguments regarding our faith, which is something that we are all very passionate about? Share some books or articles you have read that have challenged you in your understanding of the faith.

4. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33.** Read the apostle's description of his life as a missionary. Knowing that our mission field is all around us every day, how does this passage inspire you to be a better witness for Christ in spite of the potential persecution?

- What are other observations from this passage that can help our perspective as we seek to be a light in our mission field here in North County?

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray that the Lord would grow your passion to see the Gospel spread around the world for God's glory. Pray for missionaries who come to your mind as they are serving the Lord!