

Home Group Questions

the week of 6/2/2019

Missions

MISSIONS SUNDAY

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday was our Missions Sunday at Riverview. Our church has a love for missions which is derived from 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 Sunday. What were some things that blessed you from what was shared by the various missionaries who were present? Were there interactions that you had with missionaries, who were at our church that you would like to share with your Home Group?

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

- 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?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21: In this passage, Paul challenges the Corinthians to allow the "love of Christ" to control them (v. 14) and that they should no longer live for themselves, but live their lives for Jesus who died and rose again. Talk about the motivations that you find in this passage

to get behind the missions endeavors at Riverview, not only overseas but also within our county. Why is it so easy to forget the responsibility that we have as believers to share our faith, and/or to get behind those who do this as a ministry? How do other priorities get in the way of our passion for missions and how can we identify and obliterate attitudes that distract us from our calling as a church and as an individual Christian?

- Verse 19 states that God has entrusted to us the "ministry of reconciliation". What does that responsibility mean to you? Why did God entrust this to us and not merely "do it Himself"?

- Talk about the concept of being an ambassador (verse 20)? What does the life of an ambassador look like? What are the responsibilities of an ambassador and how does that relate to the way we live as followers of Jesus Christ?

-Verse 21 talks about the great exchange that we have in Christ...He took our sin and gave us His righteousness. How can that truth motivate us in the way we live our lives for Christ and in the way we see this world?

3. 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!