



## MISSIONS 2021

# A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What words or connotations come to mind that describe your feelings, when you hear the term “missions”? Read 1 Corinthians 9:16-17. Does it really matter whether our personal involvement in missions (local, regional, or international) is feelings-driven or duty-driven?
2. There are many possible motivations for being involved in missions (either through praying, giving, or going). Which of the following motivations resonates the most with you? Why?
  - It's the main reason God has left us here
  - the wonder and glory of the gospel still captivates me
  - deep gratitude that someone shared the gospel with me
  - the stakes of eternal heaven or hell are infinite
  - Jesus commands me to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)
  - Jesus won't return until the world is reached (Matthew 24:14)
  - missions is not just a task; it's me helping to gather my eternal family
  - sharing the gospel is the most loving thing you can do for people
  - the thrill of being instrumental in seeing people pass from death to life (John 5:24)
  - the eternal rewards that God promises when we sacrifice for eternal things
  - Other?
3. In your own words, what does it mean to go and make disciples? Do your actions line up with your words? Is the discipleship model you and your small group are following effective? Do you have a discipleship plan?
4. Do you believe the reward found in Jesus is worth the risk of following him? What if that risk includes him asking you to leave your possessions, career, reputation and security?

“Most men are not satisfied with the permanent output of their lives. Nothing can wholly satisfy the life of Christ within his followers except the adoption of Christ's purpose toward the world he came to redeem. Fame, pleasure, and riches are but husks and ashes in contrast with the boundless and abiding joy of working with God for the fulfillment of his eternal plans. The men [and women] who are putting everything into Christ's undertaking are getting out of life its sweetest and most priceless rewards.” - J. Campbell White