

# We Live Missions Life Group Outline

## Note for Life Group Leaders:

- Preview the video ["Reaching the Unreached"](#)
- Visit [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) and choose an unreached people group to pray for together at the end.

## Introduction

Tonight we're going to talk about missions.

- What do you think missions is?
- What does it consist of?

Dick Brogden, one of our missionary heroes, defines missions as "planting the church where the church is not" That means going to the dark places of the world that have no access to the Gospel, to the places that have no one to tell them who Jesus is or what he has done for them.

Missions is important to us at Fairmont Chi Alpha because it is near and dear to the heart of God. Hopefully you have noticed that Missions is a part of our DNA. Every Monday we pray for an unreached people group (UPG). The proceeds from Winter Retreat are going to support missionaries. In a normal year we go on several cross-cultural missions trips. Why do we participate in missions,- taking the church to where it is not?

## **Missions is about pushing on to the unevangelized, un-discipled edge—and pushing it back!**

Read Romans 15:18-21

- *What* does Paul proclaim?
- *Where* does he strive to go?
- *Why* does he strive to go there?

Forty percent of all people groups in the world today not only do not have anyone worshipping Jesus; they don't even have any Christian living close enough to them so

they could watch their life and ask them questions. These UPGs represent 3.2 billion men, women and children (42% of the world's population). [Watch the incredible four-minute video by Reality Santa Barbara.]

### **Missions is Cross-Cultural**

Read Romans 15:8-12

In verse 8 Paul speaks of the “promises made to the patriarchs” which is looking all the way back to the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 and repeated to Isaac and Jacob. Verses 9-12 are quotes from the Psalms and the Prophets.

- What does this say about the scope of God's plan? [Help group members see that God's plan is global and that it's been global from the very beginning]
- In the first section we talked about how 40% of all language groups do not have anyone worshipping Jesus. If God's plan has always been global praise (v. 11) what is it going to take to go from 40% to 0? [Jesus followers are going to have to leave their comfort zones and cross cultures to make disciples]

### **Missions is Disciple-Making**

Read Romans 15:15-18 & Matthew 28:19-20

- What does obedience have to do with making disciples?
- Why is it important to emphasize obedience to Jesus over knowledge about Jesus?
- According to this text, what is the essential heart of missions? “Helping people less well off than we are”, “making lots of converts” or “making disciples who make disciples”?
- If obedience is essential for a disciple what are we going to do with Jesus' command to make disciples of *all nations*?

### **Missions is empowered by the Holy Spirit**

Read Romans 15:18-19

- Why might signs and wonders occur out on the “unevangelized, undisciplined edge” – the part of the world that knows nothing about the Gospel?

Read Acts 1:8

- What's the connection between receiving power and going to the "unevangelized, undisciplined edge" in this passage?

### **Conclusion**

Missions is Cross-Cultural Disciple-Making, directly guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, which produces new disciple-makers among all the nations of the world. Romans 15 is a great source of detailed information about the biblical plan of God which requires that good news reaches all people groups - and which is going to require all of His people being a part of His global plan.

Read Romans 15:18-21 one more time together.

### **Application**

- What is something new you learned tonight about God's global plan?
- What has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you as we have studied?
- Knowledge = Responsibility. What is God asking you to do with what you have learned tonight?

### **Pray**

Pray together for God's help in obeying what His Word teaches about missions and what it teaches about the Nations who don't yet know his Good News. Go to [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net), choose and read about an unreached people group, and pray Romans 15:9-12 over them.

### **Challenge**

Download the app "Unreached of the Day" and get daily reminders of people groups to pray for from the "unevangelized, undisciplined edge."