

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 6



### Chapter 6 – The Global Church

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

In preparing to discuss this lesson, be aware that the people in your group could be at completely different extremes when it comes to the global church. Some may be extremely passionate about missions while others may want nothing to do with them. As you guide and direct discussion, be honest about your own personal exposure to the global church. Share stories and experiences if you have them. Be sure to mention what scared you the most about your experience, but also share about how your experience impacted you life. Before you close this session, encourage group members to wrestle with the question, “What is your role in the local/global church?” and remind them that the global church doesn’t exclusively mean “way over there in another country.” This is especially true for our amazing city and it’s role in today’s world.

#### Starting the Conversation:

How “well-traveled” are the members of your group? A great way to open this chapter might be to have everyone share the different places around the world that they’ve visited (not just mission trips, but vacations and business travel too). This will also give you an idea of what your group’s global worldview might look like.

#### Life Group Questions

1. In your own words, why is it important to think about God’s plan of redemption in global terms?
2. When you think about the mission of our church, does the rest of the globe factor in at all? How so?
3. Take some time to think about the passages above (Romans 15:20–21, Isaiah 52:7–10, Romans 10:12–15). How should these truths affect the way we think about our calling?
4. Have you given much thought to the unreached people groups around the world? If so, how does this affect your thinking and lifestyle? If not, why do you think you have never thought about it?
5. How would you describe your role in furthering the gospel around the world? If nothing comes to mind, discuss a few things that you can begin to pursue in order to make missions a part of your life.

6. In order to faithfully follow Jesus and play your part in God's plan of redemption, what should your life look like right now? (This is a huge question, but try to write down a few things to guide you as you seek to put the things you've learned into practice.)

**Continuing the Conversation (optional):**

- **A Heart to Serve** – “What does your heart break for?” If you can answer this question, then you're one step closer to discerning your part in God's global mission. Have your group members begin to think and pray through that question and discuss it next week. If they need help thinking through this, the Passion Indicator worksheet (available online) can help them identify what the Lord has given them a heart for.

- **Additional Related Passages:** Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:16; Acts 1:8; James 2:5

- **Memory Verse:** Acts 1:8

**Prayer Assignment:**

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to help you submit to Him entirely. Ask Him to guide you and empower you in anything He calls you to do. Pray that God would use you in your neighborhood and around the world in any capacity that He sees fit. Take a minute to pause and ask God what He wants for your life. Ask Him to break through any excuses you may be hiding behind and idols you might be clinging to. Ask Him to make you willing to follow Him in whichever direction He might lead. If you have any thoughts based on this time of prayer, make a few notes below.