

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM



Date & Sermon Series:

Nov 7/8, 2015; A1:8 On Mission Every Day

Speakers:

Pastor Joel Schmidgall and Pastor Dave Schmidgall

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 6:1-8

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed what it means to be on mission every day, whenever, wherever. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions:

If you could go on a short-term mission anywhere in the world, where you would go and why?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. How are you on mission every day?

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Joel stated that, "You cannot separate Jesus' life from his mission. It was part of who he was." What does it mean to not be able to separate a life from a mission? Are you living your life that way? Do you want to? Why or why not?
2. After listening to a message from a past mission series, an NCCer sent in a note saying he realized that, "My life is my offering." How do you live your life as an offering? What does that mean?
3. Pastor Dave issued the challenge, "How do we create a circle of compassion where nobody is standing outside of it? How do we inch our way to the margins?" How do we? Do you think these goals are important? Why or why not? What does it look like practically to achieve these goals?
4. "We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world. It's not injustice that drives us, it's the magnitude of Hope." What does this statement mean to you? What is your

response to it? Do you agree with it? Why or why not?

5. Pastor Dave stated that when we draw into God's presence, we develop a "Holy Anticipation," and a, "Holy Agitation." What are you anticipating? What makes you agitated? Church's frequently use the phrase, "God break my heart for what breaks yours." When you hear that, what do you think? What breaks your heart? What breaks God's heart? Do you see any overlap in the two?
6. At the end of the service, Pastor Joel reread Isaiah 6:8

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

He then reminded us that, "truth did not become reality until he put it into action. God has called us out, drawn us in, and empowers us to go." Where do you believe God is calling you to "go"? How are you responding? Why?

7. As a group, read Acts 1:8:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

It was pointed out this Sunday that it doesn't say, "or," it says, "and," when listing where we are to be witnesses. Think though ways you and your group can become more engaged in local missions together. You can contact your A1:8 Campus Director for ideas or check out www.theaterchurch.com. Does anyone already serve somewhere in the city? Can the group support their efforts?

Also check out the list of 2016 short-term mission teams NCC is sending out. Can you and/or your group support one this year? All teams going out need prayer, financing, and members! Can your small group commit to supporting a short-term mission team in one or more of those areas?