



# A1:8 MISSIONS

## A1:8 Missions, Part 3 November 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Isaiah 58:11-12, Luke 6:38

### Sermon Overview

The heart of God is always oriented toward things that are broken. That's how the grace of God seeps into the crevices of our heart. That's also where mission begins. You need to inventory the broken places in your life, because those are the very places where God wants you to help others heal.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. How have you been on mission this week?
2. Is God revealing any shifts in who, where, or how you serve others?

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. What has been your most memorable experience of being on mission?
2. Pastor Mark stated that being repairers of the wall exists within the identity of NCC. Where does this identity play out in your life as an NCC'er?
3. "You don't have to turn into someone else to be on mission." What gifts, passions, and abilities do you already have that you can utilize to be on mission?
4. Pastor Mark shared how seasons of demolition are what God uses to prepare us for something better. What was a time or season God used to prepare you for something to come? What was that like?
5. How can our perceived disadvantages *actually* be advantages?

## Digging Deeper

### Activity: Reflect and Repair

Being on mission doesn't require us to be someone else, but rather to use what we already have, like Amy and Dave did. Take a few minutes and write down some of the gifts, passions, and talents you already possess. **Discuss with your group how you can live on mission, using the abilities and passions you already have. Ask things like:**

1. Where can you leverage a current gift or passion to live on mission more intentionally?
2. How can you creatively serve with what you have? (time, talent, treasure)

### Mission Spotlight: Africa

#### South Africa (Jeffreys Bay) – May 2019

For the seventh year we are partnering with Victory4All Ministries – an organization dedicated to providing education and care to children to help break the cycles of poverty in their communities. We will support the leaders, teachers, and students in prayer, as well as helping in the creation of a community arts center/coffee shop for the community of Humansdrop.

**Leader:** Reagan Chaney, Amanda Gann, and Emily Pan ([southafrica@aoneight.org](mailto:southafrica@aoneight.org))

#### DR Congo (Uvira) Strategic Skills – April/May 2019

We will be taking a specialized team to partner with Congo for Christ Center to implement a new business model for their Mango Tree School, conduct due diligence on potential business opportunities, develop a long-term strategic plan, and teach valuable business skills to the team on the ground.

**Leaders:** Dave Samuel, Kim Scott, and Marisa Brown ([DRCongo.Strategy@aoneight.org](mailto:DRCongo.Strategy@aoneight.org))

### Challenge: Prayer & Confession

Repeated prayers and confessions form and shape our hearts over time, making them meaningful and significant. Each week, we will focus on a piece of the confession Pastor Dave led us through during Part 1.

**May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.**

Pray this confession each day this week and reflect on the words or phrases that stand out to you. How can this prayer be lived out in your life?