

Sermon Questions for Life Groups
A Focus on Missions & Commissioning

Sunday, November 29, 2015

These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions or family or personal devotions

1. Review the Great Commission (Matthew 28:26-20, also Acts 1:8). How does it apply to you?
2. Pastor John reported on the five prongs of West Highland's Mission Vision:
 - a. Church planting in Canada
 - b. Unevangelized People in the World
 - c. Training Church Leaders in the World
 - d. Sending our Called Members
 - e. Responding to Urgent Need

What about this report of the church in missions was new information for you?

3. What did you learn about West Highland's involvement in local, national and international mission?
4. Have you seen, on a map, where Thessalon First Nations Reserve and Lasalle, Quebec are? Could you see yourself being a part of our ministry in Thessalon or Lasalle? What perceived barriers hamper your involvement?
5. Did you attend "A Taste of World Missions" on Sunday evening? Share what you learned with those who couldn't attend.
6. What can we, as individuals and Life Groups, do to support Lue Mahaffey? Think outside of the box!
7. Lue talked about love from God and service for God. How did she link them in her own life and calling?
8. What does the term 'co-mission' mean and how does it apply in the commissioning of Mary Lue?

9. What is 'Ebenezer' and how was it remembered in the protocol gifts to Mary Lue?
10. There are many scriptures that talk about missions and spreading the gospel light to all the nations of the world, but read this question from an aspiring missionary:

“ I was doing my devotions and felt God lead me to Isaiah 49:6, which says, "I will make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." I felt like God was telling me to be a missionary. I was so excited and amazed, I ran to tell my dad. But he thought I was taking it too seriously, and told me there's work to be done in our own backyard, that I don't have to go to the "ends of the earth" to serve God. I don't think he understands that I really feel God calling me to missions. How can I get my dad to take me seriously? ”

What advice could you give to this young person? What scriptural references would you use?

11. How do you think that you could have a part in providing relief for a Syrian family?
12. Some of the information shared in this service may force us to engage in an evaluation of our personal attitudes and ideas about support for others. Here are some Scripture passages to consider:
- a. Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19
 - b. Hebrews 13:2
 - c. Malachi 3:5
 - d. Matthew 25:31-46
13. Prayer is the cornerstone of all mission work. Spend some time in prayer for our newest missionary, as well as those already serving in the field. Also, take time to update your group on recent happenings with your partner missionary if you have one.