

Today's Focus: NMC On Mission

Acts 1:8, Matthew 5:14-16

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Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: When you think of the term *missions*, what images, pictures or ideas come to mind? Do you see yourself in this picture? Why or why not? What are some positive and/or negative connotations around the terms on mission, missional and missions?

The Basics: Read Matthew 22:34-40 and Matthew 28:18-20. Should living on mission **be** the heartbeat of the church? What does it mean to you that mission **is** the main purpose of the church? Is this a true statement? Discuss.

Quick Fire Round:

1. Read Acts 1:8. Where did Jesus command His disciples to go? What would be our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and ends of the earth? Is it easier for you to think and act locally or globally? Discuss.
2. Consider the following mission myths/road blocks. Which ones stand out to you and why? *Missions is for the paid professionals, not me; I cannot afford to go overseas; the church should take care of its own people first; God is going to save (or not save) people whether I am in involved; I am not an evangelist – it is not my gift; other?*
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:14-16, 2 Cor. 5:18-20, and John 8:10-11. In order to go what do we have to see first? Why is living and sharing Christ with others all of our responsibility and privilege?
4. Read Romans 10:9-18, Luke 2:10 and John 9:35-38. What message are we sent with? Why will we not live on mission if we don't see the need around us? What are the spiritual, practical and social needs of people around you and how can you begin to meet those needs?

Challenge: How can you live on mission daily, individually or as a group? Identify the current people and places you can make a difference in immediately? Who can you begin to pray for and what steps will you take?

Next Steps: Attend the *How to Share your Faith* three-week training seminar starting on February 24th through March 10th, 10:30am NMC Student Center. Ask about NMC missions' opportunities this year – planned experiences include Disaster Relief training, Africa and Mexico trips. Stop by Connection Point or head to the café during services on 2/17/19 for further info.