

Missions Focus Weekend: "So Send I You"

November 6-7, 2021

This provides about one hour of discussion, music and readings. Use the portions you find most helpful. This is designed as a springboard for discussion and further study.

Watch the four-minute video, "Reaching the Unreached"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIDraNUGerE>

and read **Matthew 24:14, Mark 8:34-38, Acts 1:8, and Philippians 1:21-23.**

1. Sent to fight as Jesus fought

- Read **Mark 11:15-19, Isaiah 56: 1-8, Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 1 Timothy 2:3-6, and 2 Timothy 4:5-8.**
- When I consider how I use my passion, I must ask: what am I fighting for (or against)?
- How does this compare to Jesus's priorities during his time on earth?

2. Sent to bleed as Jesus bled

- Read **Philippians 3:10, John 10:1, Acts 16:16-40, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Revelation 12:10-11.**
- How does the perspective of these verses about the Gospel compare to the somewhat popular "prosperity gospel?"
- In the western world, it has been easier to avoid the idea of suffering for the Gospel. As the "reputation" of Christianity continues to change in the West, what can I do now to be a light during dark times? What can I do to prepare now for times ahead when we may experience greater persecution?

3. Sent to pray as Jesus prayed

- Read **Hebrews 7:25, Ephesians 1:15-23, and Romans 10:14.**
- Why do you think that people sometimes see prayer as "plan B?" How can I develop a stronger prayer discipline?
- What does the Bible say about the prayer life of Jesus?
- What are some ways we can help those who are experiencing severe persecution for their faith now?
- What was one of ideas that really stuck with you after hearing the message?

Listen to the video song "The Time is Now"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXWaeHGj-XI>

Speaker **Dick Brogden** for Missions Focus Weekend writes that "...This world is not our home. According to Matthew 24:14, the way home is through the nations. Jesus came to redeem a multitude from all peoples, languages, and cultures to himself, and it cost Him dearly. We are invited to join Him in His missionary redemption plan, and as it cost Jesus, it will cost us. We are going to have to fight as Jesus fought, bleed as Jesus bled, and pray as Jesus prayed. If we will do so among and for the 6,500 unreached people groups of earth (who total 3.2 billion people), King Jesus will return, and we can all go home."

If you have a prayer need, ask a friend or two here to pray with you, and to support you in prayer this week.