



Loving the World

Discover

- The Great Commandment and the Great Commission give Christ Followers a well-rounded job description. **Read Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:19-20**, then list the things we are called to be and to do.
- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21** - brainstorm a list of the actions in this passage and then divide them into categories of who is responsible for each action.
- **John 20:21** reads "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." – Who was Jesus sent to and why? What does it mean to you to be sent as Jesus was sent? What does that look like?

Discuss

Talk about this with your family, small group, and/or friends

- **Read, think through, and discuss the following quotes:**
 - "Wherever you are, be all there." – *Jim Elliot*
 - "At our door is the very work we crave." – *Lottie Moon*
 - "We talk of the second coming, but half of the world has never heard of the first" – *Oswald J. Smith*
 - "It's not so much that God has a mission for His church in the world, but that God has a church for His mission in the world." – *Christopher Wright*
 - "The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." – *Mike Stachura*
- When you hear the job title "*missionary*", what comes to mind? Have you ever considered that you are a missionary? Why or why not?
- Who is in your spheres of influence? In what ways have you had the occasion to be Christ's Ambassador to them?

Do

Consider how this all plays out in our lives and apply it to everyday life.

- Learn the names of your neighbors and begin to pray for them.
- Ask God to give you opportunities that you can care for your neighbors. This can be as simple as picking up their mail when they are away, to bringing them a meal when they are sick or mowing their lawn because you have time in your schedule.
- Look for ways you can share the truths of scripture and ultimately the gospel with your neighbors.
- Go to fbcva.org/global-prayer and take a few minutes to prayer for the missionaries that we partner with around the globe.
- While you are at the fbcva.org website go to fbcva.org/subscribe and subscribe to the Local and Global Outreach email updates.
- Take a listen to the Global Church Podcast at fbcva.org/podcasts – you will get to hear directly from the missionaries about what God is doing on their side of the world.



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