

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying this message to everyday life

1. Our objective in life is not to extend our lives as long as possible, but rather to live however long we have on this earth to the optimum glory of God. (Acts 20:24) We are tempted every day to have a temporal perspective rather than an eternal one. Our life is but a speck on the timeline of eternity. In light of this reality, we ought to live for God's eternal purposes, not our shortsighted temporal purposes. What does it take for you to fully embrace this life-truth? Can you do this? Why or why not? If you struggle with this, why is that?
2. Our life's passion is not to avoid suffering and hardship, but rather to give our lives so that others may live for eternity. (2 Cor. 4:8-12) Are you willing to embrace suffering and hardships for Jesus? What is really at stake if you decide not to give your life over to God's purposes for you? Who suffers? How? In what way?
3. Satan's wrath is focused on God's witnessing church (you and me). He is trying to distract our focus on advancing the cause of Christ. (Revelation 12:17) Our passion is to be for advancing the Gospel, regardless of the opposition. Have you experienced any of Satan's wrath or spiritual attack lately? What weapons does God give us to battle the enemy? (Eph. 6:10-20)



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Acts 20:24

RESTRICTED:

Taking the Gospel to places where church activities and open evangelism is unlawful by the government and there is a serious threat to one's life and fear of reprisal.

For the people who live in these nations there is no freedom of religion and there is no opportunity to hear the story of the Good News unless followers of Christ go. **RESTRICTED** is our term, not God's. To Him no nation is closed. There is no wall or culture or religious system or police force that will keep out the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit!

(Romans 10:14-15)

GLOBAL IMPACT... *(answers in GLOBAL IMPACT brochure)*

List our GLOBAL PARTNERS in order according to the largest populations of people where they are serving.

(GLOBAL PARTNER)

(POPULATION)

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GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. What was the scariest and most dangerous thing you have ever done?

- B. What was one of your biggest fears growing up? Why?

- C. Describe one of the best decisions you made in your life.

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

Quick Review

1. As you reflect on our GLOBAL PARTNER'S sermon last week, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

1. The West African Ebola virus epidemic (2013-2016) was the most widespread outbreak of Ebola virus disease in history – causing major loss of life and socioeconomic disruption in the region, mainly in the countries of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The staff of Ahead International also suffered the loss of lives, including many who were a part of New Life Bible Church where we support Oscar James. Did you know that GateWay sent a 40' shipping container filled with medical & cleaning supplies and food? Why would many turn to God in such a time as this? How could the Ebola virus spread even more due to church gatherings taking place? What role would you imagine the church to take during such a major epidemic? Two years since the Ebola virus epidemic, Ahead is experiencing tremendous spiritual growth...how many salvations and baptisms have they experienced this year alone? (To God be the Glory!)

2. Imams are having dreams of Jesus and coming to the faith in untold numbers at the risk of their lives. Jesus' call is to follow Him, but for these Muslims there is a price to pay. There will be persecution in their lives, but in the end they will be victorious. Our GLOBAL PARTNER in the region of the Horn of Africa is having explosions of people coming to the Lord and being baptized. How many have made decisions for Christ under this ministry that we support? Why is persecution a good thing? Why should we expect it? (1 Peter 4:12-19) How does persecution spread the faith? (Acts 8:1-3)

3. Is Chile the new California? They both share many cultural and environmental similarities. Both are bordered by the Pacific on the west and an imposing mountain range to the east. They are near the exact location latitude-wise opposite the equator. Both enjoy a mild, dry Mediterranean climate and both often struggle with smog, earthquakes, droughts, floods and fires. They also share a rare phenomenal event of having some of the world's biggest waves on the planet embrace their coast...Mavericks in Half Moon Bay and Punta de Lobos in Pichilemu, Chile. What ministry do we support in our sister city of Pichilemu and what excites you about what they are doing there?