



MISSION DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ
Psalm 67
Matthew 28:18–20

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. Read Matthew 16:24-25. In the world of Jesus' day, people "took up their crosses" when they were being led out to be crucified on those crosses. In other words, Jesus is inviting us to come die with Him. How does this understanding affect how we read this passage? How does it affect how you understand the Christian life?
3. This week, we were challenged to rethink some of our preconceptions about missions. If you have children, and they wanted to go to another country to spread the gospel, what would you do? Would you support them and send them on their way, or would you be tempted to keep them home in fear of what could potentially happen to them?
4. On Sunday we were asked if we believe everything we've heard in this series so far, and what we are going to do about it. Have you asked yourself the questions "Do I believe this? What am I going to do about this? Why should I *not* go?" What do you think about your answers to those questions? What do you think *Jesus* thinks about your answers to those questions?
5. On Sunday we were reminded that many people need to stay instead of going, but that if we stay, it must be for the sake of the mission. What are the reasons we should have for staying where we are? What are *your* reasons for staying thus far? Are you staying strategically, with the mission as your goal? If not, what changes need to take place?
6. Think ahead to the rest of 2019. What part will you play, this year, in the global cause of Christ?