SPECIAL: MISSIONS SUNDAY

Journey Together 2025 Weekly Sermon Series

Warming Up...

1. When and where was your last holiday destination abroad?
2. What did you observe about that culture that was different to our own British culture?

Aims & Objectives of today's session:
The aim of today's session is to encourage members to discuss and explore more on how to best support missions, pray, and maybe explore more about missions.

Part 1: In The Word

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8. What do these verses say about God's great purpose for missions?
2. How else is God's heart for the nations revealed throughout the Old and New Testaments?

Part 2: Out In The World

3. Think about the local context and the context overseas, what's the difference in your opinion?
4. What are some modern barriers to mission work (e.g. political, cultural, linguistic) and how can these things be resolved? How should we respond?

Part 3: Being Part of The Work

5. What role(s) can or should every believer play in missions? (go, send, support, pray)?
6. What is the importance of short-term missions, and how can they be done well?
7. In what ways can someone be a missionary in their own city?

Part 4: Praying for God's Way

8. Are there individuals serving overseas as long-term missionaries, or individuals you know about to go on short-term missions you know of? How can we pray for them? Write these down to share in your whatsapp group chat so all can keep praying for them.
9. **For homework:** we have shortlisted 8 countries that are in need of prayer according to Operation World and OpenDoors (persecuted church). Within your group delegate each person to pray for a specific country, committing each day for a week to praying over a certain topic about that country. We have also included some helpful resource links for you to guide your prayers. You can look online for more resources on how to pray for that country, and consider YouTube to watch any tourism videos promoting that country, so you can picture what that country may present to the world, while considering the spiritual needs of the people there.

Homework / Challenge for this week
See point 9, and pray for the following 8 countries for the next week.

- Brunei
- Libya
- Kazakhstan
- Myanmar
- North Korea
- Oman
- Saudi Arabia
- Sudan

Ending with prayer
Lord may Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, especially in this nation and overseas!