

**Core Seminars – Christian Living**  
**Discipling**  
*Week 10 – February 9, 2003*

**Encouraging a Passion for Missions**

*Encouraging a passion for missions in those we disciple is not merely a plea for them to consider going, that would not be too much to ask, it would be far too little!*

1. What does it mean to encourage a passion for missions in one we disciple?
  - Teaching that missions is not an optional add-on to the Christian life.
    - Goers.
    - Senders.
  - The Great Commission was given to the church.
  
2. Why should we be concerned about inculcating a passion for missions among so many items we might discuss?
  - Because we want them to prosper spiritually.  
(3 John 1-8 Love for the task and those who carry the Gospel as a mark of faithfulness and growing maturity in Christ.)

- Because we want God to get glory.
- Missions seldom discussed as part of basic discipleship.
- Because a concern for missions is not optional and not for “super-Christians.”

3. What can we DO in discipling relationships to encourage this passion?

- Make the topic of missions a regular part of your relationship
  - Pray for missions and missionaries together.
  - Read a good book on missions

***Let the Nations be Glad, John Piper***

*Operation World*, Patrick Johnstone

*Missionary Methods*, Roland Allen

*From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, Ruth Tucker

*Mack and Leeann’s Guide to Short-term Missions*, Mack Stiles

Various Missionary Biographies

- Model a concern for missions.
- Talk specifically about their role in world evangelism.

4. What if the person I am discipling seems like they may want to go?

- Talk to someone you trust if you need help or advice.
- Encourage them to talk to a church leader sooner rather than later.
- Help them realize the church sends missionaries, not they themselves.

Conclusion:

- Concern for the Global cause of Christ is a basic part of what it means to be a faithful disciple.
- Helping our friends to understand this truth will give them greater joy, and God his rightful glory.

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***Next Week: Encouraging a Passion for Missions***