

Going Global: Nepal



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In a nutshell: It is our responsibility as Christians to reach out to our community AND to the world.

Icebreaker: Countries all over the world have customs, cultures and religions different than ours.

Discuss: Where have you traveled that has given you the most “culture shock?” It could even be somewhere here in the U.S.

Going Global: When, Where and Why.

Read Acts 1:8. (Compare multiple translations.) We are told to wait on the Holy Spirit and then we are called to witness. We are to witness here in Athens, and Limestone, and Alabama, AND the “ends of the earth.”

Now: Tommy talked about how, in times of economic hardship, most churches tend to reign in their focus locally, but God did not say OR, He said AND.

Discuss: How do you feel about God’s call to reach Globally even when we are in a recession? Are you willing to answer the call?

Nepal: Most churches stop thinking about those outside their walls by year nine. Thankfully, Friendship is much older than that and still looking locally and globally. As a church the focus globally is falling on the country of Nepal. Bishwa and his wife Ramilla gave us an insight to the need for missionaries in Nepal. The Church in Nepal grew from 60 in 1960 to 800,000 presently, yet this is only 4% of the population.

Discuss: What will your role be? What can you do to remember those outside the church walls on a global scale?

The need is Great! Until 1990 Christianity was illegal. Nevertheless, Bishwa explained how Nepali Christians are eager and willing to contribute and witness. Now that Nepal has a version of democracy, they are not as hindered legally, but very much socially. The Church in Nepal is greatly outnumbered by Hindus and Buddhist. We live in a country where we can worship freely, not only legally, but with little to no social discrimination. We need to support and help these 4% of Nepali’s expand the kingdom.

Discuss: What impact do you feel social discrimination would have on your Christian life? Would it make you stronger or cause you to shy away? Do you see the need for our help in Nepal?

As a Group: There is strength in numbers! As a group we can do more than we can as individuals.

Discuss: What can we do as a group to support *Going Global*?