

Everyday Everywhere Commissioning



Big Idea:

We are set apart to live as missionaries

Opening Question:

Share one of the most memorable days of your life?

In this series we hope to reclaim the word “missionary” and help followers of Jesus to see their calling as living out the mission of Jesus; making disciples in their everyday community.

1. As we wrap up this series of living as a missionary, what has been most impactful for you?

READ

Joshua 3:1-17 and Joshua 4:1-9

2. What stands out to you in this story?

God has promised to bring the Israelites out of their misery and captivity and to give them a land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:17). So, the Israelites leave their oppression and slavery and embark on a 40-year journey to the promised land. Based on the distance, the journey should have only taken only 11 days, but takes the Israelites 40 years as God used this time to help the Israelites learn to trust him. And finally, after 40 years of anticipation, on the eve of entering the land God had given them, their leader Joshua says this:

Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you. Joshua 3:5

The word “consecrate” means to set yourself apart for a higher purpose.

3. In what ways do you feel set apart for a higher purpose, and in what ways does this not feel possible?

God made a promise to the people:

As soon as you set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap. Joshua 3:13

4. Why do you think God waited for someone to put their foot in the water before the stream would stop flowing? What would it take to be the first person to put your foot in the water?
5. Share a “foot in the water” moment for you when it came to trusting God.

The people had to trust God's promises in order to participate in his plan.

6. Where are you struggling to trust God when it comes to living out his plan as a missionary?

And now you have become living building-stones for God's use in building his house. What's more, you are his holy priests; so come to him—you who are acceptable to him because of Jesus Christ- and offer to God those things that please him. 1 Peter 2:5

As followers of Jesus, we are living stones building the house of God which is the Church, the community of Christ-followers in the world.

7. Go around the circle, and have each person share one thing this group can do help them as they live as a missionary; a living stone building the house of God in the world.

MICRO GROUP

Get into smaller micro-groups of 3 or 4 for the remainder of this discussion guide. Keep these same micro groups throughout this series.

8. If you were able to participate in the commissioning service this past Sunday, share what that experience was like for you.
9. Pray for the people God is calling you to be a missionary to.

H2O – Habits to Outcome

Spiritual habits (Bible engagement, prayer, community, journaling, serving, sabbath, silence and solitude, etc.) help us to encounter Jesus. Every encounter with Jesus has the potential for **Character Transformation*** and **Calling Activation***. This series will focus on the spiritual habit of **Prayer**.

Challenge:

Attend Missionary Pathway

A 5-week online course, beginning Monday, April 1st at 7pm

Registration link at QR code



***Character Transformation** means that your character is demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit as you become more like Jesus. (Galatians 5:22-23)

***Calling Activation** means that you are living out your primary calling as a disciple maker. (Matthew 28:19-20)