

Chapter 3 – The Global Church

Remember: teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

In preparing to discuss this lesson, be aware that the people in your group could be at completely different extremes when it comes to the global church. Some may be extremely passionate about missions while others may want nothing to do with them. As you guide and direct discussion, be honest about your own personal exposure to the global church. Share stories and experiences if you have them. Be sure to mention what scared you the most about your experience, but also share about how your experience impacted you life. Before you close this session, encourage group members to wrestle with the question, “*What is your role in the local/global church?*” and remind them that the global church doesn’t exclusively mean “*way over there in another country.*” This is especially true for our amazing city and it’s role in today’s world.

Starting the Conversation:

How “well-traveled” are the members of your group? A great way to open this chapter might be to have everyone share the different places around the world that they’ve visited (not just mission trips, but vacations and business travel too). This will also give you an idea of what your group’s global worldview might look like.

Additional Questions Related to Lon’s Message:

1. How might serving overseas expand our view of the global church and what God is doing in the world?
2. What excuses or fears might be keeping you from going on a Global Impact trip?
3. Is there a specific part of the world that your heart breaks for? A place that you desperately desire to see transformed by the Gospel? If so, how can you invest in that specific area?

Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **A Heart to Serve** – “*What does your heart break for?*” If you can answer this question, then you’re one step closer to discerning your part in God’s global mission. Have your group members begin to think and pray through that question and discuss it next week. If they need help thinking through this, the *Passion Indicator* worksheet (available online) can help them identify what the Lord has given them a heart for.
- **Go on a Global Impact Trip** – If you’ve never served on a short-term trip, maybe it’s time you considered going! If you or group members are interested in learning more about our short-term mission trips and how to sign-up, have them visit: www.mbctysonson.org/triplist
- **Additional Related Passages:** *Matthew 28:19–20; John 3:16; Acts 1:8; James 2:5*
- **Memory Verse:** *Acts 1:8*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply

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