



Weeks of April 23-30 God's Relentless Faithfulness¹

Overview:

Our Missions Week theme is **God's Relentless Faithfulness**. The apostle Paul said, "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb 10:23). During the week, we will specifically remember and celebrate God's relentless faithfulness to the nations of Gold Kingdom and El Dorado. Becky McCabe will speak the first Sunday of Missions Week, April 23 on God's faithfulness and how we are called to be faithful.

Group Objectives:

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members.
- To "spur one another on to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24). What specific next step is God asking you to take? What is your role in taking the Best News ever to the Nations?

DNA statement(s) tie-in:

- *We are on mission to reach one more.* Every person matters to God, so every person matters to us. God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to reach one more—one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friend.
- *We bring the best news ever to the least reached people.* It is our privilege to take the gospel around the world. We focus on the hardest places in the world where all the odds are stacked against us.

Read and Reflect: Bible Study Discussion

Mission opportunities can be across the street or across the globe. Those opportunities are available for every believer, and each of us is called to participate in the Great Commission. Let today's texts be an encouragement to find your own "best next step" in sharing the good news with someone else.

- **Read John 21:1-14**
 - What stood out to you from this text that you did not see before?
 - Why do you think Peter said, "I am going fishing," rather than continuing to do what he'd done the last 3 years of following Jesus?
 - Share about a time you wanted to say "This is not what I signed up for! I'm tired. I quit. I'm done being on mission with Jesus and am going back to what is comfortable."
 - How does Jesus respond to Peter and why might that be encouraging to you and me?

¹ This discussion guide was written by Eva Brant and edited by Dawn Gentry.

- **Read John 15:1-5**
 - When Jesus says, “apart from me you can do nothing,” is that a heavy statement to you or one that refreshes your soul? Why?
 - Our role is to cling to the Father because only He can save the lost. Only He can heal. Only He can set us free. We get to join him! How might God be asking you to join him on mission?

Respond and Do

- Research some upcoming short-term mission trips across the globe. Perhaps some of your community group members will sign up with you to travel, or to provide financial support? Opportunities are listed here: <https://cccomaha.gomethod.app/#!/#/>
- Sign up as a group to serve at one of several local service opportunities. <https://cccomaha.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/25319>
- Give financially to support specific missionaries or residents. Find those links at <https://www.ccomaha.org/give-online>

Reflect and Pray

- The missions’ team is releasing a **new prayer guide** this week, so pick one up at the building starting Sunday, April 23, 2023. Due to security issues, it is in print form only and will be on the tables outside of the sanctuary. After Sunday, April 30, any extras will be available at the Info desk. Use the guide to pray daily for the missionaries we support.
- Join others from CCC monthly to prayer over International Workers over Zoom. To sign up, email vickie@cccomaha.org
- Pray over specific missionaries supported by CCC – find their names at <https://www.ccomaha.org/internationalworkers>
- Pray for C&MA missionaries by country of service – find suggested prayers at <https://cmalliance.org/pray/>

For further study:

Pathak & Runyon. *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*. (Baker Books, 2012).

Walls and Ross, eds. *Mission in the 21st Century: Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission*. (Orbis books, 2008).

Winter and Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, 4th Ed.* (William Carey Publishing, 2009).

Alliance Life Magazine, <https://cmalliance.org/resources/alife/>