



Weeks of May 22-29
All of Jesus for All the World¹

Overview:

Our missions week theme is **All of Jesus for All the World**. Did you know there is *unequal access* to the gospel in our world? Jesus' solution is for us to "go make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19-20). For over 130 years, the Christian and Missionary Alliance has passionately worked towards completing Jesus' great commission. The Alliance is a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family that wants to take the best news ever to the least reached people. For over 100 years, CCC has been a leader in sending our best people and our best resources to the least reached places on earth with the good news of Jesus.

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 steps will you take to support local serving opportunities and/or overseas missions this summer?

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 Acts 1:1-8**
 - What stood out to you from this text that you did not see before?
 - Why do you think Jesus told his followers to stay in Jerusalem (rather than go out the same day to start the mission)?
 - Share about a time you were privileged to hear someone's "last words." Why was it so significant? Why do you think Jesus chose these words as his "last" to his followers?

¹ This study guide was written by Dawn Gentry.

- Have each person make a list of people in their circles who need Jesus in their *Jerusalem* (school or work), *Judea* (neighborhood), and *Samaria* (city or town). What is one way they can intentionally engage with each of these friends this summer?
- **Read Hebrews 10:19-25**
 - What promises/blessings in this text form the basis of our ability to persevere in faith?
 - Why do you think perseverance is so important for us to “spur one another on to love and good deeds”?
 - Have someone in the group share about a time they served in a local mission opportunity and/or on a global mission trip. What was most impactful about their experience?

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.cccomaha.org/give-online>

Reflect and Pray

- The missions team is releasing a **new missionary prayer guide** this week, so pick one up at the building starting Sunday, May 22, 2022. Due to security issues, it is in print form only and will be on the tables outside of the sanctuary. After Sunday, May 29th, any extras will be available at the Info desk. Use the guide to pray daily for the missionaries we support.
- Pray over specific missionaries supported by CCC – find their names at <https://www.cccomaha.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)