



Glocalization-Engaging the Whole World

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Bottom Line: We believe God's love and concern extends to all people in every place.

Icebreaker: Choose one question and share your answer: What do you know, or what skill do you have that you could teach me? What one material thing in your life (not Jesus, church, or family) would you most hate to lose? Would you rather go six months without running water, electricity, phone service, heat, air conditioning, more than two changes of clothing, or a car?

Key Verse: *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.* John 3:16-17

God loved the world. The World. Not just a few of us, but all of us. Sometimes we get so focused on the fact that we have a transforming personal relationship with God that we forget that love for the **whole** world is an essential characteristic of all who call themselves Christ followers. We are also to have a transforming relationship with the rest of the world God loves. Sometimes we are so focused on what happens to those who deny Christ, we forget that the gospel is good news. We're not sharing a message of condemnation but one of a God who loves humanity so much that He'd be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice so that they could be reconciled to Him.

When you get a grip on the good news of the love God has for the whole world, YOU want to become good news to the world in the way you intentionally live. God expects us to love God, love our neighbors (and that includes the entire world), and make disciples who will do the same. NewPointe is working to build strategic local, national, and global relationships to fulfill that Great Commission. We want to be imitators of God, and, like Him, sacrifice to bring spiritual, emotional, relationship, and physical hope and healing to those in need.

We recognize that sharing the gospel is far more than sharing right beliefs, it is sharing in love what we have. We are change agents, and change agents are those who have first been changed themselves. As we share sacrificially, living and teaching the truth of Jesus Christ, we have the power and potential to bring real change.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from today's message?

"We will never have compassion simply by praying for people. We must see their plight." How can you intentionally see the plight of the world?

How can you expose your children to the needs of others?

"We can be a people that no longer accepts that an accident of latitude determines the potential of a child. Will we realize our potential, or will we sleep in the comfort of affluence and apathy? We can't say we didn't know how. We can't say we couldn't afford it. And we can't say we didn't have a reason to." Reflect. Discuss. How do you answer the question?

"Don't fail to do something just because you can't do everything" (Bob Pierce). Why do you think we take this approach so often?

How would you explain what God expects of us?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

"When we committed ourselves to following Christ, we also committed to living our lives in such a way that a watching world would catch a glimpse of God's character; His love, justice, and mercy, through our words, actions, and behavior." Is this a new thought for most believers? For you? How do you feel about it?

"Jesus equated loving our neighbors with loving God." Discuss.

"God's love for us and ours for Him, when demonstrated to the world through acts of kindness, compassion, and justice is revolutionary, and when we become the agents of it, we make credible the message of a Savior who transforms men and women for eternity." Do you have an illustration of this in the last year?

"Whose game are we in? if we're in God's game, we need to put the American dream to death because God's game is a different game altogether." Discuss.

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Commit to praying for the world: locally, nationally, and internationally.
- 2) Commit to giving for the world. What can you do that represents sacrifice?
- 3) Commit to going. Consider how you could intentionally go to a “neighbor.”

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: Matthew 9:36

Tuesday: Proverbs 3:27

Wednesday: James 1:27

Thursday: 1 John 3:17-18

Friday: Matthew 7:12

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)