



### **This Week's Icebreaker Question:**

Have you ever been on a mission's trip? If so, where? If not, where would you want to go and why?

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-10 and Philippians 1:12-14. As Christians, missions can sometimes come at a high cost. Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:23-31 records a list of ways he has suffered for the Gospel. Yet in these two verses, Paul seems strangely optimistic about his situation. What should our attitude be towards persecution? How do you think God responds when Christians are persecuted?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Not every Christian is called to be a missionary, but the Bible does call all Christians to participate in the mission in a sacrificial way. What can Paul's example of the Macedonians teach us about missions giving?
3. Missions Sunday is all about reaching people for Christ. In John 4:35 Jesus says, "Wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest" (NLT). Why do you suppose Jesus' disciples did not recognize the significance of the moment they were in? Have you ever experienced a moment when God gave you an unexpected opportunity to witness to someone?
4. Read Ephesians 5:16-17. Why do you think Paul warns believers to make the most of their time? In our Christian life, what does it look like to take advantage of every opportunity?
5. Many of the mission's trips we do as a church focus on meeting the physical needs of the people. How can meeting a physical need (i.e., drilling for water, building a house, medical help) be a vehicle for sharing the Gospel? Why is it important not only to give in missions but also to go on mission trips when possible?

**This week please join us in praying for the church that we will have the honor of helping build in Basra, Iraq!**

### **Prayer Points for Rock Church Basra:**

- Pray for Pastor Ammar and Rock Church Basra
- Pray specifically for the permitting process, the engineering, and the construction of all three floors.
- Pray for their plans to have "study" rooms where they will train and disciple believers.
- Pray for their plans to have a radio broadcast room where they can rebroadcast 5 hours of radio that comes out of Baghdad from our Assemblies of God church there. This radio broadcast has been a great source where people can call in anonymously to ask questions about life in general and Christianity specifically.
- Please pray for our very first Assemblies of God missionaries in Basra. They are a young family with young children. Please pray for their kids to acclimate to their school system, to develop friendships, and to open doors for the sharing of the Gospel.