

World Missions

Goal: To encourage a heart for world missions and to educate Core members on the need for world missions. To help Core members discover ways that they can be involved in reaching the world for Christ.

- Tell your Core that you're going to talk about world missions and our role in what God is doing on a global scale.

Openers:

- Make a list of all the countries that people in your group have been to!
- Ask if anyone has been on a missions' trip or out of the country and ask them to tell a story of that experience of a new culture or place.
- What would your life be like if no one had ever told you about Jesus? Be specific.

Scripture:

Romans 10:13-15 (NIV)

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."^[a]

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"^[b]

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT)

16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of **all the nations**,^[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Footnotes:

^[a] Joel 2:32

^[b] Isaiah 52:7

Digging Deeper:

- Define an unreached people group: *a group that is less than 2% evangelical Christian.* When the percentage is that low, it is very unlikely that someone will hear about Jesus from someone that they already know.
- Print out the statistics at the end of this help and cut them into strips. Pass them around to your Core members and have people read them out loud. What struck you? Why?
- Introduce CCF's missions motto:
Every student goes. Every student gives. Every student prays. Every student welcomes.
- Briefly discuss as a group what each of these means - go, give, pray, and welcome.
(Go = going overseas, short-term or long-term. Give = financially supporting world missionaries. Pray = praying for people around the world who need Jesus and for world missionaries. Welcome = reaching out to international students on our campus.)
- Which of these (go, give, pray, welcome) comes easiest or most naturally to you?
- Which of these (go, give, pray, welcome) is most difficult or intimidating to you?
- Which of these (go, give, pray, welcome) do you think you can do right now?
(Have everyone share, and then make a note for yourself to follow up about that in your next 1:1!)
- Divide into 4 groups. Assign each group either going, giving, praying, or welcoming. Have each group make a list of the barriers they see to that aspect of involvement in world missions. And practical ways to do this as COLLEGE STUDENTS *(You could do this in STATIONS -- 4 stations - 1 for each (go, give, pray, welcome) and have different reflections or activities at each one - could help keep people more engaged.)*
- As a whole group, come back and share the lists you came up with. What does God want us to do in light of those barriers?

APPLICATION IDEAS:

- Pick a country that you've been to and pray, pray for represented countries on Western's campus and international students and/or pick a world missionary or 2 that you know and pray for them.
- Support a missionary as a core.
- Talk about one or 2 specific world missionaries that you know of and talk about what they do. You could bring one or ask your core if they know of one or support one. Tell them about any missionaries you support and what they do!
- Take an offering for a world missionary
- Give each person a statistic to pray over throughout the week or a country that is represented on Western's campus.
- Copy a page out of "Operation World" and hand out for people to read and pray over during the week .
- XAI 21 DAY CHALLENGE!

Resources:

- www.thetravelingteam.org
- www.xaexpeditions.com
- Operation World (book that can guide your prayers for the world)
- XAI 21 DAY CHALLENGE (you can get these books from Jonathan Lytle)

Don't forget the stats on the next page!

Statistics

www.thetravelingteam.org/stats

Unreached people groups make up 42.1% of world population

There are 900 churches for every one unreached people group.

4,400 languages are without Scripture portions available

80% of international students return to their countries without being invited to an American home.

40% of the world's 220 Heads of State once studied in the US.

Only 10% of international students are reached by ministries while in the United States.

Money that goes toward Unreached Peoples each year: \$450 million (that's only 1% of what is given to "Missions.") That's also how much Americans in 2011 spent on Halloween costumes (for their pets).

Evangelical Christians could provide all of the funds needed to plant a church in each of the 6,900 unreached people groups with only 0.03% of their income.

If every evangelical gave 10% of their income to missions we could easily support 2 million new missionaries.

The number of current Unreached People Group missionaries compared to the total 2 billion Christians in the world equals the same probability of being in a plane accident (.0005%).

The ratio of Unreached People Group workers to the total unreached world is: 1 missionary for every 216,300 people

95% of full time Christian workers are working within the Christian world.