



## Conversation Starter

- What countries have you travelled to? Which one was your favourite country?

## Digging Deeper

God's mission is to reveal Himself and reconcile all people to relationship with Him. We all play a key part in the success of the mission of God as it takes place everywhere on earth. We are on mission with God all the time and everywhere we go.

### Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

- After reading 1 Corinthians 9, what words or phrases stand out to you?
- How does Paul respond to cultural differences?
- How can you take on Paul's attitude towards the people around you? What about those who are different?
- Reflect on the cultures represented in our city. What are some ways that we can learn to connect with those from different cultures?

President David Hearn of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada writes: "It is time for a new dream. One of the profound

realities is that the nations of the world are coming to Canada. The Alliance must develop a new agility that allows us to move quickly enough to seize the opportunities that God brings to us. Over the years, we have operated with two strategic plans, one for our domestic or national interests and another for our global or international interests.

It is time to have a unified strategy, a global plan that allows us to work more effectively in this time of rapid change. We are calling this global plan the Five “S” Strategy – Sea-to-Sea, Sun, Sand, Silk, and Spice – all integrated in a global thrust to reach the least-reached people in our world.

Least-reached people groups are those in which evangelical Christians comprise less than 2% of the population. According to Joshua Project, there are over 6,600 unreached people groups representing 42.1% of all the world’s people groups.”

President Hearn continues, "We need to rise up with renewed boldness to risk for the sake of those who have never heard. In the next 10 years, we are committed to making our greatest impact for the Kingdom."

As the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we are involved all around the world and we send out International Workers to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the unreached people groups that still remain. You and I also have a part to play here in Calgary to connect with those from outside the four walls of the church building who might even be from different cultures.

*Everyone* plays a key part in the success of the mission of God. God is raising up believers and equipping them for His mission all over the world and that includes right here in Calgary. Each person and each role is equally valuable, and that includes your part to play too!

Now take a moment and reflect on your life.

- How is God equipping you to be on mission for Him? (What are your gifts, interests and special skills? What education or training have you had? What is your profession?)
- Is God calling and equipping you to be on mission within your culture or in another culture?
- What next step could you take to become more effective for where God is calling you to be?

God's mission takes place *everywhere* on earth. "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10) is our prayer as we live on mission, sharing Jesus' victory everywhere.

- What would it look like in your life to have God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven?
- Read John 17:15-18. What words or phrases stand out to you? How can we live in the victory Jesus has claimed for us in our world?
- How can we share this victory with others who have not experienced the Kingdom of God?

God's mission can be lived out *all the time*. Whether we simply live out the fruit of the Spirit in a moment of frustration or share the news of the Kingdom of God with a friend, we must not forget we are God's representatives on earth, set apart to make Him known.

- Read Psalm 96:2-5. What does it look like for us today to "declare His glory among the nations" today?

Your faith is a lifestyle. This means that we are on mission for God in every situation as His representatives.

- How can you make your faith your lifestyle in a new way this week that glorifies God to the people around you?

## **Praise & Prayer Points**

Spend some time praying and think about what God is doing in your life.

*\*(For more information about the International Workers we partner with at FAC, be sure to check out our website.*

*<https://www.faccalgary.com/globalimpact/>)*