

# FBC Small-Group Materials

Week of April 23rd, 2006  
Various Scriptures; Why Missions?

## **For Small-Group Leaders**

“Mission begins with an explosion of joy. The news that the rejected and crucified Jesus is alive is something that cannot possibly be suppressed. It must be told.” Leslie Newbigin

Dear Leaders,

One of the truly unique ministries at FBC is Missions. Did you know that FBC has 24 individuals/families who are representing us on the mission field? Did you know that most of them at one time attended FBC? Did you know that we have missionaries doing jungle ministry, campus ministry, church planting, Bible translation and a whole lot more? It really is exciting to see how God has extended the ministry of FBC to the ends of the earth. This week we learn together about God's heart for the world and what he is doing through his church to reach people to the ends of the earth.

God Bless,  
**Scott**

These small group materials are available at the info table each Sunday and at [www.fbcdavis.org](http://www.fbcdavis.org).

### **Discussion Starters:**

- **Culture-shock:** Have you ever been on a trip out of the U.S. and experienced culture-shock? If so, what about that culture was different?
- **Short-term mission trip?** Have you ever been on a short-term mission trip? If so, where did you go?

### **Discussion Questions:**

Please read Acts 13:1-5.

1. What was the environment like in the church at Antioch?
2. Was the “calling” of Paul and Barnabas personal, corporate or both?
3. What lessons might we learn from this model of early church mission?
4. How do these lessons apply to cross-cultural missions at FBC?
5. Please read 2 Corinthians 1: 8-11.
6. How were things going for Paul “in the province of Asia”? What kind of pressure was he under?
7. Paul is comparing his situation with Christ's death and resurrection. Why do you think he does that?
8. What redemptive purpose did God accomplish through Paul's sufferings in Asia?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. How was Paul's experience an encouragement to the Corinthians?

**Group Prayer:** FBC has several missionaries who are facing difficulties and are feeling hard pressed. One is trying to re-form a team; several are in transition; some are hoping to overcome political hurdles; some are dealing with serious family health issues; and some are “under great pressure.” Take some time as a group to “help them by your prayers.”

**Putting it into Practice:** Has your home group adopted an FBC missionary to care for? If so, is there anything your group could do to encourage and support your missionary? If not, would your group be interested in adopting a missionary? You can contact the Missions Team about adopting a missionary by emailing [info@fbcdavis.org](mailto:info@fbcdavis.org).