

God So Loved the World

FBC Small-Group Guide
Week of April 15th, 2007

For Small-Group Leaders

Dear Leaders,

Easter was glorious. Both then and now. It struck me as I listened to Pastor Glen on Easter morning how central the Great Commission was to the Resurrection. Jesus didn't RISE just so we could celebrate. Jesus rose so that we could go. "Go and make disciples of all nations," Jesus said shortly after he had risen. Go. Make disciples. Tell them. FBC has always been committed to that mandate. From its earliest days, FBC has put a high value on local and global missions. We are all called to missions - to care and be involved with what God is doing around the world. Those who go, we call missionaries. Those who stay, we call senders. Most of us are senders. We as senders have the privilege of reaching out to those who are without Christ here, and we have the privilege to pray and support those who go the ends of the earth with the gospel. This week FBC is beginning a four-week look at missions. Our hope is that we would all grow in our understanding and passion for what God is doing here and around the world.

Seeking him with you,

Scott

These small group materials will be available at www.fbcdavis.org throughout the *Call to Prayer*.

Getting Started (options to get group discussion going):

- Read aloud the above introduction or summarize it in your own words so that your group knows why FBC is looking at missions for four weeks.
- Share a time when an aspect of God's character became very real or meaningful to you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read aloud Genesis 3:1-9.
2. How does Adam and Eve's actions impact their relationship with each other and with God?
3. Read verses 8-10. What are some characteristics of God revealed in these verses?
4. Pastor Glen has said about verse 9 that it represents the first words of grace in the Bible. What is it about verse 9 that reveals God's grace?
5. Read Luke 15 aloud. How does Luke 15 relate to the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis?
6. How is God's grace revealed in these parables?
7. Genesis 3:9 is a precursor to Luke 15. What do these passages tell us about God's heart for people?
8. How does God pursue people today?

Make it Personal:

1. Adam and Eve are the ones who sinned, yet God came looking for them. How did God come looking for you?
2. Do you have a passion for those who are lost without Christ? Why or why not?

Putting it into Practice

1. Who is someone in your life that God is "looking for?"
2. Close in prayer, asking God to increase your heart for the lost and to provide opportunities for you to be his voice.