

Sermon Notes

"The Value of a Short-term Cross-Cultural Missions Trip"

John 4

March 12, 2023

4. How does Jesus describe their future participation in the work and "will of him who sent me" (John 4:24-38; cf. 4:23)? How is this similar and different from other calls Jesus extended to these men (John 1:39,43,46; Matt 4:19; Luke 5:10-11; Luke 5:27-29)? In what ways is Jesus calling you to be "on mission" with him?

5. Would you consider participating in a short-term cross-cultural missions trip in the future? What obstacles would have to be addressed? Take some time to pray about these.

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-12-2023

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever participated in a short-term cross-cultural missions trip? If so, what's something you learned on that trip? If you've not participated, is it something you've ever considered before?

Digging Deeper:

Read John 4:1-43

2. Why is this event cross-cultural for the disciples? What did they observe, experience, and hear during this trip? How do you think it might have affected you had you been one of the disciples?
3. Consider the importance of taking several short trips with Jesus (John 1:35-51; 2:1-11; 2:12; 2:13 – 3:21; 3:22 – 4:4ff) before responding to his invitation to follow him to learn how to influence people for Christ (Mt. 4:18-22; Mk 1:16-20). What contributed to their willingness to follow Him? How might God use a short-term trip in our own lives to solidify our following of Christ when we return?