

missions sunday

Week of April 28

Hebrews 10: 19-25; 11: 8-10; 13: 11-16¹

Overview

Welcome to Missions Sunday where we will be reflecting on the theme of **Nomadic Faith**. The author of Hebrews encourages us to live by faith just like God's chosen leaders before us. For Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that meant living like nomads in the land God had promised them. They were "looking forward to the city...whose architect and builder is God." (Heb 11:9-10) This week we will be hearing about what it looks like for Alliance workers to plant communities of faith among nomadic peoples.

Group Objectives

Relationships and Life Transformation are the primary purposes of community groups.

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Examine our faith journey in light of Hebrew's nomadic principles.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members...how can you "build one another up" this week?
- Pray for God's call to reach your "one more."

DNA statement(s) tie-in

- ***We are On Mission to Reach One More.*** Every person matters to God, so every person matters to us. God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to **reach one more** – one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friend.
- ***We are All for Jesus.*** Jesus saves us from our past, remakes us to be like him, heals our broken places, and is coming back as our king. Only Jesus is worthy of our allegiance, and worldly division has no place for those who follow him.
- ***We bring the Best News Ever to the Least Reached People.*** It is our privilege to take the gospel around the world. We focus on the hardest places in the world where all the odds are stacked against us.

Listening to God

- How have you seen God working in your life and the life of others this week?
- Have you felt prompted to do or say something that you have held back from? Share and pray for boldness in taking this step of trust with Jesus together as a group or in pairs.

¹ This discussion guide was written by Jake Tillet & Eva Brandt and edited by Dawn Gentry. For additional content, see the [sermon online](#) and the reading plan [found here](#).

Conversation Starters

- What stood out to you from this week's sermon?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

- **Read Hebrews 10:19-25**
 - Summarize the 3 encouragements in this passage. (Hint, note the phrase "Let us"...)
 - What is the direction of our movement in this passage? What should be our object of supreme worth?
 - In what ways have you felt yourself drawing near to God?
 - What spiritual disciplines help you connect with Jesus in ways that bring healing to your shame, pain, and doubt?
 - Compare verse 23 with Hebrews 11:8-10. What is the nature of our hope?
 - How do you need to be "spurred on" by your community? How can they encourage you in your faith journey right now?
 - Share this with the group or with a couple of trusted friends this week.
- **Read Hebrews 13:11-16**
 - What do you see in this passage that relates to the passage above?
 - What does it look like for you to go to Jesus "outside the camp?" What will it cost you?
 - In light of the encouragements in these two passages, how can we help each other, in community, engage in mission?

Reach One More Challenge

- This week pray for boldness in going "outside the camp" with your Reach One More or in a work environment.
 - Next week, share with the group what you learned and how you saw God at work.

Prayer Prompts

- Invite members of the group to share requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following prompts.
 - *Jesus, where are you asking me to go outside the camp? What might you be asking me to sacrifice in order to help others? Would you give me peace and courage to step into this with you?*

For further study

- For more about the **Reach One More** initiative, see www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org.
- The Missions team released **30 Days of Prayer for the Fulani People**. This can be found in baskets outside the worship center or in magazine racks around CCC.
- For practical ideas you can implement as you reach one more, see <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzdVE7HNsqM-FEzli5Etuzj379W7kUsxO>
- Heather Holleman, *Sent: Living a Life that Invites Others to Jesus*
- Pathak & Runyon, *The Art of Neighboring*

Some copies of these books may be available at the CCC resource booth to purchase on-site.