

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

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Introduction

In our recent generations the Church in the West has at times been accused of being 'asleep at the wheel' in terms of our international missional impact, especially in the area of the globe known as the 10:40 window, through Asia; Africa and the middle eastern regions. This area has the lowest percentage of known believers in the world, and yet is the place where the greatest opportunities exist for the work of God to change the lives and communities of those who have never heard of the name of Jesus.

Bible Passage

1 Samuel 17:1-57

Discussion

1. Who or what are the giants that we face as believers in our time? What other world religions could be seen as a Goliath? Why?
2. Read verse 45. David came against Goliath in the Name of the Lord. Why is there power in His name? Do we see this in our own lives? How might this apply in mission?
3. Read Joel 2:28. In many countries where Christianity is banned, God is speaking through dreams and visions to reveal himself to unreached people groups. God is able to reveal himself without our help, so why are we called to share our faith? What does sharing our faith do for a believer?
4. Throughout the New Testament and throughout history the times when the gospel has spread the most prolifically is when the church has been under persecution. Why is this the case? What does this mean for us today? In the future?

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5. Who are the people whom God has positioned you to connect with and share the good news of Jesus with?
6. Have you ever considered serving God in an international ministry?

Respond

Not every person is called to travel abroad and share the gospel with unreached people groups of the world, however we are ALL called to share our faith where we are, and offer support for those who do.

We all have a part to play.

What is one thing that you can do this week to share your faith with others?

What is one way that you can support an international gospel worker? When will you start?

