

Bible Summary -Phil. 1:20-23

People and Potholes

Jason Folkestad is a missionary in Uganda who ministers to the local population by managing a fish farm to help feed the hungry. He pointed out that as members of the body of Christ we are all--like him--missionaries right where we are. We ought to examine ourselves and our sense of purpose by asking in what ways we are reflecting Christ in our own communities. There may be times when our fears prevent us from carrying out God's purpose, but through these times Jason encourages us to live boldly for Christ in meeting the needs of our community.

Scriptures: Phil. 1:20-23, Psalm 96

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. If you are a Christian, do you see yourself as a missionary?
 - a. Name 2 people you know in your daily walk that could benefit from knowing who Jesus Christ is.
2. Is there anything you feel God is calling you to do that you are hesitant to do because of fear?
 - a. What are those fears?
 - b. What would help you overcome those fears?
3. How did today's sermon challenge your understanding of what it means to be a missionary?
 - a. What makes a person a missionary?
4. Jason uses his skills and passion as an engineer to build a fish farm to feed the local community. How can you use your gifts or skills to be a missionary in your community?
5. Jason mentioned he's afraid to have his kids grow up in this community. Share some concerns you have with our community and pray for those concerns as a group.
6. Commit to praying about some missional opportunities around you.