

WE ARE A MISSIONARY COMMUNITY  
STUDY GUIDE.

1. What do we think it means to be a missionary? Talk about the difference between our responsibility to send out missionaries – to all nations – and our being sent out as a missionary within our own community.
2. What is the difference between our corporate responsibility as a church to be a missionary community and our own individual responsibility? Maybe you can share opportunities you have been given to talk about Jesus and how you responded. I know I could talk about having both flight and fight responses in such situations!
3. Look again at Matthew 28:18-20 and think about what the implication of that might be for us today.
4. Look again at 1 Chron 16:23-25. What might God be saying to his people today in these verses? How might we be being called to 'proclaim his salvation day after day' and to 'declare his glory'?
5. Look again at Isaiah 6:8-9. Is God still asking that question today, to us? Does it make a difference that Isaiah was called to go – but with no assurance at all that anyone would actually listen?! Discuss what our response as a church might be to that question. Spend a little while thinking individually about what our own answer might be. If you want to, share any thoughts that come to mind, but don't feel obliged.
6. Look again at Matthew 7:20-27. Why does Jesus present it as so important that we don't just hear his words and believe his words, and even preach his words, but also put them into practice.
7. Spend time thinking and praying about how we can and should be living tomorrow as those, individuals and a community, sent by God into his world to proclaim by our lives and by our words, that he is Lord.