

Missions Month – October 12, 2008  
Sermon Notes

## ***Everyone***

*2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

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Life Group Study Questions – If you haven't signed up for a group, call 330-2104.

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### Connecting with Friends:

1. If you did not have any responsibilities next Saturday and could spend it in anyway, what would you do?
2. What's one favorite family pass time you enjoy during the fall season?

### Growing through God's Word:

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20 along with Christ's parables in Matthew 13:1-43, Mark 4:1-20, and John 15:1-8. Compare the growth and reproduction of His church to that of plants. Think about this: an obedient, Spirit-filled church has to reproduce at home or abroad. Are you contributing to this goal of making disciples? How? Think about the role of the soil, the seed, and the one who sows. Who had a role in planting spiritual seeds in your life? What kind of soil was your life then and now? What seeds are you planting? Discuss. In John 15 Jesus declares, "My Father cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he trims cleans so that it will be even more fruitful." Think about where God is trimming and discuss what fruit is growing.
2. One of the teaching pastors pointed out this weekend that there are three characteristics of someone who lets Jesus shine through their life: they are people with love, compassion and humility. Pick one of these characteristics and explain of how this characteristic is evident in your life. Which characteristics would you like to see more evident in your life? Why?
3. Looking back on Pastor Raley's comments, what stands out to you as particularly helpful, difficult or insightful? Be ready to share something with the group.

### Caring for one another in prayer:

1. Pray for the work in India this week. Did you know that experts say that by the year 2020 there will be more people living in India than in any other country in the world? (Window on the World, Page 84.) Thank the Lord for every Indian Christian and for the thousands of missionaries and preachers from other countries who share the love of Christ. Pray for those working among the millions of people who go to the poor and homeless, blind and sick, drug addicted and suffering. Pray that one day Jesus will truly be king, the one and only God over all of India.
2. Discuss with your group ways you are letting Christ shine among your friends, relatives, neighbors, and associates. Mention how the group can pray for those you are witnessing to.
3. How would you like your Life Group to pray for you and your family this week?