

Missions Month – October 26, 2008  
Sermon Notes – Pastor Steve Shoop

## *Everyone*

*2 Peter 3:0 “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. What was the highpoint of your week? Why?
2. If you could no longer live in the Anchorage area, where would you go if you could move anywhere in the world and why?

### Growing through God's Word:

1. Read Luke 9:57-Luke 10:12. Also read Luke 10:25-37. Discuss the cost of following Jesus. What does "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" mean? How does this relate to "counting the cost"? How is the story of the Good Samaritan an example of counting the cost? What does "counting the cost" mean to you?
2. Someone has said that missions is about giving of your time, talent, and resources so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be heard around the world. Of these three areas (time, talent, resources), which do you freely give? Which is harder for you to give? Why? Discuss ways to enhance your giving? Consider making a faith promise...a promise of the time, talent, and resources you will give so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be heard.
3. What insight or principle from this week's message impressed you the most and why? Was there any concept you found difficult to understand or accept in the message? Please explain.
4. If someone were to ask what sticks out most in your mind about missions month, what would you say? What concept or principle presented during missions month has caused you to take action? Please discuss this with your group.

### Caring for one another in prayer:

1. Pray for Pastor Steve and Amy Shoop and the work in Guadalajara.
2. Pray that "the Lord of the harvest (would) send out workers into his harvest field."
3. Right now, the biggest challenge/stress I'm facing at work or home that you can pray with me about is . . . ?