



A Life-Long Mission Trip Bible Study

[Please provide: copies of this study, LSB hymnal and accompaniment]

Note: You might wish to use this Bible study as part of program that includes a speaker who has recently completed a short-term mission trip.

Have you recently heard about short-term mission teams going to many parts of the world? Have the sharing and the stories concerning these trips intrigued you? Do you feel as if God is tapping you on the shoulder to participate in such an adventure? In this Bible study, let's examine what God says about mission trip opportunities.

Opening Prayer: Dear God, despite our sins, You have chosen us and You work in us to spread Your Gospel throughout the world. As we study Your Word, open our hearts and our minds to new mission opportunities including mission trips where we can joyfully share Jesus our Savior with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our Mission

Read Psalm 145:4–13, Isaiah 43:10, and Matthew 28:18–20a. What is the mission God has given to every believer? _____

Read Romans 10:14–15. Why is God's mission for us so important? _____

How might these verses encourage you as you consider your participation in a mission trip?

Our Message

As believers in the Triune God, we are called to proclaim Him to the world. Read the following Bible passages. What facts does each one share concerning the God in Whom we believe?

Colossians 1:16: _____

Psalm 145:15–16: _____

John 3:16: _____

Ephesians 2:1–7: _____

Romans 4:25: _____

1 Corinthians 12:3: _____

These passages as well as others you know describe the Triune God and His work in our lives. Use these truths to develop a short paragraph that you could use as a way to share who God is with someone who does not know Him. _____

God's Call

Throughout the Bible, we read accounts of God inviting and even commanding His people to go and spread His saving Word. Read about one such account in Exodus 3:1–4:17.

How did God call Moses to go and serve Him? _____

What did God specifically ask Moses to do? _____

How did Moses initially respond to God's call? _____

How did God respond to Moses' objections? _____

As you ponder a mission trip opportunity, you might feel as Moses did. What gets in your way when asked to serve God? _____

When you have doubts and fears concerning serving God and sharing His Word, how might the following truths from the Bible reassure you?

Matthew 28:20b: _____

Romans 8:28: _____

Philippians 4:13: _____

Read Matthew 4:18–22. How did Jesus invite Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John to serve Him? _____

What did Jesus ask these four men to do? _____

How did these four fishermen respond? _____

Read Isaiah 6:5–8. What does Isaiah’s response to God’s call as well as the response of Peter, Andrew, James, and John say to you concerning how we are to respond when given the opportunity to share God’s Word? _____

God’s call to work for Him most likely will not come to you in a burning bush or in an appearance by Jesus Himself at your workplace. Through what means does God call us to work for Him?

The Importance Of Prayer As We Go For God

Read Ephesians 6:18–19. What did Paul ask the Ephesians to do for him? _____

Why did Paul make this request? _____

How might you incorporate the thoughts in Paul’s prayer as you prayerfully contemplate a mission trip? _____

A Final Thought

Mission trips can take place in a far-off land or in your own community. Since God has commanded us to share Jesus with everyone, our entire lives can actually be considered a mission trip, as wherever we go we are called to share Jesus’ saving love.

Read Colossians 1:3–14. What does the Holy Spirit give us that motivates us to share Jesus (vv.4–5)? _____

Reread verses 9–11. For what things did Paul pray that God would give the Colossians that we can also pray that God would give us as we serve Him? _____

Closing Prayer: Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for creating us, redeeming us, and for giving us faith in You. The Gospel message that Jesus died and rose to save us from our sins and to give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life is the most precious gift in all creation. Thank You for working in us so that we may share it with others. Wherever our mission trips may take us, give us strength and courage to tell others that salvation is found in You alone. Give us joy to serve You, even when it’s not easy. Wherever we go, keep us ever mindful that You are always with us so that we might accomplish all things to Your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Jesus, Send Us on Your Mission” by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy (Permission granted to the LWML for its use in this Bible study.) Tune: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” LSB 686

1. Jesus, send us on Your mission.
Make us servants true and bold.
Give us all courageous vision
That Your story may be told,
May we each, the nine fruits bearing
And the Spirit’s gifts displayed.
Leave this place, Your Good News sharing
You our Rock, our Staff, and Stay

2. “Go and serve where I will send you.
Let My will and yours be one.
Go in Peace. I will befriend you.
You will never be alone.
Waste no time, now is the hour.
Let your banners be unfurled.
Go united in My power.
Bring My love to all the world.”

3. Savior, rich in grace, all-knowing,
We will follow where You lead.
In our coming and our going
You’ll supply our every need.
So with alleluias raising,
And Your Name to still our fear.
On our way we now go, praising,
Sent to witness far and near!

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