



## Quick Overview

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

## Introduction

We often think of missions as something for only the select few. If you like to eat bugs and sleep in mud huts, then missions is for you. For the rest of us, we'll choose another option of following God. But missions is not simply one of many options. Missions is something that everyone is called to, because missions is what God is up to in the world. So how do we all get on board with what God is doing? In this session we will examine the why and how of a missions lifestyle.

## My Story

1. Do you have a passport? Where have you been with it? Where would you like to go?

## Exploring

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What is the mission we are called to? How are you currently engaged in this mission?

2. Read Revelation 22:20, the last recorded words of Jesus in the Bible. Jesus is coming again to the earth, but when He comes again it will be to initiate the end of the world as we know it. How can we maintain a sense of urgency in pursuing the mission we have been called to?

3. One of the motivations for adopting a missions lifestyle is that as Christians, we believe there is only one way to God. Read Acts 4:8-12 and discuss whether or not our culture is open or closed to such a claim.

4. Claiming that all religions lead to God could be compared to going to the airport and expecting to board any plane in the hope that they will all reach the same destination. Do you agree or disagree with that analogy?

5. All other world belief systems boil down to religion. Religion can be defined as what you do to reconnect with God. Christianity is about a relationship; with Christianity it has already been done—we have already been reconnected to God by Christ's death on the cross. What are the ramifications of this distinction?

## Next Steps

1. Read Acts 1:6-8. In light of the return of Jesus and the mission we are called to, what is your next step in getting on board with the mission?

2. Read Revelation 7:9-17. Reflect on what heaven will look like. Imagine all the people...from every tribe, tongue and nation. Think about the great celebration that will take place. Write down the emotions you will feel, seeing people there that you were able to invite to the party.

3. Memorize Acts 4:12

## NEW RIVER NEWS

### *The Accelerate Project*

Want more details about The Accelerate Project? Swing by the information desk and pick up an information packet, a prayer wristband, and a prayer guide.

### *Mission 29710*

Join us Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, as we share the love of Jesus through local mission projects including Coke and hotdog give-aways, yard work, and light construction. Sign-up today on one of the Project Sign Up Sheets in the lobby.

### *Next Steps Lunch*

Want to know more about New River? Where we've been and where we're going? Join us April 18th, 12:00 pm at South Campus. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, and become a member of New River Community Church. Free Lunch and Childcare will be provided. Please let us know you're planning on attending at [www.nrcc.net/events](http://www.nrcc.net/events)

### *Big, Big Day Coming*

The weekend of May 1st and -2nd we're having our Accelerate Project Commitment Weekend. Hundreds of people will be bringing a special offering above their regular tithes and offerings as well as 24 month Commitment Cards toward the expansion of our campus. This will be a HUGE Weekend of Celebration so plan on attending one of our 4 worship services that weekend.