

IMPACT

NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

Auburn Grace sent a short-term missions group to Thailand and India for two weeks in January to teach, share their testimonies, and work with pastors from a people group called the Akha people. It was a very impactful time!
(Pictured right)



Kyler and Claire Malarae moved to Osaka, Japan in April of 2022 with their two children Brody (age 6) and Kenna (age 3). Their desire is to share the gospel with the people of Japan where less than 0.5% of the population have a relationship with Jesus. Please pray for the hearts of the Japanese to be receptive of the good news of Jesus and for the Lord to open doors for relationship with many people. *(Pictured left)*

Naivasha, Kenya Africa is a city of about 200,000 people located about a four hour drive out of Nairobi. Bishop Abel Oyaro is in the process of planting a new church in Naivasha with assistance and support from Auburn Grace. *(Pictured right)*



Life Group Discussion Questions – February 16, 2025

Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

DISCOVER

1. As a group, define the word “gospel.” Is it difficult to give a succinct definition? Why is that? What scriptures might you reference to help with your definition?
2. Read Matthew 3:1-3 and 4:16-17. Is believing in Christ enough to be saved? What is the necessary precursor in order to truly receive the gospel message? In this context, is regret, guilt or shame enough in your understanding? Explain.
3. Which is more important for a missionary, meeting people’s needs or being true to the Lord in carrying out His calling? Explain.

EXPLORE

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20. How might we teach new disciples to “observe” or “obey” all that Jesus has commanded or taught? Discuss the significance of the four “alls” in the Great Commission.
2. Do missionaries have a different heart for the world than other Christians? Are they spiritually gifted and, thus, set apart in some way? What scriptures can you cite to substantiate your answer? How is your heart unlike a missionary’s heart? What can we do to cultivate a heart for the unlovely or unreached people groups?
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Put yourself in Isaiah’s sandals. In your words, describe what’s going on inside of you as you progress through this vision. What has God done that enables you to go from woe to emphatic joy in service to Him? How is this also relevant in your life today?
4. Read Romans 10:14-15. If you had to justify the need for missions then how would you present your case using these scriptures as the basis? What were Paul’s tactics on his missionary journeys?

EXPERIENCE

1. When we study God’s Word, we discover that He first draws us to Himself before He sends us to “all the earth.” Why does He do this? Have you observed this strategy to be effective in your experience as well? How so? How does motive impact this approach?
2. In what ways do you see Auburn Grace (AGCC) fulfilling the Great Commission? If you are not called to go on a mission journey then how can you support those who go? Based on the Great Commission, is your participation optional? Explain how you can participate.
3. Sometimes Christians are ostracized because there is a perception that we force our message on other people groups. How can we give a Godly and loving response to this criticism?
4. Check the missions page on the AGCC web site and pick a missionary to send a note of encouragement. Pray for them. If your Life Group has not adopted a missionary, then now is the time.

PRAY

Pray... Father in heaven, with fear and trepidation, we ask You to hold us accountable for our hearts for taking Your message of salvation to the ends of the Earth. Your love of man was manifested from creation and will carry through eternal life in Your presence. May our hearts be willing to fulfill Your commission to go. Amen.