

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ Group

Show the Bible Background Video followed by the "Sequoia Church" and/or "Mission Impossible" video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- In what ways do these video clips "fit" or "clash" with the scriptures?
- Assuming that any of you know it, what is your congregation's mission statement or motto? If you don't know it, why not?
- Based on your experiences with your congregation, what would you say its mission statement or motto should be and why?
- From where does your congregation, as a whole, get its sense of mission and why?
- In what ways do you think your congregation's mission is shaped by such things as the members; its denominational affiliation (or lack thereof); its way of doing things; community problems; or other factors?
- Imagine that you're restarting a congregation, built around the people in this group. You've just read this passage of scriptures and gotten pumped up by the videos. So what do you do first and why?

✔ React to This

Play the "Black Robe" video and/or "Here I am, Lord" song, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- How do you think these media pieces moments go with our conversation and why?
- What, if anything, is your personal life mission, and how are you going about achieving it?
- Assuming you don't have a sense of a "life mission," why not? What do you think might make it easier for you to develop such a sense of mission?
- Within the context of your congregation, what do you think might be the best "mission" for you and why?

- How might people best be helped to cultivate a sense of "mission," or to move forward with that sense of "mission" that they already have?

✔ Close

Invite people to complete this sentence: "I believe that God has called me to" Close with a prayer that the group might find the will to promote the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his original disciples.

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