

## THE ESSENTIALS: OUTREACH

Acts 1:6-11

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't.

-John Piper

Outreach....

I. Corrects Our Assumptions

II. Requires Higher Authority

### III. In Every Area

### IV. Carried Out in Anticipation

## Getting to Know You

1. What country would you want to be a missionary to? Why?

## Into the Bible

2. At the time Jesus was dedicated at the temple, a devout man named Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) recognized that he was the fulfillment of a prophecy about Messiah in Isaiah 49:5-7. Study the Isaiah passage. What are the promises that God makes about the spread of the Gospel that give you confidence in outreach to people that you know?

3. Revelation 7:9 gives us a prophetic picture of worship in heaven. Write down and discuss some of the details of that worship as it shows the results of people who obeyed Acts 1:7-8.

## **Application**

4. Where is your Judea? Who is close to you that you should share the Gospel with? Where is your Samaria? Are there people you would prefer not to share the Gospel with? Talk about what you should do to overcome that and share with them anyway.

5. What are the essential elements that need to be included in any presentation of the Gospel? Can your group come up with a concise definition? In industry, this is sometimes called an “Elevator Speech”—could you share it all with someone in the short time you ride with them on an elevator?

## **For Families**

6. Discuss question five in your family group. Make sure each of you can present the Gospel clearly and concisely.