



WHY BOTHER ?

STUDY GUIDE

“Why Bother with Global Missions?”

The video asked the question, “What have you learned in a cross-cultural situation that you might not have learned in your own culture? What answer sticks with you? How would you answer the question?”

When you hear the word “missions,” what good and bad images or stories come to mind?

In Psalm 96, what are several of the words that describe what we are to do?

What are some of the phrases that indicate that the message isn’t simply for Israel?

Why is the psalmist confident that YHWH is superior to all other deities and idols?

How is “judging” to be understood in the psalm? How is this different from the way we often think about “judging” today?

Fran said the world is not irredeemable, a huge failure, but will be redeemed, restored, renewed—brought back to what God intended it to be. If so, how does this affect the way you look at creation care?

What sort of things did Jesus do that show he was concerned about more than just spiritual salvation for people?

How does the bodily resurrection of Jesus support the idea that God will renew and restore the world, rather than destroying it because it’s a hot mess and big mistake?

How does our desire to be transformed into Christlikeness, and to have the heart of God, relate to being involved in missions?

Describe the two pitfalls leading to bad methods that we could fall into if we try to do missions on our own? (Hint—defeatism and/or triumphalism!)

What is the ‘10/40 window?’ What are “unreached people groups?” Why do they need cross-cultural missionaries, and what might a good goal be for those missionaries?

Fran suggested several roles though which EVERYONE can participate in global missions:

Learner, pray-er, welcomer, sender, pray-er, mobilizer, go-er. What role seems good for you at this stage of life? Are you interested in adopting a new role? What steps can you take to find out more?