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MISSION OF GOD

Session Two: Before the Trip

HOST

MATERIALS AND HANDOUTS

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Goal

- ✦ The host group will learn about the holistic nature of missions.
- ✦ The host group will consider what a relationship with an STM team will look like.
- ✦ The host group will develop ways to work alongside the STM team in the work God is already doing in the host community.

Prepare

- ✦ Read through Session 2.
- ✦ Watch the Session 2 Video and determine if its relevant to show to your community.
- ✦ Make copies of Session 2 Handouts.
- ✦ Ask the STM team for a video clip or statement about what God has been doing in their church ministry and in their community.

Materials

- ✦ Handouts for Session 2 (paper or electronic)
- ✦ Video for Session 2 (optional)
- ✦ Computer or projector for watching videos (optional)
- ✦ Newsprint or white board and markers
- ✦ Pens and pencils
- ✦ Bible

OPEN

10 minutes

Pray for God to open your group's heart to the mutual relationship of missions. Ask for a deep abiding knowledge that you will minister to the STM team deeply as they seek to minister to you.

EXPLORE

Time: 20 minutes

Watch the Session 2 Video on the mission of God. Discuss the question on Handout 2.1

CONNECT

Time: 20 Minutes

Read the summary from your STM team that describes something God has been doing through their church and in their community over the last six months.

Brainstorm priorities you as a host would like the group to focus on as they reflect on the way their visit fits with God's mission in the world and the work you are already doing. Use Handout 2.1 as a guide or this discussion.

CLOSE

Time: 10 Minutes

Take time to pray together over the goals you committed to as a group during this session. Share any other prayer requests and praises. Pray that God would change each and every life involved.

HANDOUT: SESSION 2.1

Discussion Questions

Read the following passages that were mentioned in the video:

Matthew 28: 16-20

Zechariah 1: 1-6

John 10: 7-10

2 Corinthians 5:17

1. What encourages you about viewing missions from God's perspective?

2. What challenges you?

3. How does this relate to the STM team?

4. How does it relate to your lives beyond the STM team visit?

If we aren't careful, we might end up believing that mission starts when the STM team shows up at our host location and ends when they leave. The STM team is committing to the following assumptions. Are we prepared to join them?

1. God has been at work through his people since Adam and Eve.

2. Christians in the host location have been faithfully living out God's presence long before the STM team arrives and will continue to live out God's presence long after they leave.

3. Mission—that is, service, evangelism, education, development, justice, and so on—is inherent in God's call on our lives as Christ-followers. It's something we are part of 365 days of the year, not just while we are partnering in a short term mission.

HANDOUT: 2-2 (FOR HOST LEADER TO RECORD GOALS)

These are the priorities we would like to focus on as we reflect on how the visit fits with God's mission in the world and the work we are already doing.

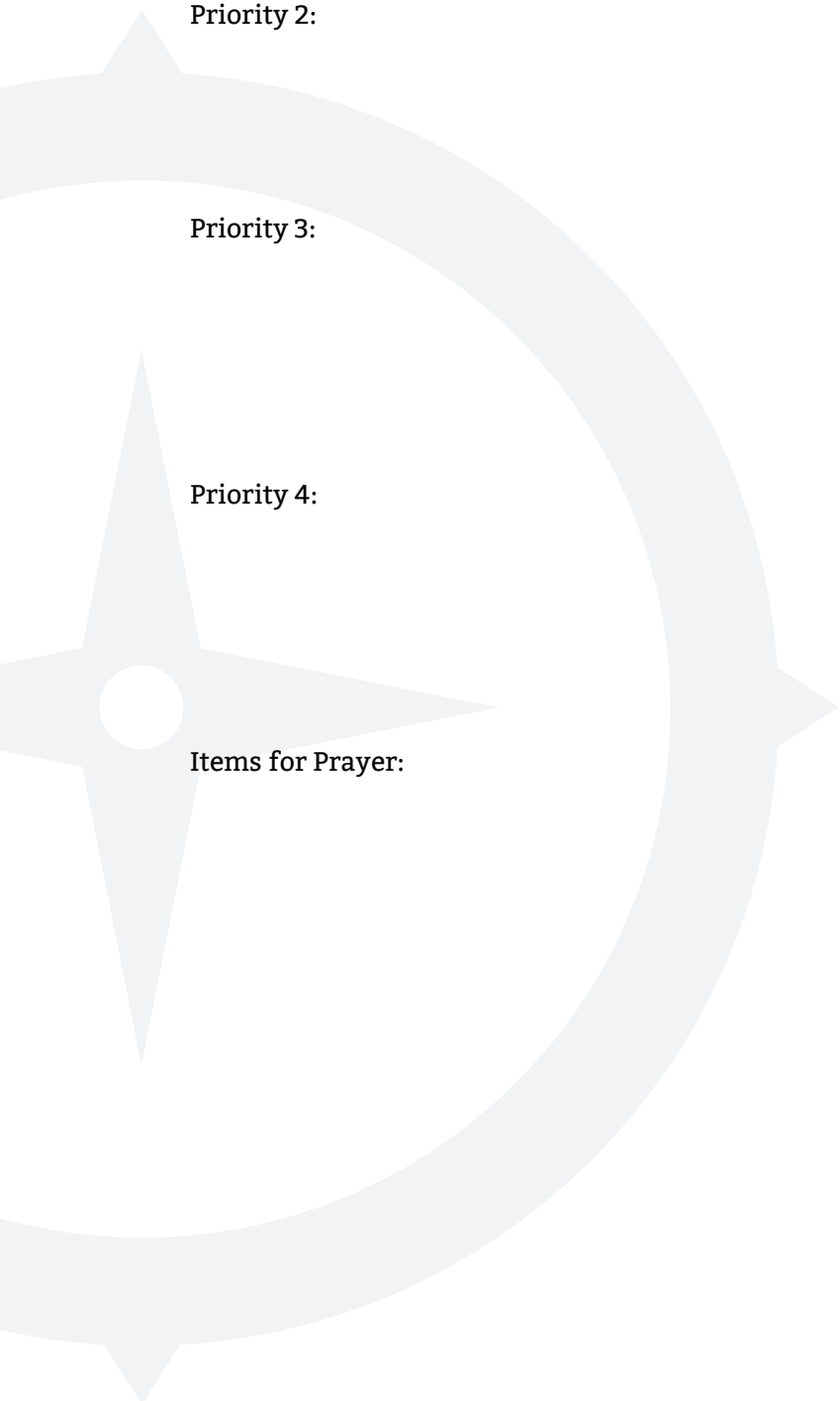
Priority 1:

Priority 2:

Priority 3:

Priority 4:

Items for Prayer:





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