

1. Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zone

- a) Genesis 11:1-9 What lessons can we learn from the story of the Tower of Babel about congregating in one place when we have been told to take a message to the entire world?
- b) Why does it seem more comfortable and convenient to surround ourselves with people who are just like us?
- c) Share an example of a Bible character who was willing to move beyond his or her comfort zone: Jesus, Paul, Peter, Mary, etc.

2. Becoming a Blessing to the Whole World

- a) Genesis 12:1-3 In what way was the call of Abram a call to mission?
- b) Put yourself in Abram's place in his hometown of Ur. How would you have responded to God's call?
- c) How well did Abram fulfill his mission as a witness outside his comfort zone? What can we learn from Abram's experience? Genesis 12:10-13:1
- d) Later, after Abram's name was changed to Abraham, he faced his greatest test. How was this test also a call to mission? Genesis 22:1-18
- e) What is the most important lesson you have learned about mission from the life of Abraham?

3. The Early Christian Church and Comfort Zones

- a) What event was a catalyst in moving early followers of Jesus beyond their comfort zones? Acts 8:1-4

- b) In what ways did the deacon Philip demonstrate a willingness to move beyond his comfort zone and what was the result? Acts 8:5-8
- c) How did God respond once Philip demonstrated his willingness to move beyond his comfort zone? Acts 8:26-40
- d) How did the Holy Spirit move the apostle Peter out of his comfort zone? Acts 10:1-16, 17-29

4. Discovering your specific mission assignment

- a) What important mission principles can we learn from the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8?
- b) Why can mission to our own family and friends appear to be the most difficult assignment of all?
- c) Share your testimony of sharing the Gospel message with someone very close to you. What was your experience in that close-to-home mission assignment?
- d) What are some specific ways we can prepare for whatever next step the Holy Spirit has for us in mission?
- e) What promises from the Word of God give us courage and peace as we move forward in mission?

