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God Around the World – Eastern Europe (Luke 24:46-52) + Phillip Volland and Rainer Prüßmann Interview

Warmup: What are the things that distract you the most?

READ & REFLECT

- When was a time your vision of God and His mission was clear and you were passionate about joining God in His work?
- Read Luke 24:46-52. On a scale of 1-10, where 10 is “almost impossible,” how easy is it to proclaim the message about Jesus’ death, resurrection, and offer of forgiveness? What would be needed to move the dial a step towards #1?
- If God gave you the choice to share the good news with any neighbor on your street or apartment complex, who would you pick to tell?

If God gave you the choice to share the good news in any country in the world, which country would you want to go to?

- What insights or inspiration did you most appreciate from the conversation with Phillip and Rainer?
- Neil talked about financial giving as an act of worship individually and as a church in order (i) to embody the truth that we depend on God and not money, and (ii) to commit our support to the mission of God in our church and world. Do you agree or not? Traditionally this has been tithing, which is giving 10% of your income, but what do you think is the amount God is calling you to give?

RESPOND

- Set a timer for 3-5 minutes, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, and sit in silence, paying attention to what comes to mind. If distracting thoughts about the world record hoola-hooper come to mind, gently set those aside. If a significant scripture, image, or word come to mind, ask the Spirit to say more about those. When the timer goes off, write down your experience in a journal.
- Do you feel led to increase your prayers for a neighbor or a country?
- Do you feel led to increase your tithe (giving to the church) or give generously to God’s mission in some way?
- Who would be encouraged to hear about what God has said to you through Sundays’ sermon and conversation? Tell them!

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