Becca Reynolds, Executive Pastor
Well, hey everybody, welcome to Valley Creek. It is so great to be with you today. Welcome to all of our campuses – to our online campus around the world. And a special welcome if you're joining us today for the first time. You picked a great Sunday to be here. You see, for the past several weeks, we've been accepting an invitation to a good and beautiful life. And it has been mind-blowing. There has been so much revelation that has been released. And so today, we're going to take just a little pause. We're going to take a little pause, but don't worry, we're going to pick it back up next week. But here's my encouragement. Take advantage of this week. If you have missed a week or if there's something that you just want to go back and rewatch just to get that revelation deeper in your heart, do that because we don't want to lose the ground that we have taken.

While we take this pause today, it is a great day. It is our nations – our neighborhood and our nations weekend. You see, one Sunday a year, one Sunday a year, we look back and we see where has God been. Where has He allowed us to go in the year behind us? And then we look forward with anticipation to say, where is God going to let us go in the year ahead? That's what we're going to be doing today. So, you're going to hear from me. You're going to hear from a couple of our other pastors. And I just want to tell y'all, you better buckle up cuz we're excited. We're passionate about this because we are a family that lives on mission. It's one of our deepest values. We're a family. We are beloved sons and daughters. We're brothers and sisters that live together on mission. And you may say, "What does it mean to live on mission?" Well, let's look at this definition. Let's all get on the same page together. This is what it means – mission – it means using all of my life to help people discover and experience the availability of the kingdom of God through the person and work of Jesus. That's a great definition. It's a big definition.

Let's unpack it just a little bit, can we? Using all of my life. It's all of our life. It's not just the one hour that we come together on this Sunday. It's all of our life. It's all of our heart. It's all of our energy. It's all of our resources. It's all of our time being submitted to God to say, "God, what do You want to do in and through me today?" We are using all of our life to help people. What people? All the people – the people that God has brought into your life. The people across all the nations – yes, but also your neighbors. Neighbor – nearby. Neighbor – who are the people that God has put next to you? Next to you in your home, next to you in your school, next to you in your office, next to you at the places that you go. Those are the people that we're using all of our life to help them.

To help them do what? To discover the kingdom. What about the kingdom? That it's loving, that it's kind, that it's forgiving, that it's full of hope that they may discover and experience the kingdom that is right there. That is mission. You see, the church doesn't have a mission. God's mission has a church and that's you and me. And that's what we are called to do. That's why we say that we are Valley Creek. We are a movement of hope for the city and beyond. That is our expression of the mission of God. And you may say, "Where did we get it?" Well, we got it

from the Bible – Matthew 28. I bet you've seen this before. Jesus is speaking. He says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." He says, "Go and make disciples of all nations." He says, "Go." We go. Yes, we come together. We love to come together on Sundays because we are a family. But we come together, we see each other, and yes, we experience and encounter Jesus for ourselves. But it doesn't stop here. That's just the beginning. We do that on Sunday so that on Monday through Saturday we're out there. We're going and we're sharing and we're releasing the hope of Jesus. That, that is what He has called us to do. That is what living on mission actually looks like.

And so we're called to go and to make disciples – making disciples of all nations. Well, really all that means is just carrying hope – carrying hope. That's how we make disciples. We take the hope of Jesus everywhere we go with our whole heart and we release that to others. Maybe you've even heard us say this term – hope carrier. You've heard it before. A hope carrier – it's a real simple thing, but it's really profound. A hope carrier is simply a disciple of Jesus living on mission to change the world. A disciple of Jesus – a follower, a learner, a follower of Jesus, living on mission, on purpose with their whole life to change their world. Not to change the world – that can be overwhelming – but to change their world. But you know what? If I'm going and I'm carrying the hope of Jesus and I'm releasing it everywhere I go, I'm changing the world around me. And if you do it, and if everybody else who's a disciple of Jesus is doing it, dare I say, then the whole world actually can be changed.

And it's interesting in that Matthew 28 section of Scripture, it says – it says to go and make disciples of all nations. Now we tend to think of nations in terms of geography. We think of you know continents and, and that's how we tend to think of nations. But the root word in Scripture is actually the word ethnos. And what that means is people groups. It just means grouping of people. And you can group them geographically. But a few years ago we said, you know what? What if we really started and stopped and thought about how can we have the greatest impact as hope carriers? If we looked at how people are grouped in spaces and places where they have influence because people carry a lot of influence. And so we created this graphic to help us think about what does it look like to live on mission and to be able to make disciples where people have influence. If you've not seen this before, let me just step you through you quickly. If you have seen it before, ask God to give you a fresh look at it today. Right in the middle, you see the kingdom of God. That's God's mission. And His mission has a church, and that's us. And so, you see that it flows through the church. But then around it, you'll see these areas of life. It's places where people are connected. And where those people are connected, they have influence. And those are the places and spaces that God wants His kingdom to come and flow through.

So just stop and think about how it is who is all collected within those areas of life. Family – you know what that's moms and dads and grandparents and brothers and sisters and siblings and

cousins and aunties and uncles and stepparents, stepfamilies. All of that is connected in or contained in the area of life of family. What about education? Principals, educators, substitute teachers, teachers, professors, cafeteria workers, administrators – all of them live in the life of education, in that area, that space of education. And then there's healthcare – doctors and nurses and administrators and researchers and uh counselors, mental health counselors, all of those people live in the area of healthcare. And then there's business. That's a big one. Business, it could be Fortune 500 companies. It can be entrepreneurs. It can be anything. It can be retail outlets. It could be places that are anything that has to do with business. CEOs uh and uh people who are counseling within that – financial advisors – all of them are in the area of life with business. Then there's government. Government is going to be your elected officials, your city workers, your first responders, uh your town councils, things like that. They all live in government. And then arts and media – those are songwriters. They're social media influencers. There are people who are on the news. All kinds of people that are in that space. And then we've got sports players and coaches and owners and general managers and all kinds of people in that space. And then technology – those are the people that we really like because they help us find our passwords. They help you find your passwords. And when the the little pinwheel of death starts going – that's where those people live. So just think of all those people and think of all the influence that resides there. We can think of nations and the influence that a nation has. But I want to submit to you that there's a super, a wide-reaching influence, but these areas of life have if we just stop and think about it.

I mean, let's just take sports. Recently, the World Cup happened. Up until then, I just thought Messi was an adjective to describe a student's room. I did not know. But when the World Cup was going on, y'all, it was an influence globally. It was on every TV screen. There was gear being sold in all kinds of places and spaces. I'm telling you, there was some influence that came through that area of life. What if? What if there were hope carriers who were like covert ops carrying hope in all those places and they were releasing hope as that influence was being shared? What kind of impact for the kingdom could that make?

Arts and media – Hollywood is within this space. I think we could all agree that Hollywood has a, a huge influence and too many times it's the influence of the world instead of the influence of the kingdom. But what if hope carriers who are in those spaces of creating things – maybe you're a social media influencer – what if we started to go in and advance and release the kingdom in those places and spaces? What could that look like?

And even technology, y'all, we've now got people that have technology engineers that are creating cars that fly. I'm just going to tell you something. We need to get the hope of Jesus there because they need to be praying. If I'm in a flying car, I'm going to be praying. They need to know Jesus. So, we can carry hope. That's what we're called for. That's what we are designed to do. That's what God has sent us to do to live on mission. Valley Creek, we are a movement of hope for the city and beyond. You are a hope carrier.

If you have a soccer team, you have a young boy on that soccer team. He may not be an up and coming Messi, but you know who he is? He is a young boy that is going to grow up and to be a young man and he's going to fall in love and marry a woman and have a family and go into his own area of life and carry influence. Coach, you have the ability to influence him for kingdom. You can be the one that influences him to grow up to be a mighty man of God and a godly husband and a godly father and a godly man – wherever influences that he goes into. You coach, you coach, you're a hope carrier. You are a hope carrier.

And so what I hope you see as we talk about how we can carry hope to the neighbors and nations, you are a hope carrier. And so here's my question: who, who will you reach?

Justin Nall, Denton Campus Pastor
So, not only are we hope carriers living on mission to reach lost, lonely, and broken people; we are a part of something so much more. We're a family on mission together. We are a family that is on mission together because together we can do something that's so much more than we could ever do on our own. Let's go back to that definition of mission. Look at that with me again: using all of my life to help people discover and experience the availability of the kingdom of God through the person and work of Jesus. I love that. Like that's an incredible definition in my life, in your life. That's a big life. That's an impactful life. That's a meaningful life. That's a fun life.

But just imagine the exponential impact if that's not just a definition in my life or in your life. If that's the definition in our lives, like if that's the definition in this family on mission that we'll use all of our lives to help people experience Jesus and the realities of His kingdom. And we need a really big definition like that because there's some big things that God has to say about His plans for us. Look at Jeremiah 29:7. The Lord says this. He says, "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it because if it prospers, you will prosper, too." Seek the peace and prosperity of the city. And what does that mean? What's that saying? It's saying we have a responsibility for the city. It's saying God has given us a charge. He has given us a mandate to seek the peace and prosperity of our cities. And think about the I love that the Lord uses the word seek. You think about seek. Seek's not a a passive posture. When you're seeking something, that's not that's not chill. You're not just like looking around a pillow or something like that's when you're wondering about something or thinking about something. When you're seeking something, you're like turning the house upside down. If you ever lost something valuable, you lost your car keys, you lost your wallet, you lost your wedding ring, you lost your phone, I mean, you're like, you're flipping couches, you're turning the car in and out. I mean, or how about this one? Lost the TV remote. Yeah. You're like, now I'm going to use everybody's life. Yeah. They're like stopping everything to find that TV remote. Well, think about what our cities have lost. They've lost their peace. They have lost their hope. They have lost the good and beautiful life that comes when the grace of Jesus comes. When the kingdom of Jesus comes, they've lost that favor and that blessing and all of

that goodness. We get to be a part of His plan to bring that back of seeking that back for our cities. That's awesome.

And we get to use all of our lives because that's really that's like the most important things ever that have been lost. So, we get to be a part of bringing that back. And there's a really specific area that God has assigned to us. This is our region. This is the area that God has said this is yours. This is yours for my kingdom. And all of those campuses – those are atmospheres of the kingdom. Those are realities where Jesus-focused, Spirit-filled, Life-giving people come together to then bring the hope of Jesus and the kingdom to the region around them. So that's our region that God has assigned to us.

And the primary way, one of the primary ways, that we're actually going to serve our neighbors, be a movement of hope to our region is through Serve the Region. So, I'm rolling out Serve the Region today. And here's I, I like I'm sure a lot of you are wondering what is Serve the Region. And if there was one thing I was hoping you were wondering, that would be it. What is Serve the Region? Well, well, well, let me tell you. Serve the Region is how we are going to be a movement of hope to our region.

See, over the last several years, we had something called Serve the City. You might have been familiar with that. And what we've done is we've taken all the best of Serve the City – everything we've learned, everything we've discovered – to create the future of Serve the Region. And Serve the Region is how we're going to mobilize hope carriers in North Texas to carry hope to our neighbors and to our region and to live a lifestyle of carrying hope. And so if you think about Serve the Region that was or Serve the City that was where we had a project once a month versus Serve the Region it has multiple projects every month. Serve the City was where we got together as one campus here, one campus here. This is people from every campus that are coming together on teams to actually impact our entire region. Serve the City was area of life focused. Serve the Region is people of peace focused where we have been and are building relationships with people in the city – city officials and leaders and nonprofits and just influential people that are saying, "Hey, I've got ways for you to come and help make a difference." And Serve the City was where we kind of had a widespread impact. Serve the Region is very targeted impact – small teams going in together to make a difference.

And now I know you're really wondering, "Well, how I get to be a part of that?" Well, I'm glad you're wondering that, too. So, scan this QR code. Everybody got this handout. Scan this QR code and you can find out everything you need to know about Serve the Region. You can sign up to be a part of the Serve the Region community. And then here's what's going to happen. Every time a project comes up, which there's some already happening, there's a whole bunch more in the pipeline. You're going to get notified. It's going to be like the bat signal that goes off in the skylight. You're going to get this head like, "Hey, we got this opportunity. It might happen quick. You might get a couple of days notice. You might get a couple weeks notice, but it's going to happen quick." And then hope carriers from all of our different campuses can

mobilize together to take this project or this project or this project or this project to go on mission to serve the neighbors in our region. I love it. We've had a great looking behind. We got an even better looking ahead with creating the future of Serve the Region together. And we've got a great opportunity to start doing that together, right?

We got a like a big unique one with the second handout that you got. This one right here. We're going to do something called Containers of Hope next month. So, this is going to be an opportunity for you to kind of tip your toe into the water of Serve the Region. And this is going to happen across every campus. We're going to have – it's little bitty up there. We're gonna have these giant containers of hope at every campus where we get to fill them with this list of groceries on the back to serve the people in our region. We've partnered with local food pantries and we get to go fill them cuz here's the reality. All through the holidays, all through November, December, that is a really dark time of year for a lot of families in our region. We get to bring light and hope to that. This is a way that you can do that. And so the details are on there. It's going to be the week of November 16th through 20th. There's certain days and times that you can drop things off. But here's the thing. We hope everybody is a part of this. Whether you can grab one thing on this list or you can grab everything on that list multiple times over. This is a way for you, your family, your kids, your friends to activate mission in your life and to see that together we do get to be a part of something so much bigger than we could ever do alone. Together we get to be a movement of hope to our neighbors, to our region. So, we got a great future ahead. Valley Creek, I love that we're creating it together.

Here's the thing: you have been sent by God to carry hope to your neighbors. So, the question is: who will you reach?

Chris Searcy, Missions Pastor
Not only have you been created and empowered by God to carry hope to your neighbors, but also to the nations. "For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus." That's right. Jesus went on the first mission trip. God so loved you. God so loved me. God so loved the world. It so moved Him that He sent His best. He sent His Son on mission that whoever believes in Him would not have to die but have the opportunity to have eternal life. You see global mission and global purpose was breathed into us from the very, very beginning. If you go back to the Garden of Eden – Jesus, God they're there. We're make, they're making mankind and they breathe life into us and it says be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The very first words God said to mankind was to be fruitful and multiply. He gave us mission to go where? To fill the earth. Before He said anything else, He breathed mission into you and me.

And then the very last thing that God said whenever He was in the flesh, in the person of Jesus, He said, "And you will receive power. You'll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In other words, you'll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you because just

like in the garden, the presence of God was released into you and me. And God and us are on this co-mission together. He invites us in to be a part of His mission to love the neighbors and the nations. Jerusalem and Judea – that's our neighborhood and our region, but also Samaria, other nations, and to the ends of the earth. Every nation, every tribe, every tongue, to do what? To be witnesses. To talk about what you've seen and what you've heard and how God's changed you and how He loves you – how that love's transforming you.

You see, your life and your body were made for mission. God had that in mind whenever He was forming you together. Your hands weren't made to build a kingdom for yourself. Your hands were made to serve. And your mind wasn't made to just think of the things of the world and have your a focus like on your own life. It was made to have eyes up and so that you would think about the things of God and to see a different perspective of the world – to get out of your world and love the world.

Your feet were made to go. Even if you've never left your city or your couch, you have global mission in your DNA. And so your feet – how beautiful are the feet of those that bring the good news. You got beautiful feet, man. Beautiful feet. And God wants to use them to carry hope to the world.

And your heart, what's amazing, if you've ever lived, done anything on mission, you know what I'm talking about. Your heart comes alive because what happens is you're receiving the love of God so much. Grace is touching your life. Mission just flows out. What's happening is your heart starts to fall in love with God and who He is and what He's done for you. But then something transformative happens. You begin to love the things that God loves and He loves the neighbors and He loves the nations.

And then your body becomes this living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God – this spiritual act of worship. Your body was made to go. You were made to carry hope to your neighbors, yes, but also to the nations. And that's why mission is not a program. It's not a team. It's not a department. It's not a church thing. Mission is why you and I are breathing. And that's why you, we have to get our minds around that mission isn't just about a trip or an experience, but it's the way you and I have been called and empowered to live our lives.

And that's why this map really matters to us. When you look at this map, I don't know what you think about when you look at this map. Maybe you're like, "Israel is not a continent. What are we doing?" Okay, I don't know if that's you and you're a teacher. Forgive us. But really, I want you to look at this – look at these continents and look at this, the country of Israel and look at it and say, "What do you think God thinks about when He looks at this?" Really think about that for a second. When we say God so loved the world, we recite that. We memorized that when we were five. But what does that really mean? Well, it means that there's five billion people in Asia and God knows every single one of their names. It means that He knows the number of hairs on their head. He knows their story and their context. So, we might look and see

geography. We might look and see politics. You might look and see culture or places you want to visit one day on your bucket list that would look really cool in your profile picture. But God looks and sees lost, lonely, and broken children. He wants to invite home to say, "I loved you. It's because of you that I sent my Son. It's because of you that I've sent my Son and I'm sending my people – my sons and daughters." The Word of God says the creation waits in eager expectation for the sons and daughters to be revealed – that we were made for mission, created for mission, and we've been empowered to live the missional life because that kingdom of God – that movement of hope, the church – we are the mobilized people being sent to the nations. Yes, the ethnos, the people groupings, but also every nation, every tribe, and every tongue – neighbors and nations.

So, that's why in the last few years, we've really been praying and asking God, what does it look like for us to be a movement of hope for this city and beyond? What does that really mean for us? What does it – how do we strategically engage in this mission of God that God's given us as a church? And so, that's why 7 Continent Strategy and mission trips are a really big deal. 7 Continent Strategy – what's that? It's our dream that we can partner with people of peace – indigenous leaders in their like in their continent with their people and that they're making a massive impact on that continent and we want to breathe life and resources in teams and partner with them to impact their continent.

But then also mission trips. What is a mission trip? I mean we hear all the time is is is is a mission trip is it just about getting an experience? Is it just about seeing another culture and a different perspective? Sure. Those are value. There's value in that. But really, we believe mission trips should be an invitation for us to be activated to live the missional life.

Remember mission – using all of my life to help people discover and experience the availability of the kingdom of God through the personal work of Jesus. Mission trips are an opportunity for us, we believe, to have not just like a 8 to 10 day experience, but truly a six-month transformative experience. So, if you raise your hand here to go on a mission trip, it's not just sign up, pay the thing, and then meet you at the airport. It's six months of training together, doing the things that Jesus did so that we can do the things that Jesus did – so, memorizing scripture together, praying together, learning to be witnesses to share our stories of what God's done in our life and how He's transformed us and how He's transforming us. Not like whenever I was eight, this happened. Valid, but what's He doing now? What does their life look like now? That's attractive to the world in desperate need of hope. And also learning to share the gospel, sharing the fire of what God's done in you and what's available to those in the world because the kingdom of God is available to everyone – every nation, tribe, and tongue because that's the kind of God that we serve.

What a gift it is to be a people on mission. And about a year ago, we launched the locations of all of our 2026 mission trips. And this room was on fire. Every campus was on excited. What's going to happen? Where are we going to go? And let me just tell you, God's been on the

move. We've seen God do some incredible things this year. Never forget hearing from a team that was in Thailand and they gathered at this man's house who had decided to follow Jesus. So, he asked our team to come pray for his home and he burned all of his Buddhist relics and idols and said, "Anoint my doors with oil because as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

We heard a story. We heard a story when we were in India of a pastor that was having his life and his family and his church threatened by a man that was in the police force. But by a powerful work of the Holy Spirit, this policeman actually got saved. And so now he's not attacking the church. He's protecting the flock and he's a part of the family of God.

I'll never forget about a month ago, we were in Tanzania and we're doing this conference and there's a pastor that's translating for one of our pastors teaching this conference and he we're just telling talking about The Three Circles and what it means to live free in the Father's heart, what it means to walk in freedom. And what happened was this man so moved that he actually turned to our pastor and said, "What? Really? Sure," like the whole time he was being transformed by – he's like I want to translate wherever you go because I want to know more about what it means to live free. That's what we're talking about. But maybe my just as powerful as a Flower Mound mom that went on a mission trip this year and she had never shared the gospel or shared her testimony with her grown children. So she gathered them around and said, "I want to tell you about what God's done in my life." That's transformation. Or maybe there's a Denton student that was sharing had never shared her full story publicly and so she actually asked can we I share this in South Africa and she shared it and in the moment that she shared it it was almost like the light and the grace of Jesus descended upon the dark places and restored and redeemed her soul. She came alive. That's transformation. You see a mission trip it's not about going somewhere. It's about becoming someone. It's not about going to a place that you love. It's about becoming a person of love where God changes us and transforms us. And I am so excited because here in a moment, you're going to get to hear from three people. They're going to share a two-minute story about what God did on in their life on a Valley Creek mission trip this year. You were made to carry hope to the nations. So, who will you reach?

David
All right. Hey everyone. Um, I'm David from the Flower Mound Campus and I had the incredible privilege of going on a mission trip to Poland and I have to tell you I came back from this trip changed because how I experienced the presence of God in a whole new way. See, it was early in the trip. It was our first morning there. We were preparing for the day. We were maybe a little tired. Um, and we decided we needed to worship and sing "Behold the Lamb of God." And as soon as we did, I became so aware of the presence of God in that room, it changed everything. It changed the atmosphere. It changed our hearts and it changed my heart. And I experienced that same presence of God everywhere we went in Poland. When we

were on the streets speaking with people, when we were in schools with students, we were in um um senior centers wherever we went.

But I also realized it didn't matter if people had open hearts or hard hearts because I had the presence of God with me. I could be bold. It didn't matter how people responded. I had so much passion to tell people about the hope and love of Jesus. You know what? But I realized we weren't bringing God into Poland. He was already there working and I could hear Him saying, "David, hey, David, won't you join me? Won't you be part of what I'm doing?" And I stopped worrying about was I getting my words right or what I was going to do for God. And I just started letting Him use me and change me and transform me. It was all about that. And you know what? I got to watch Him move in the hearts of the people of Poland, but I also got to see how He really wanted to move in my heart. You know, before I went, I just hoped and prayed. I said, "God, use me on this trip." And He did. But when I came back, I realized I had experienced the presence of God in a whole new way. And He did this deep work in me, this powerful work through me. And when He called me to go on this trip, what He really meant was to change me. And I will never be the same.

Paxton
Hey guys, my name is Paxton and I'm a student at the Flower Mound Campus. And recently I got the opportunity to go on a trip to South Africa and it completely changed my life and transformed what I believe about prayer. You see on the trip we prayed a ton from the moment we woke up to those incoherent prayers while you're falling asleep at night. We were praying and our eyes were fixed on Him. I got to pray in groups and by myself and for others. And I think the sheer amount of prayer completely transformed my life. You see, God was on the move before we even left for the trip. Matthew 7 says, "Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened." And God was opening doors left and right in South Africa. I think the main thing where I got to see transformative prayer was praying over people. I got to pray for everyone from mothers to businessmen to pastors to grandmas to kids and God was moving in South Africa.

You see, before this trip, I kind of felt like prayer was a transaction between you and God and that you would check the box, you did it, you're good to go on with your day. But that's just not true. I received revelation and was able to change my thinking. And now I believe that prayer is just a conversation between you and your heavenly Father who loves you so much and wants to have a relationship with you. And how can you know someone if you never talk to them? But now that I'm back, I can go forth in boldness and pray for a friend or lead my football team in prayer before a game. My life has completely changed in relationship with Jesus through prayer. So going on mission to South Africa has completely changed what it means for me to live a life in prayer.

Nayeli
Hey everybody, I'm Nayeli and I'm from the Denton Campus and I, and I am so excited to share with you how God transformed my life over our Greece and Thailand mission trip this past year. These experiences completely just made me fall in love more with who God is, His people, and the mission that is at hand. And even though that sounds amazing, it actually didn't happen across the world. See, I thought I was going for a trip for an experience with Jesus. But God really wanted to transform the way I live my life. And it was at the beginning of our mission trip equipping where God kindly reminded me that He wasn't just sending me somewhere out there, but that He was inviting me to live a lifestyle of mission in the here and now. It was through these equippings where I got to see God face to face and where He revealed areas of my life that had yet to be surrendered and to replace them with His grace, His love, and His empowerment. Because my life was laid down, He was able to use all of me to help advance the kingdom of heaven.

The Bible says that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the heavens as the waters cover the sea. And let me tell you that that's exactly what we got to experience. We saw healing in unbelief through worship encounters. We saw God's comfort during grief. We saw endurance and capacity grow in hardship. And we saw the love of God being received in places where trust and hope was lost. God revealed Himself in all of His glory. And He did so much in me. He was doing something through me. Now I know that it's not about going on a trip, but it's about living out the calling of my life, which is to go on mission in places like my job, my family, and the community that God has entrusted me with. This is how God transformed the way that I live my life. Through a simple yes, God, because You say so, I will. And you are also being sent by God to carry hope to the nations. So, who will you reach?

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The church doesn't have a mission. God's mission has a church. And it's you. And it's me. And it's an honor and it's a privilege of what we get to do to carry the hope – to be hope carriers living on mission as we walk together. So it's an invitation for you. It's an invitation to the nations to go across the world. It's an invitation to the neighbors to go across the street. Where will you go? Because He's laid out a pretty good map for us. Where do you see yourself in that circle? Where are you? Maybe you're in more than one place. Where are you? That's where He's positioned you to release the hope of Jesus. And the people that you're there with, y'all, they need it. They need it. Or maybe He's calling you to one of the seven continents. You, you are the movement of hope that these people are relying on.

There's people all over the world that are praying and you and I can be a part of answering their prayer. They're praying that somebody will reach out to that person in that office, to that student at that table. They're praying. Let's join that prayer and offer ourself to live on mission with everything we've got with our whole life. So, here's how we're going to wrap today. I just

want to invite you to stay seated. Maybe take a look at this map and just ask the Holy Spirit, what is He saying to you? Where is His invitation for you? Where can you go? Who will you reach? So, as our worship team, they're just going to sing this song over you. I just want to encourage you just, just sit and listen to the Holy Spirit. What is He saying to you? Who will you reach? Holy Spirit, speak for we are listening.