

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

GROW

- Reflect on the ways you are engaged in the work in Congo? Remember, just because you don't sponsor or run, our church is engaged - which means you are.
- How you ever been on a mission trip? How was this vision trip with World Vision and the ECC (Evangelical Covenant Church - our denomination) different or the same as your trip?
- Have you ever experienced "church" in another culture or language? Tell about your experience and reflect on the similarities and differences.
- Was there anything Pastor Dan or Pastor Lyndsey said that surprised you? Trouble you?
- What is one project you would like more information about?
- Read Matthew 25:14-30. Read Matthew 25:31-46. How are these parables connected? How do you apply them to your own life?
- Read Lamantations 3:22-24. Read the verses directly before and after. When we have faith in a faithful God, it is possible to hope in the midst of suffering. The people of Israel were experiencing this. The people of Congo are experiencing this. How are you?
- Consider the congregational prayer led by Lynne Lindberg. Have you experienced that form of prayer before? Did it draw you closer to God or did you find it distracting? Explain.

PRAYER

Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.

Pray for the conitnued work of the CEUM (Covenant Church in Congo), the ECC, our missionaries and World Vision in the DRC, specifically Gemena and Karawa.

Group leaders, I would love to pray with you with you this week? Please ask the group if you can share prayer requests with the pastoral staff this week. Thanks! - Pastor Lyndsey