

Weekly Discussion Guide – 8-23-2026

Ordinary Missionaries, Part 3: “Beyond Your Field”

Texts: Acts 1:8, Acts 8:1

1. Last week we talked about the “ordinary field you’re already in.” What has stayed with you? Have you noticed God at work in your field?
2. **Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 8:1.**
 - a. Why did Jesus give the disciples a mission that kept expanding?
 - b. How did the persecution of the Jerusalem church unexpectedly contribute to God's mission?
 - c. What does this teach us about how God can work beyond the boundaries we naturally create?
3. What does it mean to say, “Your field matters, but God’s kingdom is bigger than your field”? How can we become so focused on our families, community, church, country, or problems that we lose sight of the larger world God loves?
4. The sermon contrasted a “worldly perspective” with a “global perspective.” Which challenged you most: dividing vs. unifying, fear vs. connection, seeing threats vs. seeing humans, differences vs. commonality, or defensiveness vs. compassion? Why?
5. Who or what most influences the way you see the world? What kind of perspective are those influences forming in you?
6. What is one practical way you could expand your awareness of God's work in the world? What would help you move from simply knowing about the world to caring about the people in it?
7. Finish this prayer: “God, expand my vision beyond my field. Help me see _____. Teach me to _____. And give me courage to _____.”
What person, place, culture, need, or part of God’s work do you want to become more aware of and pray for this week?
8. Why should a local church care about people and communities beyond its immediate field? What do our giving, praying, going, sending, and partnering say about the kind of church we want to be?