



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2024 | THE GLOBAL CHURCH

WARM-UP QUESTION

If you could visit any country to learn about the culture and the church there, where would you go and why?

DISCUSS

Read [1 Corinthians 12:21-26](#)

- Paul says no part of the body can say to another, "I don't need you." How does this challenge our view of believers in different parts of the world, especially those facing suffering or persecution? How can we better recognize our need for the global church in our everyday lives?
- Verse 25 calls for equal concern among believers. What does it look like to live this out in practical ways? What changes could you make to show concern for those suffering globally, such as the hungry or the persecuted?
- In what ways do you feel personally disconnected from the needs of believers around the world? How could you begin to engage more with the global issues that break God's heart? How could you start in your community or neighborhood?

Read [Acts 17:16-18](#)

- Paul was deeply distressed when he saw the city of Athens full of idols. What are some modern-day idols or false beliefs that we see both globally and in our local culture? How do these idols impact the way people live, and how can we respond as Christians?
- When Paul saw the idols, he was moved to action. Are there things in your own life or in the world around you that distress you? How can you turn that distress into compassionate action rather than just frustration or despair?
- What barriers might be keeping you from fully engaging in God's mission to save the lost and bring hope to all people? What are some practical steps you can take this week to confront those barriers and live more aligned with God's heart for the world?

Read [James 2:14-17](#)

- James reminds us that faith without works is dead. What does this passage teach us about the relationship between our faith and taking action without falling into works-based faith?
- How can we, as individuals and as a church, make sure our faith is expressed through works that align with God's heart for justice and compassion?



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RESPOND

- **Application:** Based on today's discussion, what is one specific action God is prompting you to take in response to the needs of the global church? What's your next step, and when will you take it?
- **Prayer:** Close by praying together for the global church. Ask God to help you see how you can contribute to His work around the world and give you courage to act on what He has revealed today.