

# THE CROSS *and* CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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## “THE CROSS AND THE CHRISTIAN’S CALLING”

Romans 15-16

### THE CHURCH AT BROOK HILLS...

*A family of brothers and sisters radically saved by God’s grace, miraculously filled with God’s Spirit, and absolutely surrendered to God’s purpose: praying, giving, and going \_\_\_\_\_ for the spread of God’s gospel and the sake of God’s glory among all the peoples of the world.*

- We are \_\_\_\_\_-centered.
  - His grace \_\_\_\_\_ all of us.
  - His Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ all of us.
  - His purpose \_\_\_\_\_ all of us.
    - Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase a people from among all the peoples of the world for the eternal praise of God.
    - We as Christians \_\_\_\_\_ to reach people from among all the peoples of the world for the eternal praise of God.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_-focused.
  - We know we have not been commanded simply to make disciples among \_\_\_\_\_ people as possible.
  - We know we have been commanded specifically to make disciples among \_\_\_\_\_ peoples of the world.
    - So we prioritize going to \_\_\_\_\_ peoples.
    - And we prioritize going to unreached \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Is Common To All Of Us...

- As the entire church...
  - Men and \_\_\_\_\_, single and \_\_\_\_\_, young and \_\_\_\_\_, rich and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We pray...
  - For the \_\_\_\_\_ and for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We give...
  - To spread the \_\_\_\_\_ and serve the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We go...
  - Right where we \_\_\_\_\_ and wherever God \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Is A Calling For Each Of Us...

- How \_\_\_\_\_ we pray and whom we pray for.
- How \_\_\_\_\_ we give and whom we give to.
- Where we go, how long we stay, what financial support we have, and what kind of work we do.
  - Where we go...
    - Inside our community or \_\_\_\_\_ our community.
    - Among our culture or \_\_\_\_\_ other cultures.
    - On this continent or \_\_\_\_\_ this continent.
  - How long we stay...
    - \_\_\_\_\_-term (1-2 weeks)
    - \_\_\_\_\_-term (2 months to 2 years)
    - \_\_\_\_\_-term (More than 2 years)
  - What financial support we have...
    - \_\_\_\_\_ supported
    - \_\_\_\_\_ supported
    - \_\_\_\_\_ supported
  - What kind of work we do...
    - Among the reached, we’re \_\_\_\_\_ the church to make disciples.
    - Among the unreached, we’re \_\_\_\_\_ the church by making disciples.

### THE QUESTION EVERY ONE OF US IS CONSIDERING TODAY...

*By God’s grace, through God’s Spirit, and for God’s purpose, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord be leading me (or my family) to leave Birmingham for at least two months of my life (or our lives) to spread His gospel for the sake of His glory among unreached peoples in the world?*



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### THE CHURCH AT BROOK HILLS...

*A family of brothers and sisters radically saved by God’s grace, miraculously filled with God’s Spirit, and absolutely surrendered to God’s purpose: praying, giving, and going together for the spread of God’s gospel and the sake of God’s glory among all the peoples of the world.*

- We are God-centered.
  - His grace saves all of us.
  - His Spirit fills all of us.
  - His purpose includes all of us.
    - Jesus Christ died to purchase a people from among all the peoples of the world for the eternal praise of God.
    - We as Christians live to reach people from among all the peoples of the world for the eternal praise of God.
- We are peoples-focused.
  - We know we have not been commanded simply to make disciples among as many people as possible.
  - We know we have been commanded specifically to make disciples among all the peoples of the world.
    - So we prioritize going to unreached peoples.
    - And we prioritize going to unreached places.

### What Is Common To All Of Us...

- As the entire church...
  - Men and women, single and married, young and old, rich and poor.
- We pray...
  - For the church and for the lost.
- We give...
  - To spread the gospel and serve the poor.
- We go...
  - Right where we live and wherever God leads.

### What Is A Calling For Each Of Us...

- How often we pray and whom we pray for.
- How much we give and whom we give to.
- Where we go, how long we stay, what financial support we have, and what kind of work we do.
  - Where we go...
    - Inside our community or outside our community.
    - Among our culture or across other cultures.
    - On this continent or beyond this continent.
  - How long we stay...
    - Short-term (1-2 weeks)
    - Mid-term (2 months to 2 years)
    - Long-term (More than 2 years)
  - What financial support we have...
    - Fully supported
    - Partially supported
    - Self supported
  - What kind of work we do...
    - Among the reached, we’re strengthening the church to make disciples.
    - Among the unreached, we’re planting the church by making disciples.

### THE QUESTION EVERY ONE OF US IS CONSIDERING TODAY...

*By God’s grace, through God’s Spirit, and for God’s purpose, might the Lord be leading me (or my family) to leave Birmingham for at least two months of my life (or our lives) to spread His gospel for the sake of His glory among unreached peoples in the world?*