MORE THAN YOU THINK Series

"The Importance of Global Engagement"

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CONNECT

It's easy to get so busy in our lives with work, family, recreation and a lot of other really good things that we often miss engaging in things all around us that matter far more than we think. This weekend we welcomed Kevin Honore from *Bright Hope World* who spoke about the importance of having a global perspective.

- What was one thing that Kevin said in his message that stood out to you? Why did this strike a chord with you?
- How would you describe the "western" mindset that permeates our culture? How does this affect the way we view success, security and failure?
- Have you ever engaged a culture that had a mindset that was different than this western perspective? What was different about the way they viewed life?

ENGAGE

Read together **1 Thessalonians 1:2-10.**

- Make some observations about this passage together. Who is Paul addressing and why is he so thankful?
- How are these believers living with a gospel-perspective? List out some of the characteristics mentioned in this passage of someone who is living and viewing the world through the gospel.
- How did a gospel-perspective give these believers a global-perspective? How did they see the power of God work cross-culturally?

Notes:

- How did a gospel-perspective affect the way these believers approached affliction and suffering (See also James 1:2-4)? How is this different than the way a western culture often views suffering?

RESPOND

- What is the difference between an interest and a lifestyle? What would be some of the things that define your lifestyle?
- What would it look like for you to live a lifestyle of compassion powered by the gospel? How would that change the way you view success, security, failure and suffering?
- Is there a particular area or need of the world that strikes a chord in your heart? What would it take for you to engage with that need? What are some barriers that might stand in your way and how can you address them?
- How can your LifeGroup live a lifestyle of compassion together? How would this change your approach to bridge or service opportunities?

GO DEEPER

If your group is looking for even more discussion about living a lifestyle of compassion, consider:

- Luke 10:25-37
- Acts 1:8
- Matthew 9:36

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