

Camp Copass Boys Camp 2006

Cornerstone – Building for God’s Kingdom

Bible Study #4

Called to Be Builders

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

Bible Study Text: Matthew 28:18-20

Object: To help boys understand that each person is called to build Christ’s Kingdom by sharing Jesus with others.

Matthew 28:18-20 is sometimes called the Great Commission. That means that Jesus gave us this as our most important assignment while we are on earth. We must tell others about Jesus. In fact, we must tell the whole world about Jesus. That is the way we build His Kingdom.

Acts 1:8 helps us understand how we are to do that. We begin right where we are. Your Jerusalem is your own town or neighborhood or school. You can invite a friend to come to church with you or to join your RA group. There your friend may learn about Jesus and come to accept Him as Savior. You are building the Kingdom! But someone must also be responsible for going to the next town and to all the state and all the country and the entire world. God uses people just like you to build His Kingdom.

Gene Meacham was about 12 years old when God called him to be a missionary. It happened during a revival service at his church. Every night during the revival he felt his heart being stirred and that God wanted him to do something special. Finally, on Friday night, he understood that God was calling him to be a missionary to Africa. That fit in very well with his interests. For years he had been reading books about Africa, Tarzan stories, stories about Africa, safaris, stories of the jungle and the vast savannahs. Now he knew why he had been so interested in Africa. He was ready to give his life to being God’s missionary.

For the next several years God was preparing Gene for missionary service. He went to college and then to seminary and then became the pastor of a small church at Dawn, Texas. It was while he was pastor of that church that God opened the door for him and his family to go to Africa. One of the last things Gene did before leaving the church was to take a group of RA boys to camp. At the camp he gave his testimony of how God had called him to be a missionary to Africa. One of the counselors present was Vaughn Ross from Friona, Texas. Vaughn had brought a group of boys from his church.

Vaughn listened to Gene Meacham’s testimony and he began to pray, Lord, touch some of these boys and call them to be missionaries. Send them out into you harvest field. As he was praying Vaughn felt very clearly the Lord saying to

him; “Why couldn’t you do the same thing for me?” Vaughn did commit his life to being a missionary. And that was the beginning of more than twenty years of missionary service in Kenya for Vaughn Ross.

God may be calling some of you to be missionaries overseas like Gene Meacham or Vaughn Ross. Or, He may be calling you simply to invite your best friend to church so he can learn more about Jesus. In either way you are builders of the kingdom. And that is the most exciting work in the world. You are building something that will last for all eternity.

Questions for Discussion

1. Did you know that you had an assignment to build God’s Kingdom? How are you doing on your assignment so far?
2. The missionary calling is sometimes referred to as special service. Do you consider being called as a missionary to be a special calling? Why?
3. Not everyone is called to be a missionary, but everyone is called to build Christ’s Kingdom. In what way do you feel you could best build Christ’s Kingdom? Is there some special interest or ability that you have that God could use to build His Kingdom?
4. If God called you to be a missionary would you be willing to go wherever He called?

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