



Q³ Part 3 :: *Going Long* :: Andy Stanley

INTRODUCTION

We are a part of one of the most exciting stories in the history of the human race. It is a story that has been unfolding for thousands of years and a story that is unlikely in almost all of its details. It is the story of Christianity and how it has spread from a small band of followers to a religious movement that has gone to the ends of the earth. It is a story that is not yet over and a story in which we have been called to play a significant part.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 1:3-8. When Jesus spoke these words, His followers didn't even know North America existed. How does it change your perspective to know that you are a part of the fulfillment of this prophecy?
2. In your opinion, what is the most amazing aspect of the spread of Christianity throughout the globe?
3. Read Matthew 28:19-20. Nothing can explain the spread of Christianity except for the fact that Jesus has been with us. How does this impact your perspective on missions?
4. Have you ever been on a mission trip? What was your experience?
5. How do you feel about going on a mission trip this year? Excited? Hesitant? Why would you go? What would keep you from going?
6. As a group, how will you engage in what God is doing in the world this year? (Ex. Your group could pray for a specific short-term trip. Your group could raise money to support a short-term trip. Your group could go on a short-term trip together.)

THINK ABOUT IT

Pray this week about your involvement in what God is doing in the world this year. Specifically, pray through the list of short-term trips at globalxm.org and ask what God would have you do.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How will you play an active part in what God is doing in the world? Will you *give* to help make a short-term trip possible, or will you *go* on a short-term trip?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8