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Younger, More Diverse People in Mission

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Session 3: Younger, More Diverse People in Mission

Prepare for the Session

- Have pictures of young adults (from magazines or personal photos—print or on cell phones).
- Copy of “Invitation to Conversation”
- Recruit someone to read aloud the invitation.
- Assorted pairs of shoes (at least 4 pairs—work boots, sandals, sneakers, etc., perhaps purchased from a thrift store) placed on a table in view of the entire group
- Band-Aids (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper or plain white paper
- A notebook or paper for capturing words, thoughts, ideas on paper (optional)
- “Listening and Looking Guide” (can be printed on newsprint or copied and distributed)

Getting Started (10 minutes)

Ask someone to read aloud the Invitation to Conversation. Then read aloud Mark 6:7–9; 1 Timothy 4:12–16; and Galatians 3:28. Ask everyone to spend a couple of minutes jotting down thoughts that come to mind as they hear the scriptures. Have a time for prayer—can be a private moment or someone can lead the group in prayer.

Bring the group’s attention to the display of shoes. Pick a couple of the shoes and pass them around the group. Ask participants to imagine who might have worn these shoes and what that person might have done while wearing the shoes (i.e., person wearing workboots might be on a construction site). Once you return the shoes to the display, ask people to capture in their notebooks any thoughts that came to mind about the shoes.

Second, distribute pictures of young adults and ask group members to share photos of young adults they have with them (perhaps on their cell phone). After a couple of minutes, ask people to share randomly what they “saw” in the pictures of young adults (i.e., vitality, energy, enthusiasm). Introduce the video, saying that Joy Eva Bohol is a young woman who is an advocate for young adult mission service, encouraging the service of diverse people (age, ethnicity, and experience) in God’s work throughout the world. Ask for one or two volunteers to identify people whom they know are advocates for mission.

Frame the context by using a statement such as “Who is the person in your church or in your community who asks people to serve—to be involved in prison ministry, to help at the homeless shelter, to be part of the street witnessing team?” After a couple of people have shared, encourage group members to listen to Joy Eva Bohol’s story and look for connections with their own lives.

Distribute the Listening and Looking Guide

Ask persons to answer the question “What would a mission journey look like in your neighborhood?” Then ask them to familiarize themselves with the other statements/questions as a way of preparing to hear Joy Eva Bohol’s presentation.

Play the Video (18–20 minutes)

Encourage participants to jot short notes on the guide but as much as possible remain focused on listening to and experiencing the video.

Personal Reflection Time (5 minutes)

Ask participants to respond to at least three of the six questions/statements on the Listening and Looking Guide.

Discussion Time, Part 1 (10 minutes)

Go through each question or statement and ask for persons to respond. As group leader, be prepared to give reflections to the statements, especially if one or two group members do not volunteer to provide feedback.