

SERMON SERIES: The Calling: GO!

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Key Line

When we let God challenge us, we feel uncomfortable. We should work outside our comfort zone.

Introduction

Read Exodus 18:14-21.

- What did Jethro say was a weakness in Moses's method of leaderships? (*Moses was trying to do it all himself.*)
- What did he suggest Moses do? (*Choose people to help him. Share the load.*)
- When have you seen this principle at work in your own situations? When have you delegated some of your responsibility?
- What are some ways that you could use Jethro's principles more effectively in your own life now?

Seek the Word

Jethro suggested that Moses strategize to maximize his effectiveness. Our church also strategizes to reach people.

- There are three areas that the church focuses on in its missions strategy. What are those areas? (*The next generation of churches, the next generation of church leaders, and the next generation of Christians.*)

One focus of the church's strategy is to create the next generation of churches.

- How are we doing that? (*The church focuses on reaching out in different ways: starting new churches in the United States, working with church planters and missionaries in Bosnia and India.*)
- Chris, who works in Bosnia, talked about how the missionaries are using Facebook videos to identify and contact people who are spiritually seeking. What ways do you see social media being used for good in your experiences? How might you begin using it in more positive ways?
- AJ Lall talked about a woman in India who became a believer. She went home and told her husband about Jesus, and he also became a believer. They told their families about him, and from that one woman, 400 house churches have started. Do you think there are any differences between a house church and a small group?
- AJ talked about a "person of peace." What is a person of peace (*a person who is not a Christian but is receptive to the ideas of Christianity.*) Who is a person of peace in your life who might be receptive to Christ? How can you reach out to them or how are you reaching out to them already?

Calvary also focuses on creating the next generation of church leaders.

- One way the church does that is by its residency program. We sponsor residents who come and work alongside our pastors, learning how to lead from them. Have you had any experience with any of the residents? Tell about that.
- How is a residency program important for the life of the church?

Calvary focuses on creating the next generation of Christians.

- One way we do that is by reaching out to the schools in our areas. How might this be a very important way that the church can reach the community?
- Have you or your family members been touched by the work of a church in a school?

Talk About It

Aaron told about how every time he went to India he spent about three days unable to sleep. He struggled the first few days he was there until he realized what was happening. He was working in a place where he felt uncomfortable. He'd stepped out of his comfort zone to do what God was telling him to do.

- Tell about a time you felt uncomfortable doing something God was leading you to do.
- Why do you think it's important to challenge ourselves to be uncomfortable from time to time?

Together pray about how you can GO with the gospel of Christ. This week look for opportunities.