Global Impact Weekend

Did you know we support 70 global staff members serving in 20 different countries? On Global Impact weekend, we have the opportunity to hear from our global staff serving in West Africa, discover how God is using them to help people find hope, and learn how we can get involved.



INTRODUCTION

Ken and his wife have spent the last 30 years spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in Africa. They are based in a city of darkness – a city that is evolving and successful in terms of growth and technology – but dark because people do know about or even hear about God. They serve God by trying to lead people to the Light of Jesus Christ. They do this by building relationships through business and leadership coaching, and through the witnessing of their own loving marriage.

STARTER QUESTION

1. Ken asserted that God has placed us where He wants us to be where we can best serve Him. He also stated we should want people to watch us as we witness to and serve God. Think about the things you have done over the last week. How have your words and actions during that time reflected the teachings of Jesus Christ?

INTO THE WORD

- 2. At the beginning of today's message, Ken mentions II Corinthians 4 which talks about the light being hidden from those who are lost, and he talked about how we should let our lights shine. There are many biblical references to light. Refer to Genesis 1:4, Isaiah 49:6, Psalm 36:9, Proverbs 6:23, Isaiah 42:6, Psalm 119:105, Daniel 12:3, Proverbs 4:18, and Isaiah 60:1. What do these scriptures tell us about light and how does that relate to the message we received today?
- 3. Read Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Proverbs 16:3. Ken had a remarkable story about how God was directing his paths through his interactions with the local CEO. What steps can we take to be more aware of God's direction? Are you being nudged in any direction today?

APPLICATION

- 4. How can we become a MIP (Meaningful Impactful Person) in our own communities? Discuss your ideas. Read Mark 16:15. In settings where we are forbidden from discussing our beliefs, is it possible that our actions can be an ambassador for God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Discuss your opinion.
- 5. One thing Ken mentioned several times how they prayed over every event and every individual. How can we as a church, as small groups, and individuals start praying more like Ken's organization?
- 6. Have you ever heard of "throwing a rock into the waters of the mind," or some might say, "put a stone in someone's shoe," when having conversations? How can you tailor your conversations, not to try to win someone over immediately, but give them something to chew on which will make them come back for more?

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord for giving us the opportunity to hear from Ken about the work he and his wife have been doing in Africa. It is great to know that good people are doing Your work around the world. I pray for their safety and the safety of all the people who are doing Your work. I pray that the people from our church will search their hearts and pray about getting involved in the important work. I pray that You will fill their minds and hearts with the right things to say and everything they do will be for Your glory. Even for us that do not go to another country, there is so much that we can do here at home and in our communities. I pray that You will use me as a light and my words and actions can lead my friends and strangers to have a relationship with You. Give us the words and guide our feet. Remove the temptation to do things that do not reflect Your will. Let everything we do be to glorify Your Holy Name. Let us remember to give you credit for everything and take none of the credit for ourselves. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen.