

A GOD'S GLOBAL MISSION INTO OUR LIVES

DISCUSSION:

1. What are spiritual disciplines? Why are they important for us if we are to integrate the cause of Christ in our daily lives?

In order to fulfill a God-centred mission in our lives, we require 'Spiritual Disciplines' to stay focused on the cause of Christ which is to live for God's glory. God's desire is that we tell the whole world about Him and His salvation. (Psalm 29:15, 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Corinthians 9:27, Mark 1:35; 6:46, James 4:8, Luke 9:23; 1 Timothy 6:11-12)

Acts 20:24 (NIV) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

Phil 1:20-21 (NIV) I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

2. How to Practise Spiritual Disciplines in Our lives?

It begins with the right perspectives, which should be God-focused and Global-oriented.

★ God-centered Perspective

(Philippians 1:21, 3:7-10, Deuteronomy 4:39; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 43:21)

★ Global-oriented Perspective

(Revelation 5:9)

3. Key areas of Spiritual Disciplines

Below are some areas of disciplines that would help us integrating the global-oriented perspective in our lives. Discuss what each discipline means and what we can practically do to integrate them with such perspective in mind.

★ Discipline of Awareness

(Habakkuk 1:5)

★ Discipline of Prayer

(1 Thessalonians 5:25; Ephesians 6:19-20; Nehemiah 1:4, [Psalm 67:1-2])

★ Discipline of Choice in Everyday Living

(Psalm 90:12, Matthew 6:19-21)

★ Discipline of Evangelism & Discipleship

(Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

*** Any other areas of disciplines you can think of? ***