

Session 8: The Motivation of Mission

Types of motivators

We need to keep our mobilization efforts aligned with the greater story, or the macro-narrative, in which God Himself pursues His purpose among all nations throughout all generations.

Emotional responses and legalism:

VS. Relational collaboration:

How we communicate

Here are things we could say to keep our words rooted in God's mission when:

Example 1: Exposing children to needs by showing pictures of people in extreme need or unreached peoples without access to the gospel:

- Talk about how the people in the pictures are created in God's image and how much He loves each one of them.
- Emphasize that true hope comes from Jesus who is at work redeeming these people to Himself.
- Talk about the Great Commission commands in the context of our relationship with Jesus and the joy of obedience.
- Share that God is bringing forth His Kingdom on earth and invites us to join with Him in extending His hope.

Example 2: Exposing children to stories of those doing mission work by giving children models of Bible characters or famous global workers:

- Emphasize God's ability to accomplish His purposes without us, but His grace in inviting us to join Him in His work.
- Highlight how God used Bible characters, people in history, and current day believers, inviting them into His story and enabling them by His spirit.
- Acknowledge that we are each called to our own unique journey where we will be asked to do different things and be given different blessings. What is important is a life of consistent faithfulness.

We need to encourage our families to do it *with* Jesus, not *for* Jesus. (2 Corinthians 6:1)