



NEXUS

Week 2: The Secret Church

Global Summit

1. Share some examples of ways that we live with a global awareness today. What are some good things about this? What are some negative things about this?
2. Global Summit focuses our thoughts reaching the whole world with the good news of Jesus. What does it mean for the church to have a global mission? Look up these verses and discuss what they tell us about global missions?
 - Acts 1:8 (why do we have a “global” mission anyway?)
 - Matthew 28:18-20 (what is our mission?)
 - Acts 4:11-12 (why does it matter so much?)
3. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being high), how much has the global mission of the Church factored into your life in the last year? How have you contributed time and/or resources to help reach our world with the gospel? How can you raise your involvement level closer to 10 in 2013?
4. Friends from China spoke about the persecution that the Church in China is facing. Why do you think God allows His people to suffer persecution? What do Matthew 5:10-12 and 2 Timothy 3:12 tell us about persecution?
5. What dynamics in our culture would make it difficult for us to embrace real persecution for our faith (ex. expectation of religious freedom)? What dynamics in our faith would make it difficult to embrace persecution (ex. expecting God to make life happier)? How can we develop a willingness to embrace (with joy) persecution for your faith? How can we be inspired by the persecuted church to live our faith with greater faith and boldness?
6. We may not be able to travel the globe to share the gospel or help the persecuted Church, but our prayers can reach the entire globe from where we sit. Spend the last portion of your time in prayer for the following things:
 - Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in China.
 - Pray for us to learn to live with the same commitment and dedication that they live with.
 - Pray for the gospel to continue to explode in China and for the Chinese Church to be healthy and strong.
 - Pray for God’s Kingdom to grow and flourish in North Africa and Northwest Asia (from the C&MA missions video)