



Virtual We Live Missions Experience
ABIDING REFLECTION GUIDE



Day 1: Discernment — Hearing God’s call

Scripture reading from Exodus 3

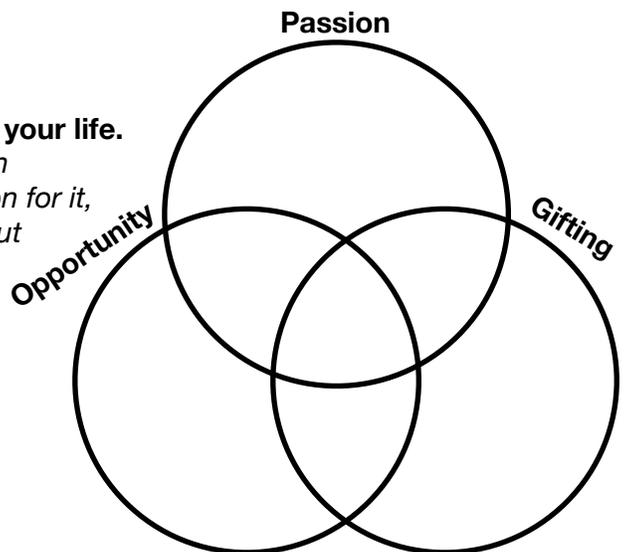
Glen Smith describes “God’s Calling” as **God’s Direction + God’s Timing**.

Do you know neither, one, or both of those for your life? What are they?

Mark Renfroe says calling is when our Gifting, Passion, and Opportunity intersect.

Fill out the diagram to the right with examples from your life.

i.e. running a business’ social media account may be in your gifting and you may have a job offer, but no passion for it, you may have a passion and a gifting for space travel but no clear opportunity, etc.



What is God speaking to you personally right now?

What is something you would like to share with your fellow Virtual WLM teammates?

Jot down some questions for the missionary you’re connecting with:

For example:

What advice would you give to young workers trying to discern the call?



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Day 2: Grit — Persevering Tough Times

Scripture reading from Exodus 12

“The call of God is often accompanied by initial favor followed by intense testing.”

-Mark Renfro

What comes to mind when you imagine this takeaway being true for pioneer missions?

What is God showing you from the events of Moses' life in Exodus 12?

“God is aware of the challenges you will face, but he still calls you to obedience.”

-Mark Renfro

What does this takeaway teach you about God? How might it affect your life?

What is something you would like to share with your fellow Virtual WLM teammates?

Jot down some questions for the missionary you're connecting with:

For example:

What are some of the principles you have put into place as you've had to overcome obstacles without an assurance of success?



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Day 3: Bonds — Battling Supernaturally

Scripture reading from Exodus 17

“The birth of the church was during a prayer meeting, not preaching, not singing...but prayer.”

- Jim Cymbala

Why is prayer so foundational in the context of a team in pioneer missions?

How is God showing you the value of TEAM from the events in Exodus 17?

“Teams built on prayer face the true enemy instead of making enemies out of each other..”

- Glen Smith

How can my life enhance the lives of others in the area of spiritual warfare?

Whose arms am I upholding right now in intercession?

What Scriptures give us guidance for effective team prayer?

Jot down some questions for the missionary you're connecting with:

For example:

What are some of the qualities of the teams whom you've observed being highly effective in spiritual warfare?



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Day 4: Humility — Bowing To Grow

Scripture reading from Exodus 18

In Exodus 18, Jethro confronts and corrects Moses over how he has decided to do something. **How do you usually respond to correction? Is that the healthiest response?**

“Bowing is the best exercise you will ever do. Bowing in worship. Bowing to authority. Bowing in healthy humility while intentionally listening to all correction that comes our way.”

-Mark Renfro

“Whenever I receiving criticism, I always begin by asking, ‘What’s in this criticism for which I need to repent?’”

-Tim Keller

Who’s example of humility does the Apostle Paul point us towards? How should that affect our lives?

What is God showing you this week that you want to always remember?

What is something you would like to share with your fellow Virtual WLM teammates?

Jot down some questions for the missionary you’re connecting with:

For example:

How has humility played a role in your fruitfulness as a missionary?



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Day 5: Abide — Knowing What Matters

Scripture reading from Exodus 33

“Can you hear the hunger in Moses’ prayer? It is not a craving for blessing or for power. He is not seeking divine help - no, he is insisting on divine presence.”

-Glen Smith

What are some of the verbs and strong wordage of Exodus 33 on God’s Presence?

What are the lessons on spiritual discipline we pull out of the life of John Wesley?

“What will change our lives, change our campuses and *change the nations* is not our little efforts but God’s all-powerful presence. Knowing what matters will cause our lives to matter. Knowing what makes us unique in Jesus is what will make us attractive to the spiritually hungry. Abide not as a duty but as the privilege it truly is and see what happens when Jesus comes and talks face-to-face with us.”

-Glen Smith

What do you want to cultivate into your abiding time with Jesus?

Jot down some questions for the missionary you’re connecting with:

For example:

How do we balance doing the right things with the right motives?

How do you abide?



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Thank you for completing the ABIDING component of the Virtual We Live Missions Experience!

If you would like to keep growing in calling, grit, bonds, humility, and abiding, as well as, pursue a deeper experience with global missions please track down these resources:

Live Dead: Journey

“Challenge of Missions” by J. Oswald Sanders

“Eternity in their hearts” by Don Richardson

“Insanity of God” by Nik Ripken

“The Master Plan of Evangelism” by Robert E. Coleman

“Christ of the the Indian Road” by E. Stanley Jones

“Through Gates of Splendor” by Elisabeth Elliot

“Tortured for Christ” by Richard Wurmbrand

“God’s Smuggler” by Brother Andrew

Ask the missionary their recommendations