



**GOD CAN DO ANYTHING YOU KNOW - FAR
MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE
OR GUESS OR REQUEST N YOUR WILDES
DREAMS -Ephesians 3:20**

**God is so magtig en sterk. Juis met daardie
krag werk Hy ook in ons. Hy kan en het dinge
vir ons gedoen waarvan ons nie eens kon
droom nie. – Efesiërs 3:20**

**“Kepha yena onamandla okwenza okukhulu
kakhulu kunakho konke esikucelayo nesiku-
qondayo ngokwamandla asebenza kithi,”
KWABASE-EFESU 3:20**

**UNKulunkulu angenza noma yini oyaziyo -
ngaphezulu kakhulu kunakho konke ukuca-
banga kwakho, nokudlinza kwakho kanye no-
kucela kwakho ngisho ekucabangeni kwakho
konke. - KWABASE-EFESU 3:20.**

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of young people at an outdoor festival or concert. Many people have their hands raised in the air, some holding up phones. The image is framed by a border of colorful triangles in shades of purple, teal, orange, and red. A semi-transparent white box in the center contains red text.

We are the Imagine Generation

**We believe in tomorrow
because Jesus renews
We dream of peace
- because God is love
We commit to change
-because the Spirit moves**

**We are the church of today,
the leaders of tomorrow.**

We are... the Imagine Generation!



**# Tool to
salvation
through Jesus**



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Valley of death...

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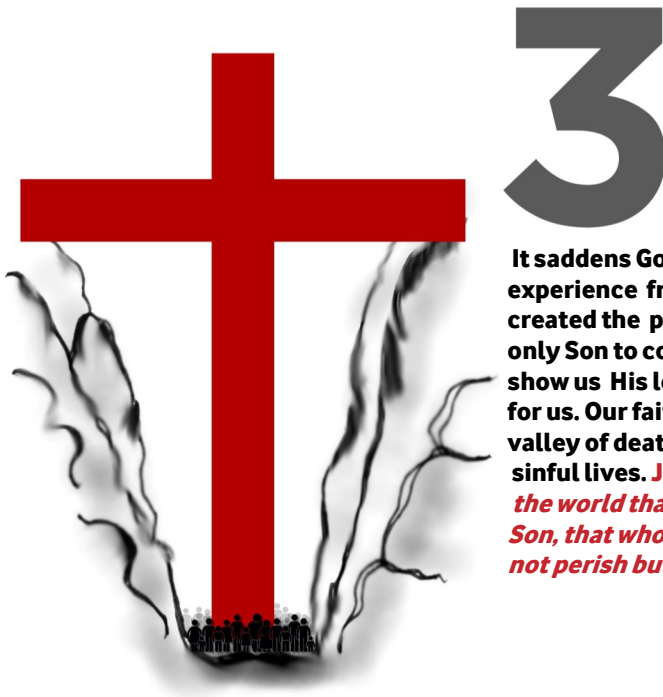
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The love of Jesus binds us in a lifelong friendship with him, from now until eternity. We did nothing to deserve it! We just need to believe and accept that Jesus came to save us from the valley of death. *Ephesians 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.*



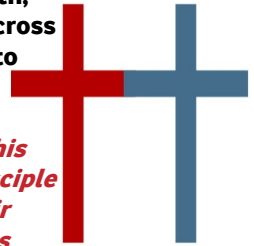


It saddens God that people don't experience friendship with him. He created the perfect plan and sent His only Son to come and live with us, to show us His love and to die on the cross for us. Our faith in him lifts us out of the valley of death and saves us from our sinful lives. **John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

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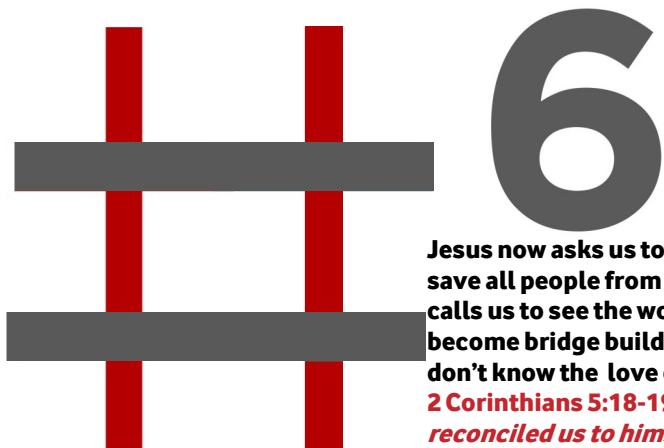
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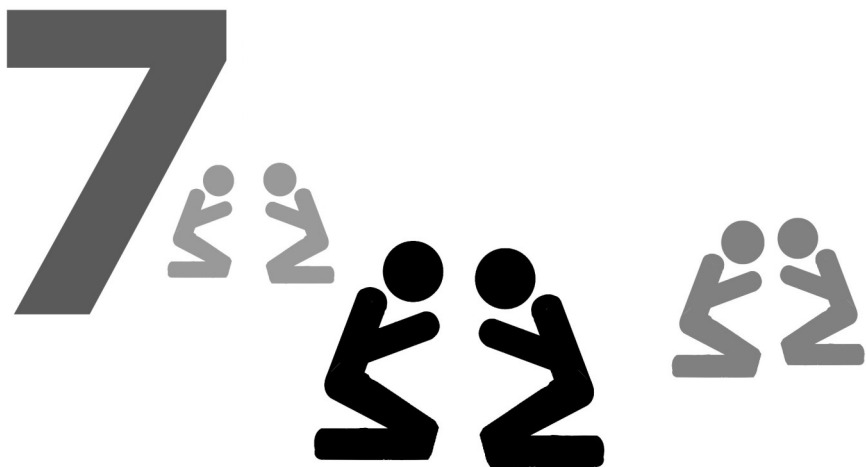
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Jesus now asks us to join him on his mission to save all people from the valley of death. He calls us to see the world through his eyes and to become bridge builders to other people who don't know the love of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.



Pray with someone and ask Jesus to let you see Him next to you in the valley of death. Pray for the gift of faith to trust Him to change you to become a new person – a possession of God! *Romans 10:13 - Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*



See

Jesus sees the Samaritan woman for who she is. He cares for her and addresses her needs. In the same way, Jesus wants to help you to view your reality in a different way – to #SEE yourself, your life and the world around you in a different way.

**Symbol: Hashtag # to look through
(against your eye)**

Write a letter to Jesus, sharing your challenges, sins or doubts. Be honest with Him.

THE CHALLENGE



John 4:5–26 *Jesus SEES the Samaritan woman in a different way*

- # What challenges, questions and “baggage” does the Samaritan woman have?
- # How does Jesus react to her?
- # How do you think other people see you?
- # How do you see yourself?
- # What do you “carry around with you” that holds you back? Things from you past? Challenges you faced or are still facing?
- # In verse 11 Jesus talks about living water – what is “living water” and what does it mean to you?
- # In verse 18–19 Jesus shows her that He knows the truth about her, but He does not condemn her. What do you need to be honest about with Jesus?
- # In verse 23 Jesus teaches her about worship. He shows her his heart so that she can “see” Him for who He is. How do you view Jesus at the moment? What picture of Jesus do you have in your mind (with regard to his characteristics)?
- # Jesus’ conversation with and acceptance of the woman helps her to see herself and Jesus differently. What were the circumstances you went through that made you realise Jesus sees you differently?

God, I have worries that weigh me down. I worry about...

I am ashamed of ...I have doubts about ...

Thank You that You SEE me differently and
accept me for who I am.



If you were standing at the

well, what would your

conversation with

Jesus be about?



Bridge Builder

Jesus crosses several boundaries and builds a bridge towards the Samaritan woman. He does this lovingly by engaging in conversation in a spirit of friendship. This story calls us to be bridge builders just like Jesus – we need to cross the boundaries of our time.

Symbol: Hashtag # made by 2 people with 2 fingers each

Decide to cross a bridge this week by having a conversation with someone who needs it.

CHALLENGE



John 4:5–26 Jesus *BUILDS A BRIDGE* through his conversation with the Samaritan woman

- # Which boundaries does Jesus cross by having this conversation with this woman? Name at least 4.
- # What boundaries do you recognise and think we need to cross in our day-to-day life today? Name all the examples you can think of.
- # Think of someone you know who is building bridges across differences and divides in order to get to know someone else who needs a friend?
- # Which boundaries (age, gender, language, culture, race, class, social group, etc) are the easiest for you to cross?
- # Which boundaries are the most difficult for you to cross?
- # Where, when and how can you start with a bridge-building conversation?
- # What do you think will help you to cross a bridge over the boundaries that divides people because of their differences? In other words, what will help you make contact and connect with someone else?
- # What do you think are the things we need to remember when we have bridge- building conversations?

Lord, please help me to cross divides and boundaries; to build bridges and reach out to other people ...



What does it mean to be an #imagine bridge builder?



Tell

The Samaritan woman became a witness in her village when she told(TELL) everyone about her conversation with Jesus. You are being challenged to take up your cross in your identity in Christ, follow Him and TELL your story to others. He wants to share his heart for the world with you. You can influence your “village” and make a difference.

Symbol: Hashtag # made by 2 crosses
(Christ's cross and our cross in the world)

Share the meaning of the 2 crosses in the # hashtag in the #imagine logo with someone.

THE CHALLENGE



John 4:27-30, 39-42 The Samaritan woman TELL other about her meeting with Jesus

- # The woman had a reputation that isolated her from her village. What makes it hard for you to testify as a witness of Christ?**
- # Still the woman goes back to the village with great enthusiasm and she tells every one about Jesus and what He did for her. What do you think caused the change?**
- # What do Jesus' cross and His resurrection mean to you?**
- # Jesus calls us to be cross bearers. What does this mean?**
- # The #imagine movement will stand or fall by the way in which YOU will go back to your "village" to go and testify. What will motivate you to do this? What will make it difficult for you?**
- # How does Jesus help you to be a witness(TELL)?**
- # Who does the term "village" include? In other words, who can you influence?**
- # Who are the first 3 people you are going to TELL?**

Lord, the things that hinder me to testify your love are ... Holy Spirit, please help me to share Jesus' story?



Who does the term "village" include? In other words, who do you need to go to and serve?



Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

- # Why is Zacchaeus described as a chief tax collector and a rich man? (verse 2)**
- # Are there people around you that have been labelled by other people? Because of what sins and/or baggage are these people labelled?**
- # And you? Have you been labelled? Because of what baggage or sin?**
- # Why did Zacchaeus want to see Jesus? (verse 3)**
- # What reasons motivate people to seek Jesus?**
- # If Jesus would appear to you today – what would you like to talk to Him about?**
- # Why did Zacchaeus climb into the tree? (verse 3–4)**
- # What obstacles prevent people from experiencing Jesus in their lives?**
- # What obstacles are there in your life that hinder you from experiencing Jesus?**



Make a list of people who you would not normally associate (connect/relate) with and invite them to a meal.





Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you notice me ... Lord, please help me to see and experience you working in my life? I want to invite You into my life ...

Jesus sees Zacchaeus (verse 5)

- # What stands out and is important to you in this part of the story?**
- # What does the fact that Jesus SEES YOU, and that He wants to live within you, mean to you?**
- # How does Zacchaeus react in verse 6 and 8?**

Other people see what Jesus does (verse 7)

- # Why did the people who saw this, react negatively?**
- # How do you relate to this? What does it tell you about the way you look at other people?**



What prevents you to SEE Jesus in your life?



Jesus Heals

Blind Bartimaeus

(Mark 10: 46-52)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus (verses 46–48)

Why did he call out to Jesus?

Why did the people want to silent him?

What is Jesus' reaction?

In which parts of your life and at what times are you struggling to see Jesus and experience his presence? For example, during difficult times?

What does it mean to you to be able to shout out to Jesus? How do you do it?

Who are the people around you who struggle to SEE Jesus in their circumstances?



Make an effort this week to SEE people who are usually ignored.





**Lord, please show me
where I am still blind?
Lord, please help me to open
my eyes where I need to and
for the people I need to?**

Bartimaues shares his needs with Jesus (verses 49–51)

Why does Jesus ask him what his needs are? Is it not obvious?

What are your needs?

When you hear: “Be courageous. Stand up. He is calling you,” what does it mean to you?

Jesus heals his blindness (verse 52)

In what ways are people symbolically blind?

How does Jesus heal people from their blindness today?

What was Bartimaues’ reaction?

Have you ever felt your eyes open in certain circumstances or with relation to specific people? In what way and/or for whom?

What can you do to help people “to open their eyes”?



Where or what is your blindness?



Jesus Blesses Little Children (Mark 10: 13-16)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

The children are brought to Jesus

- # What did people think of children in the time of the Bible?**
- # What kind of people are looking down on others today? Who are the outcasts according to the world today? Who are viewed as inferior people?**
- # Why did some people bring their children to Jesus?**
- # Why did the disciples try to chase them away?**
- # Why was Jesus so indignant about it?**
- # How do you think Jesus looks at the outcasts of society and people who are viewed and treated as inferior by other people?**



**Get involved somewhere
where you can help
children in some way.**



**Thank you, Lord, for
blessing me ...
Please help me to be a
blessing to others...**

Jesus talks to the children

- # “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them.”
What does this mean to you?**
- # “... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”
What do these words mean to you?**

Jesus blesses the children

- # Jesus put his arms around the children. He placed his hands on them and blessed them. What does it mean to YOU that Jesus puts his arms around you, that He places his hands on you and blesses you?**
- # What are the implications of this to you and the manner in which you interact with your family and people in your school, church or town?**



Who are the “children” in your life? (In other words, the people who are being pushed aside or seen as inferior?)

#Building Bridges

The Good Samaritan
(Luke 10: 25-37)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

The thief attacks the man

- # Brainstorm the topic of different kinds of needs that people have today.
- # Why do we often ignore the needs of other people?

People walk on by

- # What do you know about “priests” and “Levites”?
- # Why did they pass the injured man by?
- # What excuses do people have today to not help others?
- # What excuses do you have?



Reach out to someone who
are usually being ignored.



**Lord, please help me to be
a bridge builder to help
people who are being
ignored?**

The Samaritan goes out of his way to help

- # What did the Samaritan do and what did it “cost” him?**
- # What motivated him to be a “bridge builder”(to cross a boundary in order to help someone)?**
- # Why do you think Jesus wants us to be “bridge builders”?**
- # Make a list of people or groups that you usually ignore?**
- # How can you build a bridge towards them?**



**What is your definition of
a bridge builder?**

#Building Bridges

Conversations

at the cross

(Luke 23:32-43)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

The two men next to Jesus

Why were they crucified?

How do their attitudes differ from one another?

Why do some people think that they are too sinful or that their lives are too far removed from God to be helped?

Who are the people in your life that you think about as sinful and far from God?

Do you think Jesus' grace is meant for them as well?



Encourage someone who feels far from God to seek Him and be pleasantly surprised this week.



Lord God, please help me to be a bridge builder? Please help me to build bridges and cross them to reach out to people who feel far from You?

Jesus' words

- # What were Jesus' attitude towards the men?**
- # What promise did He make to one?**
- # How can you be a bridge builder by using words to comfort and build up others?**
- # How can you show God's love to people who feel that they are to far removed from God?**



Do your words to other people build them up or break them down?

#Building Bridges

Jesus calls Levi
(Mark 2: 13-17)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

Jesus calls Levi

- # What is a tax collector?
- # Why is it strange that Jesus chose a tax collector as a disciple?
- # What kind of people do you view as the “Christian type” and who do you think would never make the cut to be a disciple? How does this story challenge your preconceived ideas on discipleship?
- # What does Jesus think of Levi (and other outcasts) who can be viewed as “unholy”?



**Have lunch with different
people each day this week.**



**Lord, please help me to be a
“bridge builder” towards people who
are usually excluded by others?**

Jesus goes to dinner at Levi's house

- # In what way does Jesus act as a “bridge builder” in this story?
(How does He cross boundaries to benefit other people?)**
- # Why is Jesus criticised for this?**
- # In what way is Jesus' love and acceptance of people an example to you?**
- # Who can you think of as always being excluded?**
- # How can you befriend them?**



**Are you someone who
excludes some people?
Or do you feel excluded?**

Go Tell

On the road
to Emmaus
(Luke 24:13-35)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:

The conversation about the cross

- # Do you know someone who has heard the story of Jesus, his cross and crucifixion, but still does not understand the real meaning of it?
- # What questions do people you know have about Jesus, the cross and faith?
- # How can you start a conversation with them (like Jesus did)?



Write down how Jesus influenced
your life and share it
with someone



**Lord, please help me to not be shy
to tell others about You and to
share my story with them?**

Jesus breaks the bread

- # When did you realise who Jesus really is?**
- # How did the realisation change your life and identity?**
- # Did you tell someone about it?**

The men ran back to tell what happened

- # Why did the men run all the way back that evening?**
- # To whom did the Spirit send you to tell your story?**
- # What are your challenges and/or
excuses? Pray about this.**



**Everyone has a story. What is yours?
How can you testify about what Jesus
has done for you? What can you testify
about how He is still working in your
life every day?**

Go Tell

Peter addresses
the crowd
(Acts 2:14-22;37-42)

Read the text twice

Discuss the following questions:
Peter's speech

- # What does it mean when we say Peter spoke under the influence of the Holy Spirit?
- # How difficult, or easy, is it for you to testify about Christ?
- # How does the Holy Spirit help us to be able to speak about Jesus?

The prophecy of Joel (verses 17–21)

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- # Peter uses a prophecy from of the book of Joel to explain how the Holy Spirit works. Please read it again. What is it that stands out for you?
- # All people are included – old, young, women, men ... – what do you think it means when it is said that everyone receives the Holy Spirit and acts as prophets?



Write something of your witness
about what happened at
#imagine on facebook.



**Lord, please take away all my fears so that I may help build your Kingdom?
Holy Spirit, please fill me completely? Please help me ...**

The people came to faith

What happened after Peter's speech?

Do you think Peter was amazed?

Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times.

Now he is the first witness to testify after the Holy Spirit came down on them.

What does this mean to you?



How does the Holy Spirit help you to be a witness of God's grace and testify about it?

Go Tell

Women tell
of the resurrection
(Matt 28: 1-10)
Read the text twice
Discuss the following questions:

The angel appears

- # How do you think the women felt when the angel appeared to them?
- # What does the fact that Jesus was resurrected mean to you?
- # What does the angel tell the women? Which words are very important?
- # How can the #imagine words “#see”, “#bridge builder”, “#tell (carry the cross)” help you to tell others about your #imagine experience?



Write down the words “#see”,
“#bridge builder”, “#tell (carry
the cross)” and share with
your friends what it
means to you.



**Lord, please send me ...
Lord, please help me to
not be afraid ...**

The women's reaction

- # In verse 8 the women's reactions (emotions and deeds) are described. Read it again. How do you feel (emotionally) about your #imagine experience? What will your reaction to it (deeds) be?**
- # How will it impact your actions in the world around you?**
- # Who can you tell about what you heard and experienced?**

Jesus appeared to the women

- # Jesus gave the women (and the disciples) a command as well as a promise. What was it?**
- # What is the specific promise that Jesus gave you through this experience?**



**What command and what
promise did Jesus give YOU?**



What to do back home after #Imagine 2016

- # Take your own church's minister / pastor / youth worker for coffee. Share your #imagine experiences with him/her and share your dream of becoming a bridge builder.**
- # Tell a leader at your church or school about the available 12 group sessions / sermons that they can use. It is available on the #imagine USB and online.**
- # Establish a group and work through the 12 post #imagine Bible studies in your #imagine book together. It can also be used in conjunction with the group sessions / sermons that are available.**
- # Find out which outreaches and service projects already exist in your church and how you can become involved.**
- # Decide to go on an outreach during the June/July school holiday with some of your friends. Find out which outreaches are available at your church and join in!**
- # Show the #imagine multi media (video clips) in a church service or at your school. It is available on the USB and online.**
- # Form a prayer group at your church or school and use the "prayer guideline using your hand" in the #imagine book.**
- # Decide to be a leader at one of the many #imagine kids holiday programmes in the September/October school holiday. Go to www.imaginekidz.com for more information.**
- # If there are no outreaches at your church, find out more about the #imagine mission exposure trips. Visit www.imaginemovement.co.za > go serve for more information.**
- # Get involved in your congregation's children's ministry.**
- # Share your #imagine experiences with your sport team.**
- # Share the 3 meanings of the hashtag (#look, #build bridges and #tell) with your family at home or people closest to you.**
- # Share the story of the Samaritan woman (John 4) with someone that you don't usually talk to.**
- # Make contact and build a relationship with someone from a different culture.**



Use your hand to pray:

THUMB – finger closest to you

Pray for the people closest to you – family and friends

INDEX FINGER – finger used to point direction

Pray for people who give direction – teachers, parents, church leaders

MIDDLE FINGER - longest finger

Pray for the people in “high” positions eg government

RING FINGER – weakest finger

Pray for people who are “weak” – children, sick people, poverty

LITTLE FINGER – Pinky finger

Pray for yourself and your own needs

PALM – open your hands, palms facing upwards

Take time to be still and listen to God, open yourself up to Him

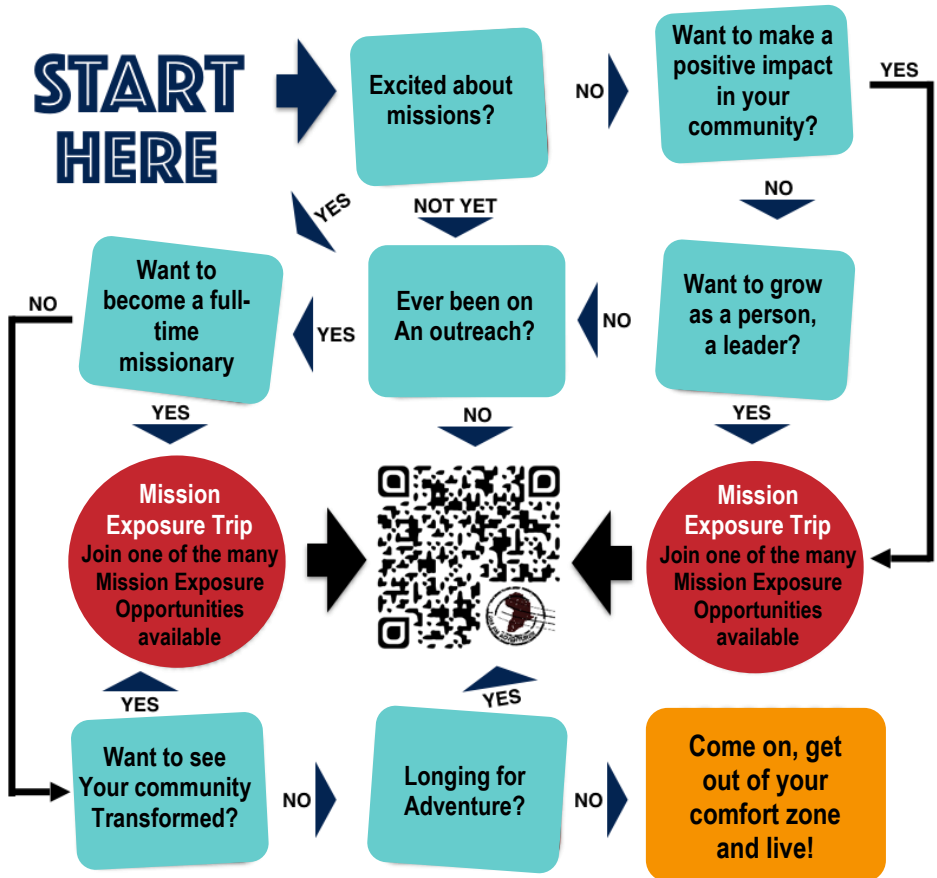
FIST – close your hand in a fist as if holding something

Take time to remember the promises of God and put your trust in Him

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MISSION EXPOSURE TRIPS

Imagineers **#DO** want to make a difference! We invite your church group to join one of our #Imagine Mission Exposure Trips in the June/July school break. Give a week of your life to help change someone else's life for ever. You will learn a lot, experience new adventures and make the world a **BETTER** place!



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