

Community Group Discussion 2/26
A Conversation with John Ramey & Haytham Mazahreh

1. Take some time as a group to talk in general about what intrigued you about this discussion between these three pastors, and the ministry of Aslan Child Rescue & Philadelphia Church. What did you find insightful? Challenging?

2. Haytham referenced Luke 10:2. Have someone read that passage aloud in its context- Luke 10:1-11.

Jesus said, “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Do you think this is still true today? Why or why not?

The command was to “go out like lambs among wolves.” I don’t know about you, but when I am facing a wolf (or some other significant challenge), I want to be as equipped as possible. Amazingly, in this passage Jesus actually strips them down to only the most basic essentials for the task before he send them out. Why do you think this is?

Philadelphia Marka church in Jordan was faced with a task that they were wholly unequipped for, and yet they have risen to the challenge. What other significant challenges face the Church in our day and age? Are we meeting those challenges?

3. John talked about the fear that many Christians in the west express when talking about missions in the muslim world, the refugee crisis, etc. In what ways have you felt this same fear or heard this same type of fear expressed?

John’s response to the question of fear was that christians need to have a “theology of suffering.” What does that mean to you?

Take a look Acts 5:40–42; Rom. 8:17; Phil. 1:29; 3:10; and 1 Pet. 2:20–23. What do each speak to this idea of “a theory of suffering?”

4. John asked an interesting question. He said, “Are we exaggerating when we talk about the extent, love, and power of the love of Jesus Christ?” What do you think he was talking about here?

What might cause someone outside the faith to think that the love, power, or grace of Jesus Christ had been exaggerated?

How can we as a group, or as a church, show that what we believe about Jesus’ love and power is very real? What could we do even this week to show it?