



STONEBRIDGE CHURCH

2026 SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Spiritual Reading: Reflecting on Missionary Biographies and Memoirs

Reading the stories of missionaries can help capture our hearts for Kingdom work stirring us to live with more of a missionary mindset. A missional mindset is one that recognizes that God has sent us to and planted us in the places where we live our lives (neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, community) and takes spiritual responsibility for those places and the people with whom we interact through prayer and intentional engagement- an approach we refer to as missional living (Jer 29:4-7). Missional living is an intentional approach to living life that recognizes God is both at work in our community and desiring us to partner with Him in that work.

When we read about trials and difficulties faced by missionaries, we grow in understanding their needs and the needs of the people they serve. This helps us mature individually as missionally minded followers and corporately as a sending church that has increased clarity about what it means to care for the global church.

Monthly, February through November, we'll select a new book to read together. At the end of each month, we'll come together for a Wednesday Night Book Discussion.

We also have a list of books you can choose from for independent study.



Scan here to see what book we're reading this month, sign up to attend a Book Discussion, review the full list of recommended books, and more.

AS YOU READ:

- Make note of small acts of obedience lived out under relatively ordinary circumstances.
- Pay attention to how they wove their ministry into their life.

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Questions



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BOOK: _____

1. How did their life advance God's kingdom?

2. What opportunities or barriers shaped their witness?

3. In what ways did they reflect Jesus' ministry in their missional living?

4. What lessons about missional living can help shape my own rhythms?

5. What did faithful obedience look like for the believers that cared for and supported them?

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Reflection



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I felt encouraged by...

I felt challenged by...

I felt inspired by...

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Response



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BOOK: _____

What do I sense God saying to me through this book?

How might The Lord be calling me to respond? Is He calling me to pray, give, or serve?

In light of that, what does obedience look like today?
