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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Missions Sunday
Key Scripture: Psalms 18:28
Recorded Sermon:
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Date + Speaker: May 4, 2025 | Jeff Kelly and Shoaib Ebadi (Global Workers)

Starter:
When have you seen a small act of kindness or hope make a big difference in someone's life — maybe even your own?

The Big Idea:
Through the testimonies shared by Jeff Kelly and Shoaib Ebadi, we are reminded that God is calling His people to bring the light of Christ into the darkest places — places where hope seems distant and faith is challenged. We are invited to partner with God's mission of bringing light and hope to the Middle East and beyond.

Discussion:

1. Both Jeff and Shoaib shared stories of how God led them into missions through specific burdens and opportunities. Have you ever felt burdened or drawn toward a cause, people group, or issue? How might that be God's invitation to step out in faith?

2. Shoaib shared about growing up under persecution and later producing media that shares the gospel in difficult regions. How can personal suffering shape the way we serve others or understand God's calling?

3. Jeff talked about the importance of listening to God and taking steps of obedience, even when the road ahead is unclear. How do you discern God's voice in times of decision or uncertainty?

4. Missions aren't limited to going abroad — it starts where we are. What does *living missionally* look like in your current context (workplace, school, neighborhood, family)?

5. Both testimonies involved great risks — whether legal threats, cultural barriers, or financial instability. What are some risks or sacrifices that can come with following God's call? What holds us back from stepping out in faith?

6. Media is being used as a powerful tool for hope and truth in the Middle East. What are some creative or unconventional ways God might use you or your community to share His message?

7. Jeff and Shoaib emphasized the importance of obedience to God's call and using your specific gifts. What is one gift, talent, or resource God has given you that could be used more intentionally in His mission?

8. After hearing Jeff and Shoaib's stories, what's one specific way you feel inspired to act — whether through prayer, giving, advocacy, or stepping out in faith?

Diving Deeper:
What might it look like for our community to support the mission of bringing light to the Middle East? Could we commit to praying regularly, supporting missionaries, giving financially, or learning more about how to stand with persecuted believers?

How might God be calling you to respond to a need around you?