A COMPASSIONATE CALL TO

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IN A WORLD OF

POVERTY • SAME-SEX MARRIAGE • RACISM

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# COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 1.

These days in our culture require authentic <u>zeal</u> , real passion for God.
TWO PRAYERS FROM ACTS 17
1. God, make us zealous for Your <u>glory</u> .
• <u>Creator</u> of the universe
• <u>Sustainer</u> of life
• Ruler of the nations
• <u>Savior</u> of the needy
• <u>Father</u> of each of us
• King over all of us
• <u>Judge</u> of the world
2. God, make us passionate for people's <u>salvation</u> .
Let's <u>speak</u> the gospel clearly.
FIVE TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL
1. The <u>character</u> of God: God is the holy, just, and gracious Creator of all things.
2. The <u>sinfulness</u> of man: we're each created by God, but we're all corrupted by sin.
3. The <u>sufficiency</u> of Christ: Jesus alone is able to remove our sin and reconcile us to God
4. The <u>necessity</u> of faith: the way to be reconciled to God is through faith in Jesus.
5. The <u>urgency</u> of eternity: our eternal destiny is dependent on our response to Jesus.
Let's <u>trust</u> the gospel completely.

# COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 2. Over <u>one</u> <u>billion</u> people live and die in desperate poverty in the world, living on less than one dollar a day. MATERIAL RICHES IN THE CHURCH 1. The path to great <u>gain</u> Be content with having \_\_\_\_\_ necessities \_\_\_\_\_ • Be cautious with acquiring <u>excess</u>. You will take none of it with you. Excess will take <u>contentment</u> from you. You will miss God's <u>purpose</u> for you. 2. The path to total ruin Love of <u>money</u> Desire for <u>riches</u> The love of money and the desire for riches lead to a life of selfand self-<u>mutilation</u>. 3. The plan for <u>rich</u> people • Flee self-<u>confidence</u>. • Flee self- centeredness . • Focus on <u>God</u>. God gives good things for <u>our</u> enjoyment. We give good things for <u>others'</u> enjoyment. We invest good things in our and others' eternity WHAT THE GOSPEL COMPELS 1. Simplify your <u>living</u>. 2. Increase your giving . • What is God leading you to <u>share</u>? • What is God leading you to <u>sell</u>? • What is God leading you to sacrifice ? 3. Consider your <u>going</u>. Video sessions available for purchase at www.lifeway.com/counterculture

# COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 3.

THE NATURE OF GOD
He is the supreme <u>Creator</u> , the sovereign <u>King</u> , the righteous <u>Judge</u> , and the merciful <u>Savior</u> .
THE NATURE OF LIFE
1. We are created in the <u>image</u> of God.
<ul> <li>We are a unique <u>reflection</u> of God, utterly <u>reliant</u> on God, and ultimately <u>responsible</u> to God.</li> </ul>
2. We are created for the <u>purpose</u> of God.
<ul> <li>Created to enjoy a <u>relationship</u> with God, to <u>rule</u> over all creation, and to <u>reproduce</u> God's glory to the ends of the earth</li> </ul>
THE NATURE OF SIN
1. The <u>core</u> of sin
<ul> <li>Rejecting God's <u>Word</u>: Whose voice will we listen to?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Spurning God's <u>authority</u>: Who will rule our hearts?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Denying God's <u>character</u>: Whom will we trust and obey?</li> </ul>
2. The <u>conflict</u> brought about by sin
<ul> <li>Conflict between man and <u>God</u>, between man and <u>woman</u>, and between man and <u>creation</u></li> </ul>
3. The <u>consequences</u> of sin
• Immediate <u>spiritual</u> death and eventual <u>physical</u> death
THE NEED FOR SALVATION
1. Genesis 1–11 gives us glimpses of <u>grace</u> : the promise of <u>Christ</u>
2. Genesis 1–11 compels us to counter <u>culture</u> .
<ul> <li>We oppose abortion because it destroys the <u>beauty</u> of human life, work to end slavery because it denies the <u>equality</u> of human life, and fight pornography because it denigrates the <u>dignity</u> of human life.</li> </ul>

#### COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 4.

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD
1. God created men and women with <u>equal</u> dignity.
2. God created men and women with <u>different</u> roles.
Man and woman <u>complement</u> each other.
• Man was created to be the <u>head</u> .
• Woman was created to be the <u>helper</u> .
<ul> <li>Man was created to exercise loving <u>authority</u> over woman.</li> </ul>
Woman was created to extend glad <u>submission</u> to man.
3. God created men and women as a reflection of the
• The Persons of the Trinity are equally <u>divine</u> .
• The Persons of the Trinity are positionally <u>different</u> .
<ul> <li>This is loving authority and glad submission in the context of beautiful         relationship         .</li> </ul>
THREE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD
1. All this is <u>good</u> for us.
<ul> <li>Unity in diversity: we are attracted to each other by our <u>differences</u>.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Equality amid intimacy: we honor each other as weeach other.</li> </ul>
2. All this is <u>glorifying</u> to God.
• We reflect God's <u>character</u> .
• We trust God's <u>Word</u> .
3. All this is the essence of the <u>gospel</u> .
Christ is our <u>sacrificial</u> groom.
• We are Christ's <u>submissive</u> bride.
<ul> <li>God has designed the headship of men and the help of women to display the <u>gospel</u> of Christ to the culture around us.</li> </ul>

# COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 5.

From the very beginning, the story line of the Bible depicts a basic <u>unity</u> behind worldly diversity.
Fundamentally, we're all part of the same <u>race</u> .
A PICTURE OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY
1. See the <u>promise</u> God has made.
<ul> <li>From the very beginning of the Bible, God is promising to bring His blessing not just to one people but toall the peoples of the earth.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>We work for ethnic harmony because of God's purpose in all of <u>history</u>.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>God is most glorified when His people are most <u>unified</u>.</li> </ul>
2. See the Christ has paid.
<ul> <li>All of us who are a part of the human race aresinners</li> </ul>
• We all need a <u>Savior</u> .
Christ shed His blood for every <u>people</u> .
Over <u>6,500</u> people groups are still unreached.
Christ shed His blood for every <u>language</u> .
Over <u>2,000</u> languages still have no Bible.
3. See the God has prepared.
• In the future we will <u>worship</u> together in perfect harmony.
• In the present we now <u>work</u> together for unity in our diversity.

# COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH DVD SESSION 6.

1. As we believe the gospel with deep-seated <u>conviction</u> in our lives, let's proclaim the gospel with death-defying <u>confidence</u> in the world.
•Those who <u>believe</u> the gospel <u>proclaim</u> the gospel.
• We're compelled to proclaim the resurrected Christ to unreached peoples, knowing that as we speak the gospel to them, <u>suffering</u> and affliction will come.
• <u>Persecution</u> follows proclamation.
• We go because God <u>came</u> to us.
<ol> <li>As we live toextend God's grace among more people, let's long toexalt</li> <li>God's glory among all peoples.</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>We extend the grace of God so that people are delivered from everlasting condemnation away from God to experience everlasting <u>community</u> in the presence of God.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>As people are saved, God will receive more <u>glory</u>, more thanksgiving.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>What drives passion for getting the gospel to unreached peoples is not guilt;</li> <li>it's glory</li> </ul>
3. As we continually envision eternal <u>glory</u> with God, let's joyfully embrace earthly <u>suffering</u> from God.
<ul> <li>There's a god in this world who wants to blind every single one of our minds and the minds of the nations from seeing God.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>There's a true God over this world who desires the <u>salvation</u> of all peoples in the world.</li> </ul>
Suffering is inevitable.
The more passionate we are about spreading the gospel in the world, the more we will <u>suffer</u> .
God will pass us by as long as we value <u>safety</u> over obedience.
• God's purpose is <u>unstoppable</u> .
• Our hope is incomparable .