



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: Commissions
Suggested Week of Use: May 30, 2021
Core Passage: Luke 26:36-49

News Story Summary

Jim Flora and his wife Teresa were International Mission Board missionaries who served the Basotho people of Lesotho (Sub Saharan Africa). Jim and Teresa traveled by horseback to many of the villages in the mountains of the area. Jim preached while Teresa, a nurse, used her medical skills to serve the people in the village. When commenting about Jim's desire to share Jesus with others, one coworker, Daren Davis, told of a time when Jim's horse sat down and refused to continue and Jim dismounting and walking instead. Prior to becoming missionaries in 2008, Jim was a pastor in Missouri. Jim passed away in early May with cancer at the age of 63.

For more about this story, search "Missionary Jim Flora passes away".

Focus Attention

To supplement the Review idea under Focus Attention, share about the mission work of Jim Flora. Call attention to the story about Jim walking when his horse sat down and refused to continue. Led the group to propose how they believe Jim would have answered viewed his daily activities, as a commission, a duty, or something else. Continue the step by reviewing the responses on the board and leading the group to discuss how they view these activities as a commission, duty, or something else.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, after reviewing the summary statements, remind the group of the work of Jim Flora. Explain that he passed away from cancer in early May. Lead the group to identify ways Jim Flora lived out the truths discovered in today's passage. Encourage the group to pray that God will send more people to reach out to the Basotho people. Transition to the third question set under Apply the Text as suggested in the Reinforce idea. Suggest that praying for God to call missionaries from your church could be one practical action to take in response to the third question set.