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Lead on O King Eternal
The Livingstons



CELEBRATION - HOW DID YOU SEE GOD THIS WEEK AS YOU FOLLOWED HIM?

Jeter and Laura shared their journey of faith using a hymn called *Lead On, O King Eternal*. We will use the three stanzas of the hymn as a launching point for small group discussion this week.

The first stanza talks about God's grace in the days of preparation:

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

How has the Lord prepared you for your calling or how is the Lord preparing you? The calling does not have to be for overseas missions, but could be to a light in whatever field you are working in. How has God's grace made you strong to do this work?

The "fields of conquest" or "battle" that the Livingstons refer to is the war raging for the hearts, minds and souls of God's creation. (Ephesians 6:12) The Livingstons say that their primary role in the battle was teaching Biblical truth to arm God's people for lives of faith, obedience and service in the Kingdom. God's call on your life and the way you live out your calling may look different than the Livingston's, but he has called each of us according to His good purposes. (Romans 8:28) *How have you discerned your call?*

The second stanza recounts how God's kingdom comes with deeds of love and mercy:

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
or roll of stirring drums
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

How have you experienced the deeds of love and mercy through Body of Christ? (1 Peter 4:10) How can you be a vessel of peace, love and mercy in the place where God has placed you and through the gifts and talents He has given you?

The final stanza talks about how we can follow God with joy, as we seek His face and the cross:

Lead on, O King eternal;
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Are there any fears that are holding you back from following God in your life? How can you seek to follow God through the hard places and fears you face? (2 Chron. 20:15-17). The Livingstons said that they have struggled with every kind of fear. But fear drove them to their knees and taught them to pray. The antidote to fear is His presence. "Gladness breaks like morning, where His face appears."

Close the time by praying for what the members in the group shared and that we would live for him wherever He leads us.