



Introduction:

- A lack of understanding creates a _____ between lost mankind and God. There is no spiritual life, because there is no spiritual understanding.
- Our mission as a church is to _____ this gap.

How can we bridge this gap of a lack of understanding?

It will take people who will stand in the gap.

- God has no other plan to bridge this gap other than _____.
 - ◆ *“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezekiel 22:30*
 - ◆ *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:13-14*

It will take the systematic _____ of God’s Word. Acts 19:8-10, 20

- It is God’s Word that brings _____ and understanding.

- ◆ *“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.”*
Psalm 19:7-8
- ◆ *“Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”* **Psalm 119:104**
- ◆ *“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”* **Psalm 119:130**
- Our missionaries are bridging the gap, seeking to bring understanding to darkened _____.

It will take willing hearts to learn and _____ God’s Word. Acts 19:17-19; Ephesians 4:20-21

- God’s Word was taught and Jesus was magnified (verse 17), and many _____ to believe (verse 18).
- Their lives were radically _____ by the spiritual truth Paul taught (verse 19).

- This is the mission. This is why we exist. We are all about taking the truth of God to people who have no spiritual _____ and are spiritually ignorant.
 - Why? So that they can come to an understanding of the _____. We must bridge the gap!