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## **Considering Missions Around the World: David Brainerd and Native Americans**

### **Goal for This Week:**

To consider 2 Timothy 1:8-12 as it relates to David Brainerd's (1718-1747) life and ministry among the Native Americans.

### **Review of Past Weeks:**

Our Ecclesiology and Missiology flow out of our doctrine of God and leads to doxology.

In Matthew 16 we see Jesus give the keys of the kingdom of heaven to the \_\_\_\_\_  
and in Matthew 18 we see the keys of the kingdom given to \_\_\_\_\_.

The church is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of missions because the church is the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ helping the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (the *means*) get ready for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (the *end*).

The task of the missionary is to do the task of the \_\_\_\_\_, which means the missionary  
(or missionary family or team) are individual representatives of the local church who sends them  
to do their sending church's task in a different region of the world.

### **The Life of David Brainerd (1718-1747)**

#### *Introducing Brainerd*

#### *Four Lessons from 2 Timothy 1:8-12 That Was Lived Out by Brainerd<sup>1</sup>*

##### 1. We Are to Be Unashamed of Christ and His Gospel (2 Timothy 1:8)

*2 Timothy 1:8*, "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God..."

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel Akin, *10 Who Changed the World* (Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2012), 103-122.

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## David Brainerd was Unashamed of Christ and His Gospel

### 2. We Are to Be Certain of Our Calling (2 Timothy 1:9-11)

*2 Timothy 1:9-11*, “Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher...”

God’s Calling on David Brainerd’s Life

### 3. We Are to Be Willing to Suffer for The Sake of Christ (2 Timothy 1:8, 12)

*2 Timothy 1:8,12*, “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God...  
...which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.”

Brainerd Endured Through Suffering for the Sake of Christ

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4. We Are to Have Unsurpassing Confidence in Our Security in Christ (1 Timothy 1:12)

*1 Timothy 1:12*, "...But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me."

Brainerd's Confidence in His Eternal Security

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