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Key Takeaway

Successful mission trips require more than good planning. They are most effective when logistics, relationships, and ministry purpose work together to serve others well.

SUMMARY

In this episode, Chris Kazmarek shares lessons learned from serving as a missionary in Uganda and now leading outreach and impact trips at County Line Church. The conversation explores why churches take mission trips, how to prepare participants well, the importance of long-term partnerships, and the need to move beyond mission tourism toward meaningful engagement. Chris highlights the value of cultural learning, relationship-building, and helping people experience God's work beyond their own context.

Scripture passage: Acts 10:1-48

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 10:15-10:56.* How have experiences outside your comfort zone helped you grow spiritually? Why do you think God uses unfamiliar situations to teach us?
2. *Listen: 25:39-29:59.* Why is cultural, spiritual, and practical preparation essential before serving in another community or country? What problems can occur when preparation is neglected?
3. *Listen: 31:45 -35:35.* What helps a short-term mission trip become a meaningful discipleship experience rather than just a travel experience?
4. *Listen: 45:00- 50:00.* Through stories about handing out cash and attempting to "help" in ways that weren't requested, the conversation highlights how good intentions can sometimes create unintended challenges. What are some ways good intentions can unintentionally create problems?

REFLECTION QUESTION

Think about a place, culture, or community that is unfamiliar to you. What assumptions do you currently hold about that group? What is one step you could take this month to learn directly from people in that community rather than relying on stereotypes or secondhand information?