



DiscipleLand

Missionary Biography Questions
Level 5, Quarter D—Floyd McClung

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5D—Missionary Biography

Floyd McClung

Teacher Intro—FLOYD MCCLUNG

Floyd McClung knew one day he would become a missionary, but he didn't know where. Staring at a map and praying showed him God would use him all around the world. He and his wife lived in Kabul, Afghanistan, for years as they ministered to young American and European hippies. After a revolution took place in Afghanistan, the McClungs moved to Amsterdam, Holland. The McClungs spent years reaching young people through a houseboat ministry, a discipleship training center, and finally living in the very center of the city's immoral district. God continues to use Floyd and Sally McClung as they live and work in Capetown, South Africa.

Lesson 1—Pastor's Kid

Read the story from page 12 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God desires everyone, everywhere, and of every age to know Him.

Discussion Questions:

What benefits would Floyd have being a pastor's kid? What might be difficult about having your father be a pastor? Would you like your dad to be a pastor? Why or why not?

Do you know anything about church planting? Do you know a church planter?

If you started a new church in your community, describe where and what type of church you would start.

Have you ever attended a revival meeting? Describe it.

Like Floyd, many people believe that being good and going to church will please God and earn the right to go to heaven. What did Floyd realize he needed to do?

As a teenager, what did Floyd learn about God? What picture did Floyd have in his mind? What feelings do you have about the millions of people around the world who don't know Jesus? Have you ever thought about being a missionary?

Lesson 2—Big Job!

The story so far...**Floyd McClung's father was a pastor, so he spent lots of time at church. After hearing a visiting pastor speak, Floyd made a personal commitment to Christ. During his teenage years, he felt God ask him to be a missionary.**

Read the story from page 18 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God wants to be first in each person's life.

Discussion Questions:

When Floyd asked God where he should be a missionary, what answer did he receive? Some missionaries had a special love for a country or people group that started during their childhood. Do you feel a special fondness for a certain country or people group?

Why did Floyd go to college instead of straight to the mission field?

What lesson did God teach Floyd during the basketball season? Have you ever felt God ask you to give up something for Him? What are some ways you can put God first in your life?

What question did Pop Jenkins keep asking Floyd? Why would a missionary need to think about that question? How would you answer that question?

Lesson 3—The Trail

The story so far...**Floyd McClung felt God was calling him to be a missionary to the whole world. During college, God asked Floyd to give up basketball to show that he put God first. Floyd was challenged with the question, “Do you really care?” That question helped focus his heart on reaching the lost people of the world.**

Read the story from page 24 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God makes His will known when you ask.

Discussion Questions:

Describe the missionary trip of Floyd and the others.

Use a map to look up the countries on “The Trail.” What do you know about the living conditions in some of those countries? Why would travelers along The Trail need help?

What opportunity was offered to the McClungs? What happened when the group prayed about the opportunity? Read Ezra 1:2-3. Has God ever shown you a verse or reminded you of a verse at just the right time? Explain.

Have you ever asked God to guide or direct you? What happened?

Lesson 4—Teahouse

The story so far...**Floyd McClung, his wife, and a group of missionaries traveled on “The Trail” to minister to hippy travelers. In Kabul, Afghanistan, the McClungs were asked to stay. God confirmed His will to them so they stayed.**

Read the story from page 30 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God’s love can be seen and felt through hospitality and friendship.

Discussion Questions:

Find Kabul, Afghanistan on a map. Talk about any current news stories about Afghanistan or missionaries in Afghanistan.

What ministry did the McClungs have in Kabul?

Do you like tea? Imagine that you are a traveler who has been away for many months. How would feel if someone from treated you with friendship and hospitality? How does hospitality show God’s love to someone?

When has someone shown you hospitality? How did you feel?

When have you shown hospitality to someone? How did they respond?

How did some people respond to the McClungs? Why did the McClungs stay in Kabul?

Lesson 5—Miracles

The story so far...**Floyd and Sally McClung opened a teahouse in Kabul, Afghanistan to reach the young travelers. They offered free tea and used conversations to tell people about Jesus. Life was difficult, but the McClungs knew they were where God wanted them.**

Read the story from page 36 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God hears and answers prayers!

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think Floyd and the others felt sad when someone they tried to help left without becoming a Christian? How would you react?

What miracle happened to a young girl who joined the group? Have you experienced a miracle? Describe it.

Why did the missionaries want to find someone who spoke Afghani? Why would an Afghani person be able to get things at a cheaper price? Why did the Afghani man like working for Floyd and the others?

How do you feel when missionaries share stories of answers to prayer? Have you heard any other missionary’s stories of answers to prayer that have encouraged you? Share one.

Lesson 6—Breakthrough!

The story so far...**Floyd McClung and the other missionaries in Kabul, Afghanistan experienced discouragements, but they also experienced many miracles. They prayed for money and it came in. They prayed for a cook and bargain hunter and found an Afghani man. The miracles encouraged them to keep serving God in Kabul.**

Read the story from page 42 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God ministers to us even as we minister to others.

Discussion Questions:

Why couldn’t missionaries be in Afghanistan? Why were Floyd McClung and the others allowed to be in Afghanistan?

Read Matthew 3:16-17. Describe the scene of Jesus’ baptism. What happened when Jesus came up out of the water? What happened when the German man came up out of the water?

Have you been baptized? Describe your baptism. Why is baptism powerful?

Why was a public baptism in Afghanistan so powerful?

Lesson 7—Revolution!

The story so far...Floyd McClung led a group out to the water for a baptism service—the first public baptism in a thousand years. As the first young man entered the water, a fierce wind blew. When the man rose up out of the water after being baptized, the wind stopped and a rain began to fall on the drought parched land. Instantly, it appeared that Satan's hold on the country had been broken and God's love rained down.

Read the story from page 48 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God has a job for you to do and sometimes that job changes!

Discussion Questions:

What ways could a baby help missionaries as they minister to people? In what ways might a baby make it difficult to minister? Do you know missionaries who have a small baby? Take time and pray for them.

What noises awakened the McClungs? How did Floyd react? How would you react? What do you know about a revolution? How did the change in government affect Floyd?

How do you think Floyd and Sally felt to have their situation change so quickly?

A visa is an official document of permission from the government for the foreigner to be in the country. In many countries, visa laws keep changing and make it difficult for missionaries to stay in the country. Pray for missionaries who are experiencing difficulties with getting a visa.

What countries are having or have recently had a revolution? How can you pray for the missionaries in those countries?

What do you think Floyd and his family will do?

Lesson 8—Amsterdam

The story so far...The McClungs welcomed baby Misha and she was well loved by the group of hippie travelers who had become Christians. A revolution took place that caused an immediate change in the ministry. Tourist visas weren't issued to hippies, so where would the McClungs go to minister to the travelers?

Read the story from page 54 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God can confirm His answer through His Word.

Discussion Questions:

Look on a map and find Afghanistan. Then find Amsterdam, Holland (the Netherlands). What have you learned about Amsterdam or the Netherlands?

Why did the McClungs decide to leave Kabul, Afghanistan? Would you have left?

Why didn't the McClungs and other missionaries just return to their homes in the United States? Have you ever felt God calling you to a certain country, city, or people group?

What offer came to them? How did the team seek to find out if this was God's plan for them? Have you asked God to confirm an answer to you? Tell us about the experience.

How did God confirm His answer to them? Has God shown you a verse or verses that have been an answer to your question? How would it help the missionaries to know that God definitely wanted them in Amsterdam? Pray for missionaries who are seeking direction from God to find His answer in the Bible.

Lesson 9—The Ark

The story so far...The revolution forced the McClungs to prepare to leave Kabul. An offer came to start a ministry with two houseboats in Amsterdam. The team prayed and God confirmed this was His plan for them.

Read the story from page 60 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God continues to lead and provide as ministry sometimes changes.

Discussion Questions:

What thoughts do you think the McClungs had as they got on the bus to leave Afghanistan? What things might they miss? What things might they be glad to leave behind?

Would you like a long bus trip? Would you like a long bus trip in a bus that kept breaking down? What would you do to help you not be bored? Would it be easy for the McClungs to travel with a 15 month old girl? How might you have helped with Misha on the trip?

Describe the condition of the houseboats. It would be discouraging to expect something better than what they found when they arrived in Amsterdam. What might help them deal with the disappointment? How do you deal with disappointment? What Bible verses comfort you when you are disappointed?

How did God show them He was with them and wanted them in the houseboats? How has God provided for your needs in an amazing way?

Why was The Ark a good name for the new ministry?

Lesson 10—God Provides!

The story so far...The old bus with the McClung family and three other missionaries finally made it to Amsterdam. The group discovered the houseboats weren't what they had expected. After weeks of fixing and remodeling, God provided free furniture and things to fill the boats so they would be ready for ministry.

Read the story from page 66 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God provides for our needs—even though sometimes it comes at the very last minute!

Discussion Questions:

Why did Floyd McClung look for another place? Why wouldn't The Ark work for a Bible training center? What kind of atmosphere do you prefer when you read your Bible?

What was the problem with the perfect place that Floyd found? How did Floyd feel when he read that it had been sold? When God has a plan and you are following it, can God fail or mess up? What wisdom did another Christian give to Floyd? Have you ever seen or heard something that caused you to doubt God? How did you respond?

What happened when Floyd contacted the owner? Would you have had enough faith in God to not panic when the money didn't seem to come in? How was the group's faith rewarded? Have you experienced God working a miracle at what seemed like the last minute?

Lesson 11—Moving Again

The story so far... **Floyd McClung** knew they needed a quiet training center where new Christians could study God's Word and grow in their relationship with God. He found the perfect place, but they didn't have money to buy it. God worked miracles and provided the money needed—with \$40 extra!

Read the story from page 72 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: When God asks you to follow Him, you can trust Him to take care of you.

Discussion Questions:

Why did Floyd want to move back to Amsterdam? Why do you think Sally cried as she thought about moving?

How long did Sally pray before she knew God was leading them to move to the city? Have you ever prayed that long for something? Why do you think it took a while to feel confident in the answer?

Misha McClung was six years old at the time and was thinking about the words of song that came from Micah 6:8. Look up that verse and how that verse helped confirm that God was showing them the way to go.

The entire family was in agreement to follow God to the city. Has your family every prayed together about a big decision? Did everyone feel God gave them the same answer?

What things about city life would be hard for the McClungs to adjust to? Have you ever moved from the country to the city? What helped you make the adjustments?

Have you ever moved? What were some of the problems and issues you faced? Take time and pray for missionary families that are moving and facing similar problems.

Lesson 12—Not Finished

The story so far... **Floyd McClung** felt God lead his family back to the city of Amsterdam. After praying, the entire family agreed to follow God's plan for them and move from the countryside to the city. Even though they moved to the center of immorality for the city, the McClungs trusted God to watch over and protect them and especially their two children.

Read the story from page 78 of the DiscipleLand Teacher Guide.

Big Idea: God's continues to grow a harvest with the seeds planted through the life of Floyd McClung.

Discussion Questions:

Why did Floyd and the team feel like they were living on the Devil's doorstep? What does the Bible say about God's power over Satan? How would you react to living next door to a church that worships Satan?

What is prayer walking? Have you ever prayer walked? Where might be a local place that your class should go and prayer walk? If possible, arrange to take the class on a prayer walk.

Read Ephesians 6: 10-18. Why was it important for the missionaries to daily put on the armor of God? Is it important for you to daily put on the armor of God? Do you? Why or why not?

If possible, use the Internet (floydandsally.org) and show your class the video about All Nations that features Floyd. Your students may want to send an email to Floyd and Sally to encourage them (check the McClung's website for an email address).

Also, show the class pictures and current news about what is being done at the YWAM base in Amsterdam (ywamamsterdam.org). Have the group pray for the YWAM missionaries and the ministry that continues to be done in Amsterdam.