



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
14 SEPTEMBER 2025



Read Acts 13:47, Micah 6:6–8, Isaiah 1:16–17, Proverbs 31:8–9

Open: Do you think studying the lives of Christians in Church history is helpful? How was Bartolomè de las Casas being a light to the nations?

Understanding the Text

- Why do you think God rejected Israel's sacrifices in Micah and Isaiah?
- What do the verses above teach us about our responsibility toward those without a voice?
- Do you think the church is effective in being this type of light? In what ways is the church strong? In what ways is it like Israel that neglected issues of justice and defending the marginalized? How can we apply these verses to our current cultural context? What modern injustices are being overlooked?
- How does seeing history's failures (like the misuse of Christianity to justify conquest) challenge us in our witness today?

"The Life and Legacy of Bartolome de las Casas"

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Gospel Shared the Right Way:

Key Quote "Jesus Christ...did not send armed soldiery to take possession of the earth but holy men, preachers. He sent sheep among wolves." (Las Casas)

Summary: Las Casas rejected forced conversions, insisting that the gospel must be proclaimed through humility, respect, and love. His vision of mission anticipated Revelation 7 — all nations worshiping Christ together. He outlined five marks of the ideal missionary: not seeking power, not coveting wealth, showing respect, embodying Christ's love, and living virtuously.

Discussion Questions:

- How does Las Casas' vision of mission compare to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)?
- Why is the method of sharing the gospel just as important as the message? Have you seen poor methods and strong methods?
- Which of the five marks of the "ideal missionary" speaks most to you personally, and why?

Reflecting the Nature of God - Read: Psalm 82:3, Psalm 121:7, Psalm 91:4

Summary: God Himself is protector of the weak, a shield for the defenseless. When we defend the helpless, we reflect His very character. Just as He saved us when we were helpless, He calls us to be advocates for others.

Discussion Questions:

- What do these verses tell us about the character and nature of God?
- How is God's protection for us a model for how we treat others?
- How does our salvation — God rescuing us when we were helpless and without an advocate — motivate us to do the same for others?



UNION CHURCH
OF MANILA