

**Core Seminars – Christian Growth**  
**Missions: Becoming a “World Christian”**  
*Week 11 – February 07, 2010*

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**DOING MISSIONS IN A RESTRICTED-ACCESS COUNTRY**

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Unofficial Definition of a Restricted-Access Country

*A country where the government’s official policies, or unofficial practices or cultural norms, prevent the free and open presentation of the Gospel without fear of serious reprisal. Most often it means a nation whose government will not grant visas to foreigners who intend to enter the country for the sole purpose of religious work, where churches are illegal or severely regulated, where open religious work may result in expulsion from the country and/or where conversion from a majority religion to Christianity is formally illegal or informally the cause of stiff persecution.*

**I. Biblical Considerations**

A. Do we have an obligation to respect the authority and policies of such governments?

Romans 13:1-7

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B. Is there a limit to such God-given authority?

God and Caesar

- Matthew 22:15-22

What happens if an earthly government holds contradictory laws?

- Acts 4:13-20

## **II. But WHY do missions in a restricted-access country?**

A. Because hatred for God does not revoke the Great Commission

B. To enjoy the privilege of not building on another person's work

C. Because of the strategic need

D. To especially glorify God

- Habakkuk 2:13-14
- Psalm 2

## **III. Issues to Consider**

A. Security

B. Platform

C. Evangelism

D. Perseverance

E. Isolation and Lack of Fellowship

## **Conclusion:**