

## 5 C's: Convictions

*Conviction is a strong belief or a state of being convinced. A missionary candidate should be convinced that the Gospel is true and must be shared. Convictions in important doctrines, awareness of our desperation for God, and faithfulness in following him is vital for a person to serve cross-culturally.*

**Key Verses:** John 15:5, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 5:3-5, Matthew 26:24-25, 2 Corinthians 12:10, 1 John 4:9-11, Acts 20:24, Acts 4:12.

### **Spiritual Vitality & Maturity**

- Key Quality 1: Has a good understanding of the gospel. Knows how to explain it (justification), but more importantly, how to apply it (sanctification) to everyday life.
- Key Quality 2: Reflects solid theology and praxis of the church, community, and missions.
- Key Quality 3: Has a history of confessing sin and shows humility in response to being made aware of sin.
- Key Quality 4: Not wavering in the foundations of the faith (gospel, Jesus, church, Trinity, Holy Spirit).
- Key Quality 5: The candidate's posture towards God and behavior are not negatively impacted by emotional highs or lows.
- Key Quality 6: Consistent with following God over time.

### **Key Questions**

- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Who is discipling you and how do you practice allowing others to be the church for you?
- What makes you most nervous about serving overseas?
- What is God doing in your life right now? What are you learning?
- Can you tell me about a time when you experienced suffering? What was it like? What did you learn?
- How are you relationally, financially, and emotionally invested in your church family?

### **Green Light**

- Burden for the lost
- Consistent in spiritual disciplines.

### **Red Lights**

- They are inconsistent in being a part of Christian community and/or in following Christ devotedly.
- They are not in agreement with important Biblical doctrine.
- They have not (or refuse to) become a covenant member of a church or be baptized.