



Here are some questions and discussion starters based on the video you have seen. Questions for children are in bold. As time allows, discuss the following:

1. **What did you hear about the way the Songhai people used to live?**
Explain the Songhai people used to be a part of a very important African kingdom. It was a wealthy kingdom with a lot of influence. People were educated and had good jobs. Over time, things have changed for the Songhai people.
2. **What is life like today for the Songhai people?**
Today they are very poor. They work the land for food just to survive. That's what "sustenance farmers" means. They suffer from starvation and disease.
3. **What is life like for Songhai children?**
Because of the disease, lack of medical care, hunger and poverty, many children die when they are very young.
4. **What beliefs do the Songhai have?**
While the Songhai consider themselves Muslim, they have a lot of beliefs in sorcery and magic and superstition.
5. **What's the job of the missionaries there?**
Missionaries are there to tell the Songhai about Jesus. Missionaries lead them to be disciples and hope that they will tell other Songhai people about the truth of Jesus.
6. **What is life like for Songhai people who become Christians?**
They are persecuted by their families and community. Many times they are forced to leave their village. No one will give them work or accept their money.
7. **What's the new kingdom that missionary John Smythe described?**
John Smythe and other missionaries pray that a kingdom of God will rise up among the Songhai – a new kingdom of people who have hope in Jesus and will have eternal life with Him.