

JIM BALLARD LISTENING GUIDE
“WAY OF THE WEST”

LIVE WITH URGENCY
SHARE GOD’S TRANSFORMING POWER
ROMANS 1:16

Jim and Myrtle Ballard live in Idaho, where Jim is the director of missions for the Eastern Idaho Baptist Association.

FILL IN THE BLANKS AS YOU WATCH THIS VIDEO SEGMENT.

1. He lived on top of a mountain.... His name was _____.
2. He was a full-time auto mechanic and full-time pastor. His name was _____.
3. This is life as people in Eastern _____ know it—horses, cattle, ranchers, and cowboys.
4. Jim is a North American missionary here, and it’s his job to help start _____ for modern-day “John Waynes.”
5. _____ percent of people in Eastern Idaho do not know the Lord.
6. Taking the gospel of Jesus requires special equipment:
 - A good set of _____ .
 - As pastors and church planters are often alone and isolated Jim needs a really good _____.
7. I believe that every pocket of people deserve the right for there to be a place where God’s word can be shared and their lives to be transformed, and all that really happens in _____.

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8. Mike Palmer is pastor of Lemhi River _____ Church.
9. "We don't have a county in Eastern Idaho where over _____ percent of the people attend a Christian church.
10. Everything is busting loose all over Eastern Idaho. New _____ are starting.
New _____ are being born.
11. When you pray and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter _____, God's using you, too.
12. "I've seen some major, major victories occur because of the power of _____.
13. The most exciting thing is to watch God _____ somebody and watch a _____ be born.

QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION:

1. In what ways is the Eastern Idaho mission field like our own? In what ways is it different? What are the people groups represented in this video? How are they like you? How are they different?
2. In the video, you meet Roy, whose life was transformed when he accepted Christ as His Savior. Who are the people you most want to see transformed in that way? What can you and your church do to facilitate that transformation?

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3. Mike Palmer notes that “We don’t have a county in eastern Idaho where over 10-percent of the people attend a Christian church. Not even close.” What are the statistics of church attendance in your community? Do you believe it is more or less than in Eastern Idaho? Why or why not?
4. God has called Jim to share the gospel with “Modern Day John Waynes.” You are a part of that as you pray for missionaries like Jim, give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and go to the mission field—locally and globally. Jim says, “It gets real challenging, but I believe that every pocket of people deserve the right for there to be a place where God’s Word can be shared and their lives transformed.” Who has God called you to share the gospel with in your community?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for Jim Ballard and his wife, Myrtle, as they encourage pastors and their families in Eastern Idaho. Pray that God will provide for their needs and that His direction will be evident in all that they do.
2. Pray for the Christians in Eastern Idaho to have boldness in sharing the gospel. Pray for their continued growth through such church plants as Lemhi River Cowboy Church.

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3. Pray for pastors and their families in the association to be strengthened and not discouraged.
4. Pray for awakening among residents of Eastern Idaho, that they will hear the Word of God, be convicted by the Holy Spirit of their need to make Jesus Lord, and will then grow in their faith.
5. Pray that financial giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be generous this year so that our missionary force will be strong and plentiful as we work together to fulfill the Great Commission.