

CORE DOCTRINE - Missions
Leader Guide

Page 1 is generally intended for the leader to facilitate discussion.

Page 2 is all the scriptures referenced and may be helpful to pass out to everyone.

Before beginning the video, discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Missions'?
2. Try to answer in one sentence, "What is the mission of God?"

Pause the video when instructed (approx 11 minutes in)

1. Read Psalm 67 together in your group.
2. Then go back and read one verse at a time and pray through each verse.
3. Alternatively you could discuss the Psalm one verse at a time. What does it mean? What does it tell us about God? What does it tell us about what He is doing?

Watch the rest of the video.

Discussion Questions: *(feel free to use any/all of these or make up your own)*

1. What verse or aspect of God's plan was most impactful to you? Why?
2. Read Gen 11:1-9. What was God's purpose in creating all these languages? Dave comments that they were digging deep and building high vs. spreading out. How can we learn from this in our own Christian lives and practice?
3. Read Daniel 6:25-28 (this is directly after the Lion's Den account). What was the effect of God saving Daniel from the lions? How did God further His mission?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20 (the great commission). Put into your own words what Jesus is saying in these verses.
5. Read Revelation 7:9-12. The Bible gives us glimpses of the fulfillment of God's mission. What does this passage (and others like it) show us? What stands out to you?
6. In what ways have you been guilty of thinking too small about God's purposes?
7. What practical impact would a better understanding of the mission of God have on your life, thinking, priorities?
8. What can you do tomorrow to better align with God's mission - next month, next year, in the next generation?
9. What is a practical step you can take to actively participate in the encouragement and celebration that's already happening here at GFC?

Scriptures referenced:

Matthew 28:18-20

Revelation 5

Revelation 7

Genesis 1:28 (Creation)

Genesis 9:1,7 (Noah)

Genesis 11:1-9 (Tower of Babel)

Genesis 12:1-3 (Covenant with Abram)

Exodus 12:37-38 (Exodus from Egypt)

Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (Impact of the law)

Joshua 2:1-24 (Rahab)

1 Samuel 17:45-46 (David and Goliath)

1 Chronicles 14:17 (David's success in war)

1 Chronicles 16:8, 24, 28, 31 (David calling on the nations to worship God)

Psalms 46:10

Psalms 67

Isaiah 42:1-6

Jonah (prophet sent to a pagan city)

Mark 11:15-17 (Temple is house of prayer for all the nations)

Matthew 8:11

Matthew 24:14

Acts 1:8

Galatians 3:7-9

Grace Fellowship's Missions Focus

1. Just like the apostle Paul, We want to help push the good news of King Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and return into the places on Earth that haven't yet heard. Whether we send our own folks or partner someone else, we want to prioritize the people and places with the least exposure to Jesus. For simplicity We call these people the "Least Reached"
2. We want to help equip churches in strategic regions of the world to send their own people those "Least Reached" places and people. The Mission of God will include churches from everywhere! One of the first commands we teach the nations to obey, is the command to make disciples of all nations!
3. We also want to help as many churches as possible (especially those strategic regional churches) to remain faithful and endure to the end. We do this through resource translation, leadership development, biblical counseling training, and encouraging church networks.

Recommended Books:

Let the Nations be Glad - John Piper

The Insanity of Obedience - Nik Ripken