

God's Heart for the Nations

Missions is not the ultimate goal of church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship does not. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. Missions begin and end in worship. (John Piper, Let the Nations be Glad!)

The Glory of God

Psalm 46:10 - *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

- He chose His people for His glory – Eph. 1:4-6
- Created us for His glory – Isaiah 43:7
- Called Israel for His glory – Isaiah 49:3
- Jesus sought the glory of His Father in all He did – John 7:18
- Jesus told us to do good works so that God gets glory – Matt. 5:16
- Jesus said that He answers prayer so that God will be glorified – John 14:13
- Ministry of Holy Spirit to glorify Son of God – John 16:14
- He calls us to do everything for His glory – 1 Cor. 10:31
- Serve in a way to glorify Him – 1 Peter 4:11
- Filled with fruits of righteousness for God's glory – Phil. 1:11
- Because of sin we fall short of glory of God – Romans 6:23
- Jesus is coming again for glory of God – 2 Thes. 1:9-10
- Jesus' aim for us is that we see and enjoy His glory – John 17:24
- God's plan is to fill earth with knowledge of His glory – Habakkuk 2:14
- From Him, through Him, to Him... all glory to Him forever – Rom. 11:3

God's Call for the Nations

We worship the God of all nations. God's call is for the nations to worship Him, and the declaration of praise among the nations by His people. (Jeff Lewis, God's Heart for the Nations)

- Psalm 66:1-8
- Psalm 67
- Psalm 72:8-20
- Psalm 98:1-3
- Luke 2:30-32
- John 3:16
- John 4:42
- John 6:33
- John 8:12
- 1 John 4:14

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Every disciple of the Savior of the world should be committed to the process of developing a life-style that reflects and participates in God's priority of proclaiming the "good news of the kingdom" to the ends of the earth. (Jeff Lewis, God's Heart for the Nations)

- 1 Chron. 16:23-24
- Psalm 96:3
- Psalm 105:1
- Matthew 24:14
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 13:10
- Mark 16:15
- Acts 1:8
- Romans 10:13-15
- 1 Peter 2:9

Praying for the Nations

- **For Countries:** This summer we will be focusing on different countries each session of camp. We will provide information about a particular country, area, and/or region throughout the world so you may be informed and pray specifically for that area. This includes praying for the area, a particular unreached people groups in that area, the persecuted Christians in that area, and a missionary in that area.
- **For Unreached People Groups:** An unreached people group is a people group in which less than 2% of the population is evangelical Christians.
- **For the Persecuted Church:** The persecuted church is the Christians in that area who are being persecuted for their faith and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **For Missionaries:** A missionary is someone who is in another country for the purpose of sharing Christ with the people there. A missionary may be serving through a mission's organization, or they may be working in another field, sharing Jesus Christ as they go about their work.

Developing a Global Lifestyle (*ideas from God's Heart for the Nations by Jeff Lewis*) -

- Highlight verses in your Bible that refer to God's global purpose.
- Integrate a global perspective into your daily prayer life.
- Subscribe to a missions periodical and keep up to date with what God is doing in the world.
- If you are in debt, develop a plan to get out of debt so you can be more strategically involved in God's global purpose through giving. If you are not in debt, ask God where He wants you to give financially in order to join Him in His Work around the world.
- Become more aware of current international events.
- Incorporate in your decision-making process this question, "How will this decision impact my involvement in God's global purpose?"
- Connect with a missionary and become a part of their support team.
- Become an advocate and a prayer warrior for an unreached people group.
- Fast one day a month for the purpose of focusing on world evangelization.
- Apply for your passport.
- Read books that will expand your global perspective like *Perspectives: On the World Christian Movement*, *Let the Nations be Glad*, by John Piper, *The Church is Bigger Than You Think* by Patrick Johnstone.
- Memorize verses that relate to God's global mandate.
- Discover who the internationals are that have come to your campus or community. Invest into their lives.
- Encourage other believers to be apart of making God's name known to the ends of the earth.

Roles to Accomplish His Global Purposes

1. **Networker (Connector)** - Someone who is an activist for God's kingdom by ministering locally and challenging and equipping fellow Christians to connect with God's global purposes.
2. **Goer** - Someone who goes to another culture to take the message of the Savior of the World.
3. **Welcomer** - Someone who gives a helping hand to internationals in their community and tells them about Jesus.
4. **Pray-er** - Someone who intercedes fervently for the needs of others a world away, especially for the forgotten, and those trying to reach them.
5. **Sender (Giver/Partner)** - Someone who supports the goer by caring, praying, and giving to meet their needs.

Future Worship of the Nations

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
Revelation 7:9-10