



HEBRON

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MISSIONS 101

WEEK 1

THE GOAL IS THE GLORY OF GOD

Missions 101 Verse: Matthew 9:37, Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Harvest-

Workers-

God of the harvest-

I. WHERE DO WE START?

Genesis 1:1, In the beginning...God!

Men must know God. That is the one thing they must do. And this can mean nothing less than that God is eminently worthy to be known in all the length and breadth and height and depth of His Character. The Christian is a God-explorer. The Christian vision is the vision of God.

The missionary vision is the vision of God also. It is not something different from the Christian vision. It is the same vision being shared rather than merely enjoyed. It is the same vision being shared with men who have no natural taste for it, in the hope that God will create that taste so that they too will become “God-admirers.” Sharing the vision of God – that is the work of missions. -Tom Wells, A Vision for Mission

II. GOD IS ULTIMATE, NOT MAN.

Psalms 67:3-4, “May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.”

Psalms 96:3, “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

Psalms 97:1, “The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlines be glad.”



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III. THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

Isaiah 40:25-26, “To whom with you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. “Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.”

Why is a clear understanding of God’s greatness central to the missionary effort?

When I left England, my hope of India’s conversion was very strong; but amongst so many obstacles, it would die, unless upheld by God. Well, I have God, and His Word is true. Though the superstitions of the heathen were a thousand times stronger than they are, and the example of the Europeans a thousand times worse; though I were deserted by all and persecuted by all, yet my faith, fixed on the sure Word, would rise above all obstructions and overcome every trial. God’s cause will triumph! -William Carey

IV. GOD’S ZEAL FOR HIS OWN GLORY.

The ultimate foundation for our passion to see God glorified is his own passion to be glorified. God is central and supreme in his own affections. There are no rivals for the supremacy of God’s glory in his own heart. God is not an idolater. He does not disobey the first and great commandment. With all his heart and soul and strength and mind he delights in the glory of his manifold perfection. The most passionate heart for God in all the universe is God’s heart. -John Piper

Isaiah 48:9-11, *For my name’s sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.*

- God chose his people for his glory: Ephesians 1:4-6, 12, 14
- God created us for his glory: Isaiah 43:6-7
- God called Israel for his glory: Isaiah 49:3; Jeremiah 13:11
- God rescued Israel from Egypt for his glory: Psalm 106:7-8
- God raised Pharaoh up to show his power and glorify his name: Romans 9:17
- God defeated Pharaoh at the Red Sea to show his glory: Exodus 14:4, 18
- God gave Israel victory in Canaan for his glory: 2 Samuel 7:23
- God did not cast away his people for his glory: 1 Samuel 12:20, 22
- God restored Israel from exile for the glory of his name: Ezekiel 36
- Jesus sought the glory of his Father in all he did: John 7:18
- We do good works so that God gets glory: Matthew 5:15, 1 Peter 2:12
- Jesus endured suffering for God’s glory: John 12:27 -28, John 17:1



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- God gave Jesus to show the glory of his righteousness:** Romans 3:23-26
- All are under judgment for dishonoring God's glory:** Romans 1:22, 23
- Herod is struck dead because he did not give glory to God:** Acts 12:23
- Everything that happens will resound to God's glory:** Romans 11:36
- In New Jerusalem the glory of God replaces the sun:** Revelation 21-23

V. FOR THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE.

Ephesians 2

1. The condition of man is deadly serious
2. The cross of Jesus brings new life

Romans 15:8-9

1. Zeal for God's glory motivates missions
2. A servant spirit and a heart of mercy motivates world missions.

Matthew 9:36-38

1. Christ's compassion expressed itself in a call to pray for more missionaries.
2. His two passions, glory and mercy, are actually one.

VI. MISSIONS IS NOT THE GOAL OF THE CHURCH. WORSHIP IS.

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. 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. -**John Piper**

Psalm 22:27, All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

Revelation 7:9-12, After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."