



International Sunday

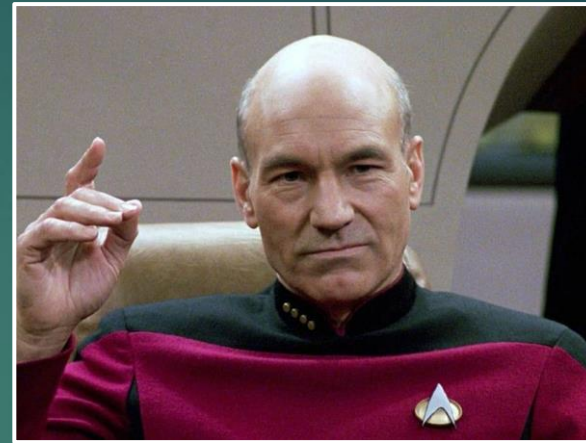
WE'RE A MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY

What Is God Doing?

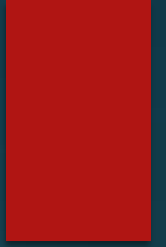
- ▶ God is building a unified multi-ethnic family of believers, brothers and sisters in Christ who are called out from the world, a people who think and live as committed followers of Jesus.



Star Trek



- ▶ The captain declares the mission.
- ▶ The crew engages the mission.
- ▶ Ultimately, the mission is accomplished.



Here's Where We're Heading

- ▶ The Mission of Jesus Declared
- ▶ The Mission of Jesus Engaged
- ▶ The Mission of Jesus Accomplished

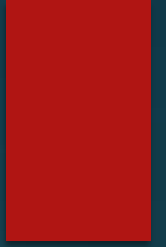
The Mission of Jesus Declared





Matthew 16:17-18

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock (the truth that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God) I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

How Many Nations Are There?

- ▶ 195
- ▶ 267
- ▶ 163



How Many People Groups Are There?

- ▶ 5,000
- ▶ 17,000
- ▶ 10,000



The Mission Engaged



Acts 2:5-12

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language (dialect). ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?”

Acts 2:5-12

⁹ **Parthians** and **Medes** and **Elamites** and residents of **Mesopotamia**, **Judea** and **Cappadocia**, **Pontus** and **Asia**, ¹⁰ **Phrygia** and **Pamphylia**, **Egypt** and the parts of **Libya** belonging to **Cyrene**, and visitors from **Rome**,
¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, **Cretans** and **Arabians** – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Romans 16:1-16

- ▶ Diverse Ethnicities
- ▶ Mutual Care
- ▶ Relational Warmth
- ▶ Togetherness
- ▶ Encouragement
- ▶ Common Mission
- ▶ Working Together
- ▶ Unity
- ▶ The Feel of Family
- ▶ Different Social Status
- ▶ Everyone Matters
- ▶ Sacrificial Service
- ▶ Willingness to Suffer
- ▶ The Significant Role of Women in the Church

Romans 16:1-16

¹ I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; ² that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. ³ Greet **Prisca and Aquila**, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; ⁵ also *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet **Epaenetus**, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

Romans 16:1-16

⁶ Greet **Mary**, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet **Andronicus and Junias**, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet **Ampliatius**, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet **Urbanus**, our fellow worker in Christ, and **Stachys** my beloved. ¹⁰ Greet **Apelles**, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

Romans 16:1-16

¹² Greet **Tryphaena and Tryphosa**, workers in the Lord. Greet **Persis** the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet **Rufus**, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

This Is Who We Are!

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The Mission Accomplished



Revelation 7:9-10

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

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