

## Reflections

No the Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the one he loves. It's like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life!

- Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* 

We have come to see that mission is not merely an activity of the church. Rather, mission is the result of God's initiative, rooted in God's purposes to restore and heal creation. "Mission" means "sending," and it is the central biblical theme describing the purpose of God's action in human history.

- Darrell Guder, Missional Church

The mission of God's people, then, is not some external structure built by the church itself—a program or a strategy devised by an institution. Sending in mission is a participation in the life of God.

- Christopher Wright, The Mission of God's People

# Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>12:1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>28:18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### Sermon

The Bible and the Mission of God Paul Kim



## **Events & News**

#### **Community Group Fair, Today After All Three Services**

PCC Community Groups meet in homes all around Los Angeles, where group members learn to love and care for one another as followers of Jesus. CG fairs are a great first step towards getting plugged into a Community Group. Let us help you find a group that's well suited to you.

#### 2019 Global Missions Info Session, January 20

In 2019, PCC will send more than 100 mission team members to serve, short-term, in Central Asia. If you've considered participating, even for a second, or if you're curious about finding out how to support the global church, come to our first info session to learn about trips, fundraising, etc.

#### Financial Peace University, January 27

Whether you're a student, professional, single parent, newlywed, or family of four, learn to develop budgeting skills, financial discipline, an emergency fund, and the peace that comes from having a godly financial plan. This is a 9-week course that runs through March 31.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

# **Ministry Resources**

#### **Congregational Care**

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.