

Why Mission?

When you hear *mission* what comes to heart and mind? Why?

The ultimate aim of mission:

“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.”

John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad

Group discussion:

John 1:1-18 **1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. **4**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5**The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Witness John

6There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7**He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. **8**He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

9There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. **10**He was in the world, and the world was made through

Him, and the world did not know Him. **11**He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, **13**who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word Made Flesh

14And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15**John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" **16**For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. **17**For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. **18**No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

1. Where do we see God on mission in these verses?
2. How does God's mission to rescue us inform our mission to join him?
3. What keeps you from joining God on his mission?
4. Tell us about someone God used to reach you when you were lost, struggling or running from God?

Songs:

1. O Great God:

https://sovereigngracemusic.org/wp-content/uploads/o_great_god-VOV-rec_c-guitar.pdf

2. He will hold me fast: <https://wordtoworship.com/song/26694>