

# LOVE GOD'S WORLD

From Pastor Mark

Are you ON MISSION in 2024? *The Mission of IBC is to glorify God by making Christ-like disciples who love God, His Word, His people, and His world.*

## I. THE PERSONAL PICTURE

- A. Service: Be on a ministry team using your spiritual gift (1 Peter 4:10-11).
- B. Missional Living: P1<sup>2</sup> = Pray, Invest, Invite those who are close to us but far from God (Mt. 28:18-20).
- C. Summary: Each disciple... using his or her God-given abilities, gifts, and opportunities to invest in others in the Body and with those far from God.
  - 1. Disciple-making is spending deliberate time with someone to help them grow in Christ.
  - 2. Disciples who make Disciples who...

## II. THE BIG PICTURE, GOD'S PICTURE.

- A. "MISSIONS IS THE WHOLE TASK FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE AGE" (Hurlbert).
- B. Global Missions is the Theme of the Bible:
  - 1. *In the Beginning...*
  - 2. The Great Commission in the Old Testament:
    - a. Gen. 12:1-3, etc... Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph...
    - b. The Call of Israel to be a "kingdom of priests" (Ex. 19:6)
    - c. The Vision of Psalms... Psalm 67:2ff, 72:17b-19; 96:3-10; 50 psalms
    - d. The Vision of the Prophets... Is. 9:7, 49:6
  - 3. The Messiah's Mission (Mt. 1:1, 4:14-16; Luke 19:10)
  - 4. The Messiah's Commission (Mt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8).
  - 5. The Church's Fulfilment (Acts 13:1ff, Eph. 3:6-11 and 21) Still marching on...
- C. The Global Mission will be accomplished (Revelation 5:9).
- D. The Global Mission and You...
  - 1. What is God doing in the world today?
  - 2. "The Lord of the Harvest has a role for every obedient believer to play." Pray, give, go, send, encourage.

## III. ARE YOU LOVING GOD'S WORLD?

- A. Are you a growing disciple?
- B. Are you a disciple who is making disciples?

*"Find out where God is working and join Him..."*

**FOR NEXT TIME**—Read John 18:1-14, *Knowing Christ*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

1. What could you do to Pray, Invest, and Invite someone who is close to you but far from God?
2. In what way is global missions the theme of the Bible? How is that seen even in the Old Testament?
3. What is your personal part in global missions—praying, giving, going, encouraging?
4. Read Matthew 9:37-38. Pray for God to call more IBC'ers to go to the unreached, specifically 4 by the end of 2024 and 8 by 2028.
5. Begin praying for Missions Weekend at IBC, April 12-14 with the theme, "Never the Same" and Steve Richardson, keynote speaker. Begin planning to provide a table about your LG missionary at the Missions Event on Saturday evening, April 11.
6. Pray for your Life Group's missionary. What are their prayer requests? Plan to connect with them on *Zoom Your Missionary Night*, April 7.
7. This would also be a good time for your Life Group to talk about a community service project for this year. Be ready to share a testimony about that on Life Group Report Night, May 19.