

## ***Ambassador: Mastering the Art of Biblical Persuasion***

### ***7 - The Goal (unfinished) of the Ambassador***

March 11, 2018

Sunday Evening Bible Study

1. History of Missions
  - 1.1. The Old Testament
    - Genesis 1:28
    - Genesis 12:1-3
    - Israel
    - Jethro
    - Rahab
    - Ruth
    - Healing of Naaman
    - Jonah
    - The Psalms
    - The Exile
  - 1.2. The New Testament
  - 1.3. Before Christendom (AD 30-313)
  - 1.4. During Christendom (AD 313-1500)
  - 1.5. In the East (AD 33-1500)
  - 1.6. Era of Discover and Colonialism (AD 1500-1900)
  - 1.7. Modern/Global Age (AD 1900-Current)
2. Modern Missions Movement
  - First Era - Exterior/Coastland - William Carey
  - Second Era - Interior/Inlands - Hudson Taylor
  - Third Era - all the “nations” (people groups) - Cameron Townsend
3. The Global South
  - 3.1. Currently 60 percent of the estimated two billion Christians in the world live in Africa, Asia, or Latin America. (<http://www.pewforum.org/2011/12/19/global-christianity-exec/>)
  - 3.2. By 2050, there will be an estimated three billion Christians, only 16-20% of them will be white and non-latino. (Dana Robert, “Shifting Southward; Global Christianity Since 1945” *International Bulletin on Missionary Research*, April 2000)
4. The Goal - All the “nations”
  - 4.1. “panta ta ethne” - “all nations”
  - 4.2. Unreached People Groups
  - 4.3. How Diversity Magnifies the Glory of God (John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad p. 222)
    - There is beauty and power of praise that comes from unity in diversity that is greater than that which comes from unity alone.
    - The fame and greatness and worth of an object of beauty increases in the proportion to the diversity of those who recognize its beauty.
    - The strength and wisdom and love of a leader is magnified in proportion to the diversity of people he can inspire to follow him with joy.
    - By focusing on all the people groups of the world, God undercuts ethnocentric pride and throws all people back upon his free grace rather than any distinctive of their own.

5. Obstacles to the Great Commission
  - 5.1. Other Religions
    - Mormon
    - Muslim
    - Nones
  - 5.2. Greed
  - 5.3. Ignorance or Apathy
  - 5.4. Loss of belief in the Inerrancy and Authority of Scripture
  - 5.5. Inclusivism
  - 5.6. Satan
  
6. Our Response to the Great Commission
  - 6.1. GO
  - 6.2. SEND
  
7. Our Hope and Encouragement
  - 7.1. Matthew 28:18-20
  - 7.2. Acts 13:48
  - 7.3. Revelation 5
  
8. Further Reading
  - 8.1. John Piper, Let The Nations Be Glad
  - 8.2. Walter C. Kaiser Jr., Mission in the Old Testament
  - 8.3. M. David Sills, The Missionary Call