

WE STILL BELIEVE

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...the whole world's in his hands

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OUR MAIN POINTS TODAY:

1. God cares for the whole world.
2. He is working his plan for the whole world.
3. He wants us to share that concern and participate in his plan.

GOD CALLS ISRAEL TO BRING THE NEWS OF HIS SALVATION TO THE WORLD.

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’”

GENESIS 12:1-3 (NIV)

“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

EXODUS 19:5-6 (NIV)

“All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.”

PSALM 86:9 (NIV)

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

ISAIAH 49:6 (NIV)

“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

PSALM 96:3 (NIV)

GOD CALLS THE CHURCH TO BRING THE NEWS OF HIS SALVATION TO THE WORLD.

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

MATTHEW 21:43 (NIV)

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

GALATIANS 3:28-29 (NIV)

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 PETER 2:9 (NIV)



AMAZING MISSIONS CONNECTION #1

Grace English School | *India*



AMAZING MISSIONS CONNECTION #2

Hope of the Nations | *Tanzania*



AMAZING MISSIONS CONNECTION #3

Bicol Center for Christian Leadership | *Philippines*



AMAZING MISSIONS CONNECTION #4

Purpose Driven Church/Peace Plan | *Lesotho*



AMAZING MISSIONS CONNECTION #5

Juan Ibarra's YouthReach | *Mexico*

SO WHAT? WHAT CAN I DO?

You can give. You can pray. You can go.



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I CHALLENGE YOU TO BE A WORLD CHRISTIAN.

“ Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NIV)

DISCUSSION

Questions

- 1 - If you had to choose between living in the United States, but you could never leave, and living abroad, but you could never return, which would you choose and why?
- 2 - Do you have a special burden for somewhere in the world? Where? Why?
- 3 - Re-read Isaiah 49:6. If God has a heart to reach the whole world, why do we sometimes lack the motivation to GO?
- 4 - Re-read the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). We tend to apply that to our home and our neighbors and leave out “all nations”. Why is it easy to leave them out? How can we focus our attention on the rest of the world?
- 5 - Of the 5 Mission Connections Pastor Steve mentioned which intrigues you the most? Are you willing to go on a short term mission trip? Why or why not?



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