

Devotional - Reaching the Nations Among Us

Day 1: God's Heart for All Nations Reading: Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20 Devotional: Jesus' final command to His disciples was to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. This wasn't a suggestion, but a commandment. As we read these passages, let's reflect on our own role in God's global mission. Are we actively seeking to share the gospel with those around us, including people from different cultures and backgrounds? Consider how you can be more intentional about reaching out to the "nations among us" - perhaps international students, immigrants, or refugees in your community. Pray for God to give you His heart for all peoples and the courage to be His witness wherever He has placed you.

Day 2: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself Reading: Leviticus 19:33-34, Luke 10:25-37 Devotional: God's command to love the foreigner as ourselves is deeply rooted in His character and His expectations for His people. As we read the parable of the Good Samaritan, we're challenged to expand our definition of "neighbor" beyond our comfort zones. Who are the "foreigners" or outsiders in your life that God might be calling you to love? Reflect on ways you can show Christ-like hospitality and compassion to those who may feel marginalized or unwelcome. Remember, we too were once strangers to God's family, but through Christ, we have been welcomed in. How can you extend that same welcome to others today?

Day 3: The Power of the Holy Spirit for Witness Reading: Acts 2:1-12, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Devotional: The Holy Spirit empowers us not just for personal holiness, but for bold witness. At Pentecost, we see how the Spirit enabled the disciples to communicate the gospel across language barriers. Today, that same Spirit lives in every believer. How are you relying on the Holy Spirit's power in your daily life and in your interactions with others? Ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit, giving you courage to share your faith and wisdom to build bridges across cultural divides. Consider praying for an unreached people group today, asking God to send workers empowered by His Spirit to share the good news with them.

Day 4: Balancing Love and Truth Reading: Ephesians 4:14-16, 1 Peter 3:15-16 Devotional: As we engage with people of different faiths and cultures, we're called to a delicate balance of speaking the truth in love. We must hold firmly to the gospel while showing genuine respect and care for others. Reflect on times when you may have compromised either truth or love in your interactions with non-believers. How can you grow in communicating the hope you have in Christ with both gentleness and reverence? Pray for discernment in your relationships with people of other faiths, that you would be a clear witness for Christ without adopting practices contrary to His teachings.

Day 5: The Urgency of the Great Commission Reading: Revelation 7:9-10, Romans 10:13-15 Devotional: The vision of people from every nation, tribe, and tongue worshipping before God's throne reminds us of the ultimate goal of missions. Yet billions still haven't heard the gospel. How does this reality impact your priorities and choices? Consider ways you can be more involved in global missions - through prayer, giving, or even going. Reflect on the unreached people in your own community. How can you be part of bringing the good news to those who have never heard? Ask God to give you a sense of urgency for the lost and a willingness to be used in His global purpose, whether across the street or around the world

