GROWTH GROUPS

Sing a new song to the LORD; let the whole earth sing to the LORD. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wondrous works among all peoples (Psalm 96:1-3 CSB).

God's heart for the church is to gather worshippers who enjoy His grace and extend His glory among all nations. This week, spend your growth group time reading Scripture, sharing opportunities for outreach, and praying for the nations.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- 1. Begin by having someone share his or her story of trusting Christ as Savior. Who was instrumental in bringing the gospel to you, your family, or your community?
- 2. Read and reflect on how the grace of God spurs us to outreach and good works in Titus 2:11-3:8.
- 3. Pray for gospel opportunities in our community, other gospel preaching churches.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

- 4. Read about Paul's heart for the unreached in Romans 15:18-21.
- 5. Pray for the international churches, the persecuted church, and for unreached people groups.

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. When this age is over and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.

 \sim John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad \sim