



In this two part series, we are taking a look at God's sovereignty and His incredible plan to bless and redeem a broken world. Centuries ago this plan began to unfold through a series of promises God made to the patriarch Abraham. Promises that have ultimately been fulfilled through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Promises which have brought great blessing to our lives, and which God has ordained for us to extend to others throughout the world.

**Kicking it Off:** Share your thoughts on what first comes to mind when you think of missions.

**Big Idea:** A high view of God's sovereignty fuels death-defying devotion to global missions.

### Key Scriptures:

Revelation 5:11; 4:11

*"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! ... You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*

Philippians 2:8-11

*"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Matthew 24:14

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

Mark 16:15 (CEV)

*"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation."*

Acts 1:8

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Matthew 28:19-20

*"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."*

Revelation 5:9

*"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its*

*seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

### Discussion:

1. At Sunnybrook Church, we believe God has called us to, not just be FOR our community, but also to be FOR the World. Discuss in your group ways you believe we can show that.
2. Read Revelation 5:11 and Philippians 2:8-11. What do you learn in these passages about the sovereignty of God?
3. Read Matthew 24:14, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19-20. What common thread do you see in these passages?
4. What does that tell you about God's purpose for the gospel?
5. What does Matthew 24:14 reveal about the significance of taking the Gospel to all nations?
6. In Revelation 5, we see a vision God gave to the apostle John regarding end times. It speaks of the victory that will come for those who believe, but it also give us a glimpse into the grandeur of God's purpose and of our part in carrying out that purpose. Discuss the picture Revelation 5:9 gives of the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice.
7. Based on your reading today, what role do you believe God has ordained for you to play in His greater purpose?
8. What commitment will you make to carry that out?

**Wrapping it Up:** Pray together as a group for God to speak to you regarding your part to play in our FOR the World campaign.

**Memory Verse:** "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation."  
Mark 16:15 (CEV)

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for our entire congregation as people begin to pray and discern what part to play in this global missions campaign. Ask God to speak to people clearly and specifically, and for all to have the courage to respond in faith.

**Kicking it Off:** Share together in your group some of the greatest blessings you've received.

**Big Idea:** Find out what God is blessing and get involved with it.

### Key Scriptures:

Genesis 12:1-3

"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."

Matthew 1:1

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham..."

Luke 1:72-75

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

Luke 4:16-21

"He [Jesus] went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Matthew 28:19-20

"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."

### Discussion:

1. Read Genesis 12: 1-3. What are the promises God extends to Abraham in this passage?

2. Discuss how God has fulfilled those promises.

3. Read Luke 1:72-75. These words in this passage were prophesied by Zechariah, father of John the Baptist as he declared John's purpose to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. The Messiah who would fulfill the blessing that God had promised through Abraham. Discuss how this passage ties to the original blessing spoken over Abraham in Genesis 12.

4. Read Luke 4:16-21. In this passage, Jesus quotes a portion of Isaiah 61, a prophecy about the coming Messiah. Look up and read the entire prophecy of Isaiah 61 together.

5. What specific blessings does this prophecy proclaim that the Messiah will deliver?

6. God always intended to bless all the nations on earth, starting with Israel and then extending that blessing to the Gentiles through Jesus' sacrifice. This includes you. The greatest blessing you could ever receive is the blessing of knowing Jesus personally, and the greatest blessing you could share is to share Jesus with someone else. Read Matthew 28:19-20. According to this passage, with whom are you called to share this blessing?

7. As we focus this week on how we can bless those who have yet to be blessed, what part are you willing to play in ensuring that the Good News is shared with "all peoples"?

**Wrapping it Up:** Pray together as a group for the deep desire to share the blessing of the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, both near and far.

### Memory Verse:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."  
Matthew 28:19a

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for our entire congregation to collectively give one million dollars to extend the Gospel message to unreached people.

