

## Chapter 2 – The Supremacy of God in Missions through Prayer

### Reading and Reflection

1. Explain, in your own words, what the author means when he says that prayer is a “wartime walkie- talkie.” Why does he use this metaphor? What is meant by “wartime”? How is prayer a “walkie- talkie”? (pp. 45-49)
2. What kind of war does the author assert that we are in? What other passages of Scripture would support this depiction of life? What sorts of changes should the wartime setting we are all in bring to our attitudes and lifestyles? (pp. 45-49)
3. Do you believe that we are in the war the author describes, and that it is more serious than WWII or the war in Iraq? Why or why not?
4. What are some reasons why “millions of Christians . . . have stopped believing that we are in a war” (p. 49)?
5. What, according to the author, is “the crying need of the hour” (p. 51)? How would a recovery of this affect our view of, attitude toward, and practice of prayer?
6. What was “the power of the Puritan hope” (pp. 52-53)? Why does confidence in God’s absolutely sovereign election of individuals unto salvation provide hope and motivation for missions rather than make missions unnecessary (p. 55)?
7. How does the church’s (and God’s) ultimate goal, described in chap. 1, relate to prayer? How does prayer advance that goal? (pp. 57-63)
8. Reflect on your prayer life. How is God glorified in your prayers? Make a list of the things you commonly pray for. Now compare it with the things listed on pages 59-63 which the early church prayed for. What are the similarities and the differences you see?
9. How can the prayers of Scripture help guide and direct your prayer life in the cause of missions and for the glory of God? Be specific.
10. Why is the author hesitant to call prayer “*the* work of missions”? What does he suggest is “*the* work of missions”? How is prayer related to this work? (pp. 63-67)

### Becoming World Christians

- The breadth and richness of the diversity of cultures and peoples in the world is breathtaking. And, as you will discover later in your readings, this diversity is intended for the glory of God. This week, take time to learn about an area of the world of interest to you—perhaps the area of the world that your adopted missionary is in, or another area that you are particularly interested in. Learn about the peoples and cultures represented in that area. What are the statistics on believers and unbelievers? What is the dominant religion, and what are some of its characteristics? What is the history of the Christian church in that area of the world, or of Christian missions to that area?
- Memorize Ephesians 6:17-18