

## Chapter 1 – The Supremacy of God in Missions through Worship

### Reading and Reflection

1. Explain the phrase, “Missions exists because worship doesn’t” (p. 17). Why is worship considered ultimate?
2. Explain how worship is both the goal of missions and the fuel of missions (pp. 17-18).
3. What is “Albert Einstein’s Indictment” against the church? How should this indictment affect the way we pursue worship, and the way we pursue mission? (pp. 18-20)
4. What is the ultimate foundation for saying that worship is the fuel and goal of missions? Why might this hit most people, as the author says, “like a truck laden with unknown fruit” (p. 21)?
5. Is it stunning to you that “The most passionate heart for the glorification of God is God’s heart,” or that “God’s ultimate goal is to uphold and display the glory of his name” (p. 22)? Why or why not?
6. Reflect on the Scriptures listed on pages 22-27. Are there other goals besides glorifying God that you had previously assumed were behind God’s activities? If so, could such perceived goals be compatible with God’s goal of glorifying himself through Jesus? Why or why not?
7. In what two ways can we reconcile God’s passion to exalt himself and Paul’s statement in 1 Corinthians 13:5 (pp. 29-36)?
8. How do God’s pursuit of his glory and his mercy and grace relate? What does it mean that God’s mercy as the “apex” of his glory, and why should we view his mercy as such (pp. 33-36)? What biblical texts can you think of which would support this conclusion?
9. What are two more ways God’s passion to exalt himself, that is, his goal of inspiring worship of him in humans, motivates world missions (pp. 36-38)?
10. Describe the relationship between compassion for the lost and passion to see God glorified as they relate to motivation for world mission (pp. 41-43).

### Becoming World Christians

- The aim of *Let the Nations Be Glad*, and of this study, is to encourage you to take your part in the global cause of Christ. No Christian and no church remains neutral. We all are to partake in either “going” or “sending.” Read the Afterword, “The Supremacy of God in Going and Sending,” written by Tom Steller (pp. 235-238), for a clarion call to align yourself with God’s global mission.
- You as a church do not just “have” missionaries; you actively *send* and support missionaries. This week spend time learning about the missionaries sent by your church.

Learn their names, their ministries, and the areas of the world in which they are laboring for Christ. Choose a missionary to connect with during the next few weeks. Write to them, ask some questions, find out any specific ways you can be praying for them right now.

- Memorize Psalm 96:1-3