

God's Heart For The Nations Part 1 HANDOUT

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The heartbeat of God is missional. God is a God who sends.

Missions does not begin with us going—it begins with a God who sends.

1. God's Mission is Older Than Our Mission

GENESIS 12:1–3 ¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ²“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. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- Faith begins when we release our grip on what is comfortable.
- *Missions always begins with a willingness to leave something behind.*

KEY: Missions is not a New Testament invention...it is God's plan from the very beginning.

KEY: God's heart for the nations is not a side theme—it's the main theme.

2. Jesus is the Ultimate Missionary

John 20:21 — ²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

- How did the Father send Jesus?
 - With purpose → to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)
 - With sacrifice → Jesus left heaven's glory (Phil. 2:6–8)
 - With humility → He came as a servant, not a king.
 - With love → John 3:16, “For God so loved the world He gave...”

KEY: Jesus is the ultimate missionary. He left His home to reach the lost...and He calls us to do the same.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

KEY: Missions isn't about comfort...it's about sacrifice.

Jesus gave up His rights, His throne, His glory—so that you and I could know the Father.

Missions is not about whether it's comfortable—it's about whether it's necessary. **And it is absolutely necessary.**

3. The Church is God's Sending Agency

ACTS 1:8 — ⁸But 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.”

- Jerusalem → our home, our neighborhood.
- Judea → our region, our community.
- Samaria → people who are different than us.
- Ends of the earth → global mission.

KEY: Every believer is sent. Some across the street. Some across the ocean. But none are exempt.

EPHESIANS 3:10 — ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

- The church is God's microphone to the world.
- It is through us, ordinary people, gathered in local communities that God's glory is announced to the nations.

LIFE POINT: If you have been saved, you have been sent.

The same God who called Abraham is calling you. The same God who sent Jesus is sending you.