

LESSON 31: MISSIONS

THE HEART, CALL, OBSTACLES, COST & REWARD OF GOD'S MISSION

GOD'S HEART FOR MISSIONS

WHAT IS MISSIONS?

God's plan to gather worshipers from every nation.

We proclaim the praises of the One who brought us out of darkness (1 Peter 2:9).

Missio Dei — "The Mission of God"

GOD IS A SENDING GOD.

John 20:21 — "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Acts 1:8 — You will receive power and be His witnesses.

MISSIONS THROUGH THE BIBLE

Genesis 12:1–3 — All families blessed through Abraham.

Psalm 67 — God blesses us so His salvation is known among all nations.

Isaiah 49:6 — A light to the Gentiles, salvation to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 28:18–20 — Make disciples of all nations.

Revelation 7:9–10 — All nations before the throne worshiping the Lamb.

JESUS: THE MISSIONARY KING

John 1:14 — Jesus came and dwelt among us.

John 3:16 — God's love sends.

Luke 24:46–49 — The gospel must be preached to all nations.

...The incarnation is the original "mission trip."

THE CHURCH'S MANDATE: GOING & SENDING

ROMANS 10:13–15 — THEY CAN'T BELIEVE UNLESS SOMEONE GOES.

ACTS 13:1–3 — THE CHURCH PRAYED, FASTED, AND SENT WORKERS.

3 JOHN 8 — WE BECOME "FELLOW WORKERS" BY SENDING WELL.

EVERY BELIEVER IS CALLED TO:

GO — ENTER FIELDS OF HARVEST

SEND — SUPPORT THOSE WHO GO

THE MISSION FIELD

ACTS 17:26–27 — GOD PLACED PEOPLE NEAR US SO THEY MIGHT SEEK HIM.

LUKE 10:27 — LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

THREE MISSION FIELDS:

HERE — WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS

NEAR — LOCAL OUTREACH, REFUGEES, CHURCH PLANTS

FAR — UNREACHED PEOPLES, NATIONS WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

MOTIVES FOR MISSIONS

WORSHIP — PSALM 96:3

LOVE OF CHRIST — 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14–15

OBEEDIENCE — JOHN 14:15

COMPASSION — MATTHEW 9:36–38

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IS THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS." — *HENRY MARTYN*

THE MISSIONARY CALL

COMPASSION — SEEING LOST PEOPLE LIKE JESUS DID

COMMISSION — RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S COMMAND

CONVICTION — A GOD-GIVEN "MUST"

CONFIRMATION — PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, CHURCH LEADERSHIP (ACTS 13:2–3)

ISAIAH 6 — "HERE AM I! SEND ME."

OBSTACLES TO MISSIONS

FEAR - 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 — GOD DID NOT GIVE US FEAR.

COMFORT - LUKE 9:23 — DENY YOURSELF.

RESOURCES - PHILIPPIANS 4:19 — GOD SUPPLIES OUR NEED.

SAFETY - ROMANS 8:35–39 — NOTHING SEPARATES US FROM GOD'S LOVE.

**"SOME WANT TO LIVE WITHIN THE SOUND OF CHURCH BELLS;
I WANT TO RUN A RESCUE SHOP WITHIN A YARD OF HELL."** — *C. T. STUDD*

COST OF MISSIONS

LUKE 14:27–33 — COUNT THE COST.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23–28 — PAUL'S SUFFERINGS.

REWARDS OF MISSIONS

HEBREWS 12:2 — JOY SET BEFORE HIM.

ROMANS 8:18 — FUTURE GLORY.

MARK 10:29–30 — ONE HUNDREDFOLD REWARD.

DANIEL 12:3 — SHINE LIKE STARS.

MORAVIAN MOTTO: "MAY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN RECEIVE THE REWARD OF HIS SUFFERING."

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE . . .

WHAT PART OF GOD'S HEART FOR MISSIONS MOVED YOU MOST?

ARE YOU CALLED TO GO, TO SEND, OR TO BOTH IN THIS SEASON?

WHAT OBSTACLE DO YOU NEED TO SURRENDER TO GOD?

WHO IS ONE PERSON OR PEOPLE GROUP YOU CAN PRAY FOR THIS WEEK?