

# Paradigm Discipleship Lesson

*The purpose of this resource is to provide some guidance for you as you encourage your disciple to learn about the role of missions in their lives.*

*We encourage you to do your own study, using this resource as a guide, to develop a learning experience for you and your disciple that will help you both move deeper in your understanding and experience of interacting with a God who desires a deep, intimate relationship with you.*

## **God's Heart for the Nations**

**GOAL:** For us to see the theme of God's love for all nations and His desire for their worship throughout the bible. The need for people to spread the good news to *all* peoples is still prevalent today.

### **DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS:**

- **Have you ever gone?**
- **Have you ever thought or prayed about missions?**
- **What holds people back from going?**
- **Why should people go?**

### **STUDY QUESTION: What is the biblical basis for missions?**

\*Let your disciple try to come up with verses or examples about God's plan for the world to worship Him.

- Psalm 46:10 - God desires the nations to worship Him and know Him. He is a relational God for all people.

### **READ Genesis 12:1-4 - What is God calling Abram to do and why? What is Abram's response?**

- Missions is not a new testament concept. We see the theme of God's heart for all the nations to be blessed woven throughout the old testament.

### **READ Isaiah 6:1-8 What is happening in Isaiah's vision? What is God looking for? What is Isaiah's response?**

- Isaiah volunteers to go! God doesn't "call" him to go. Isaiah sees a need and is willing.

### **READ Matthew 28:18-20 - Who is commanding this? Who is being commanded?**

- Jesus, in his authority, commands the disciples to follow and teach his commands (generationally and cross-culturally)
- What is comforting about this verse? Is there anything uncomfortable?

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*** From this day forward, regularly challenge your disciple to study the Bible themselves and notice anytime that nations, people, earth is mentioned. Use time in your discipleship weekly to pray for the lost.

**STUDY QUESTION: Is there a need today?**

**READ Romans 10:14-17 Who is being encouraged to go? Why? What happens when people don't go?**

- Have you ever thought about what would happen if we never shared the good news? Pray for a burden to understand the state of those who have never heard the good news.

- Teach/Remind them to pray for B.O.B. - Burden, Opportunity, Boldness

**READ Revelation 7:9-10**

- Jesus will be worshipped on his throne, eternally. It should be humbling and an honor to be included in the work that goes towards accomplishing this goal.
- This commission to reach the world will happen! Will you be a part of it?

**Application: How can you be involved?**

- Befriend an international student (Leviticus 19:34, Matthew 25:35)
- **Go!** - Apply for a summer mission (OneLink, NM Team, Project Impact)
- **Pray!** Pray for a heart like God's. Pray for people on missions from your church/ challenge.
- **Give/Send!** - you can financially give to student missions giving or through your church. You can also give your time to someone who is getting ready to go on a summer project- ask them good questions and commit to pray for them.

**Practice:** Pray for an unreached people group. (go to [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net))

**HOMEWORK: Psalm 46:10 - memorize and meditate on the verse.**

**Resources:**

- Joshua Project <https://joshuaproject.net/>
- Operation World <https://operationworld.org/>
- "God's Heart for the Nations" Jeff Lewis <https://radical.net/book/gods-heart-for-the-nations/>
- Student Missions giving <https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/ncs-3099>