



“The Great Commission: Finding Your Place in God’s Rescue Plan for the Nations”

Introduction: My goal as a Mission Pastor is to be part of equipping this church to do the work of local and global missions that God has uniquely called us to.

I. Missions Quiz

1. Where is the main Great Commission found in the Bible?
 - a. Hezekiah 1
 - b. Psalm 23
 - c. Matthew 28
2. What did Jesus say to do in the Great Commission?
 - a. Start the nation of Israel
 - b. Make disciples among all the nations
 - c. Destroy the Antichrist
3. What did Jesus mean by “make disciples”?
 - a. Build church buildings
 - b. Sign people up to live in a religious commune
 - c. Help people learn to obey Jesus
4. Which Old Testament story reveals God's heart for all nations?
 - a. The promise to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through him
 - b. David defeating Goliath
 - c. Solomon building the Temple in Jerusalem
5. According to Acts 1:8, believers are to be witnesses where?
 - a. To the ends of the earth
 - b. Only in Jerusalem
 - c. Only among family
6. How is the church doing in completing the Great Commission?
 - a. Most people in the world have heard the gospel.
 - b. Over 40% of the world have never heard the gospel.
 - c. Only people in America and Europe have really heard the gospel.
7. What is one major challenge unreached people groups face?
 - a. Too many churches
 - b. Too little access to water
 - c. Lack of access to Bibles and believers
8. Which area of the world contains the most unreached people groups?
 - a. India and SE Asia
 - b. The Caribbean
 - c. Scandinavia
9. According to Revelation 7:9, who will worship before God’s throne?
 - a. Americans
 - b. Countries with royalty
 - c. Every nation, tribe, people, and language
10. What remains a major missions need today?
 - a. Getting the gospel to Mars
 - b. Bible translation for many languages that still lack Scripture
 - c. Giving democracy to Communist countries

II. Our Church's Missions Priorities

Priority 1: Prayer

Colossians 4:2-4 – “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”

Priority 2: Education

Acts 14:26-27 – “From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”

Priority 3: Sending Well

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

Priority 4: Missionary Care

3 John 5-6 – “Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God.”

Priority 5: Training

2 Timothy 2:2 – “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

III. What Could Keep Us from Being a Missions-Minded Church?

Why should I love people somewhere in the world that I’ve never met when there are folks down the street who need Jesus? Let's talk about Jesus' story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37).

Luke 10:29 – “But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

1 John 3:18 – “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1 – “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people.”

Luke 6:35 – “But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”

IV. World Christians

People who understand God's heart for the world and
try to live their lives in such a way that
wherever they are and whatever they do,
they are striving to see Him glorified among all nations.

V. Conclusion

We commit ourselves to Your mission—
to learn, to pray, to welcome,
to send, and to go,
for the glory of Your name among all nations. Amen.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. If any of the 10 quiz questions was a "learning moment," what did you learn?
2. We all think prayer should be Priority One. Of the other 4 priorities, which do you think is most important? Why?
3. As a church, we should emphasize local evangelism AND cross-cultural missions. Agree or disagree. Why or why not?