

9/13 Missions 101 Course (GSI) 2026

Session Topics:

- **Session 1. Biblical Theology of Missions**
 - The Mission of God is revealed from cover to cover in the Bible. Scripture is one book, told as one story, with one purpose: God gathering a people to Himself from all peoples, through the finished work of Christ.
- **Session 2. Five Great Commission Passages**
 - The Great Commission includes far more than a handful of verses hung off the tail end of Matthew's Gospel. These passages are a mandate to the Church to plant churches. In these directives we find both similarities and differences that are paramount for the Mission of the Church. In these final words Jesus lays out a specific blueprint and a detailed pattern for the Church to follow. In these texts He tells us the 'what', 'how', 'where', and 'why' behind the Church's mission. Every believer has a part to play.
- **Session 3. Book of Acts - Church Planting Focus**
 - Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the early disciples responded to Jesus' Great Commission not by making up a strategy as they went, but with divine precision and purpose, establishing a clear apostolic blueprint for spreading the Gospel. No matter the type of people (Jew, Samaritan, Gentile), or the type of place (Jerusalem, Judea/Samaria, Ends of the Earth), their consistent Biblical pattern was to proclaim the Gospel message to the people group, plant local churches, and raise up pastors grounded in sound doctrine. This New Testament model vividly demonstrates that the Church is both the means and the end of missions, establishing church planting as the ultimate heartbeat of Christ's command. Today, the global Church is called to build on this exact foundation, faithfully continuing to proclaim, plant, and pastor among all nations.
- **Session 4. Application: Everybody Has A Role**
 - It's impossible to complete a task you haven't clearly defined. If Missions is everything, then Missions becomes nothing. Words are meant to carry weight. Definitions direct outcomes. Ambiguity is too costly for the task at hand. Are all Christians missionaries? Does every good deed done by Christians qualify as Missions work? Why does it matter? We would be wise to heed Paul's words, "Take care how you build!" (1 Cor 3:10)
 - Therefore, as we build on the work of the apostles, we need to be certain we are clear on the task that we've been given. We have a responsibility to steward our God-given resources. A willing heart alone is insufficient; true clarity and qualification for the task are found strictly within the Mission of God, the Mission of the Church, and the established Apostolic Pattern. By defining this task with scriptural precision, the Church can effectively fulfill its ultimate goal of planting sound biblical churches among all nations. We all have a significant role to play, learn why each role is important in completing the task that God has given us!

Sept. 13th Event Day Schedule:

- 9:00-10:15: Session 1 (Biblical Theology of Missions)
- 10:15-10:45: Fellowship Time
- 10:45-11:45: Session 2 (Five Great Commission Passages)
- 11:45-12:30: Lunch
- 12:30-1:30: Session 3 (Book of Acts - Church Planting Focus)
- 1:30-1:45: Snacks in the Fellowship Area
- 1:45-2:45: Session 4 (Application: Everybody Has A Role)
- 2:45-3:00: Q&A
- 3:00: Kids picked up from Crosswalk
- **Childcare will be provided for all 4 sessions for ages 3-middle school students**