

## STUDY PACK 2

### THE MISSIONARY GOD

(Notes taken from Jim Taylor, missionary to Korea)

"The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." ~ Carl F. H. Henry

"Our God of Grace often gives us a second chance, but there is no second chance to harvest a ripe crop." ~ Kurt von Schleicher (*Apple Picker's Parable*)

"Missions is the overflow of our delight in God because missions is the overflow of God's delight in being God." ~ John Piper

#### I. A VISION THAT INCLUDES \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 2:1-5)

- A. Isaiah foresaw that history would eventually culminate in a day when the temple at Jerusalem would serve as a worship center for \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2-3).
- B. The peoples will flow like a river from all over the earth to see and know the living God.
- C. The Lord will judge the nations (2:4; compare Matthew 25:31-46), wars will end, and God's peace will rule the world (Isaiah 11:1-10)

#### II. GOD'S GREAT DECLARATION (Isaiah 45:21-22)

- A. God stands ready to save any and all who desire to be saved. He makes no distinction between Jew or Gentile, but desires the salvation of the whole world (2 Peter 3:9).
  - 1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ (45:18).
  - 2. He is the Lord to whom every knee will ultimately bow (45:23).
  - 3. "My Name Shall be Great Among the Nations" (Malachi 1:11)
- B. This is the God's great plan. History is literally "His story."
- C. There are several ways God is making His name great, and known by every person and nation:
  - 1. He brings about \_\_\_\_\_ through which he orchestrates his plans. Men may think that they are in control, but God is behind the scenes, making all the pieces fit in place.

2. Through missions. Jesus sent His followers to make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:19)
  - a. That means taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
  - b. It also means living the Gospel right where we are, in our hearts, workplaces, and communities.
  - c. By all means, God is going to make His name great among the nations. That has been His purpose throughout history.
    - i. Someday, when history draws to a close, every person on earth will know the Lord's name; everyone will admit, either in joy or in shame, that He alone is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11).
    - ii. In the meantime, are you helping to make His name great among the nations right now?

### III. MISSIONS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

A. The \_\_\_\_\_.

1. (Genesis 1:1-2) The first verse of the Bible is the starting point of missionary study.
  - a. It is evident that the **Old** Testament is not the same as the New Testament with respect to missions.
  - b. However, it is an essential part in our understanding of the universal need for salvation.
2. God's plan of redemption includes both law and grace - the law to condemn and grace to save.
  - a. The entrance of sin made it imperative for God to have a plan of redemption.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The underlying motive of the Old Testament was the \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:15).
  - a. This was the supreme reason for Christ's coming.
2. It seems from the Scriptures that God created and commissioned man to rule and be steward over the earth (Genesis 1:26-27).
  - a. This is the interesting point of the matter because it is God's world and not man's!

- b. Man's responsibility was to bring it under his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. There seems to be no rational explanation for the creation of the world unless it was for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind with God. This was his purpose in creation (Isaiah 2:4-9; 55:13; 65:25; Hosea 2:18-23; Micah 4:3-5; Revelation 20:1-4).
    - i. Man became a rebellious creature bent on disobedience. (Romans 8:17; Isaiah 1:5-9).
    - ii. The entrance of sin did not change God's purpose, but it did require another method-the Gospel.
3. This then is the beginning of the work of missions.

#### IV. MISSIONS PASSAGES

Numbers 14:21  
 Joshua 4:24  
 1 Chronicles 16:23-24  
 2 Chronicles 6:32-33  
 Psalm 49:1-2  
 Psalm 98:3  
 Isaiah 34:1  
 Isaiah 45:22  
 Book of Jonah