

God's HEART For The Nations



What do the following passages teach us about God's heart for nations?
Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5:9

What do we mean by all nations?

God's will is for people from ALL NATIONS to be blessed by being in the kingdom of God, through faith in Jesus. This doesn't just mean people from every country as we know them today, but from every "ethne", or ethnic group. How are we doing bring the good news of the kingdom of God to the every nation?

While God's desire is for every person to know him, some ethnic groups have less access than others to learn about Jesus. These groups are called "unreached" and "unengaged" that need to be a priority for cross-cultural missionary efforts. Unreached is usually defined as a people group that lacks enough followers of Christ and resources to evangelize their own people. An unengaged-unreached people group (UUPG) is a group that is unreached and where there is no-one actively engaged in a church-planting strategy. Check out JoshuaProject.net to learn more and see what people groups are unreached.

Don't assume that because a person is from another nation that they're from an unreached people group or that they're not a Christian! We MUST learn from our brothers and sisters around the world and humbly partner with them to see people from ALL nations worshipping God.

- What unreached people groups are represented on your campus? In your community?
- Who do you know from other nations? From unreached people groups? What opportunities do you have to meet people from other nations and unreached people groups?

Each of us has a part to play! No matter our gifts, calling, vocation, or location, we all have a part to play in seeing people from every nation have a chance to know Jesus! What steps could you take now? What is God inviting you to consider?

GO

Travel (nearby or around the world... short-term or long-term)
Connect (with neighbors from different backgrounds)

SEND

Discover (learn more about God's Heart for the Nations)
Invest (give to support cross-cultural missionaries, especially among the unreached)
Pray (for God's work around the world and in your community)

MOBILIZE

Invite (disciple others and teach others what you're learning about God's desire)
Train (help others take steps so that people from all nations might know Jesus)

