

AMONG THE NATIONS



God's Passion for His Glory

Main Idea

God exists for the praise of His glory & so it is imperative for us to be about the same thing in the world. That demands we know Him & delight in Him.

Overview

• **Who is God?**

- Westminster Catechism: God is spirit, infinite, eternal, & unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth
- God is One, Three Persons, and they are all God
 - God is One: Deut. 6.4, Matt. 28.19 (Singular "Name")
 - Three persons: Gen. 1.26 (pl.), Matt. 28.19, 2 Cor. 13.14
 - All God:
 - Father: Matt. 5.48 (most 1T passages reference Father divinity)
 - Son: Mark 1.3, John 1.1, Heb. 1.3
 - Spirit: Acts 1.8, 5.3-4

• **What is God like?**

- Isaiah 40.12: Placed boundaries in creation
- Isaiah 40.22: Inhabitants are like grasshoppers to Him
- Isaiah 40.23: Brings princes to nothing, makes rulers of earth as emptiness
- Isaiah 40.26: Knows the stars by Name
- We are often slow to believe because we are slow to get to know Him, and consider what He is like

• **What is the Mission of God?**

- The Mission of God on earth is the spread of His glory to all nations
 - Gods mission is to spread His praises all over the earth
 - Mission of God is to make known the splendor of His great worth among all peoples
 - Example: Is. 48.9-11
- Why did God choose His people? Eph. 1.4-6
- Why did He create us? Is. 43.6-7
- Why did God rescue Israel from Egypt? Ps. 106.7-8
- Why did God save Jerusalem from attack? 2 Kings 19.34
- Why did God restore Israel? Ezekiel 36.22-23
- Why does it please Jesus to answer prayer? John 14.13
- Why did the Father send the Son? Romans 3.25-26
- Why does Jesus receive us into the fellowship of God? Romans 15.7
- Why is it we should do anything that we do? 1 Cor. 10.31

- Sin is terrible because it tells God “I am more valuable than you”
- Gospel destroys sin and makes the mission of God possible to us
- **What is the Point of Missions?**
 - Point of Missions must be the same as Gods Mission: Spread the praise of Gods glory to the earth
 - Missions is not first and ultimate, God is: Goal of missions is to bring about the treasuring of God among the nations
 - We can only be strengthened and sustained for this task by a being zealous for God and to have Him as central, otherwise it will shrivel and die

Questions

Discussion starter: Why is it important that we have an understanding of our mission be it at our job/school/work at home?

1. When David Wells says God has become “Weightless” to us...what do you think he means by that, and how do we see evidence of this in our culture?
2. How does God begin to become “weightless” to us?
3. How can the “weight” of God be built and sustained?
4. Trinity is difficult to understand, however it is clearly revealed: Why is it important to be grounded in these truths? How can one rejection of a facet lead to heresy?
5. Talk about how the Scriptures discuss how God is like. Why is it we often don’t pray to Him, think of Him, and talk of Him in these ways?
6. What is the Mission of God?
7. Why would God have as His ultimate Mission to have His glory displayed? Doesn’t this cause God to be narcissistic or a megalomaniac?
8. How should the Mission of God shape our mission(s)?
9. Discuss what this might and might not look like.

Accountability Question: Discuss areas of your life that you are more jealous for your own glory than you are the Lords.

Another way of asking can be: What is it that has you to be indifferent towards Gods glory advancing in your heart and the worlds?