

Xenos Christian Fellowship
Christian Ministry 3: Moving Into a Ministry Lifestyle
Week 9 - Missions

Goal for Today

Thesis: God is a missionary God and the Bible is a missionary book.

Antithesis: Having a small world, believing missions is peripheral

Central Theme of the Bible

Why did Jesus come to earth?

John 17:4

Psalm 46:10 Fill in the blank: “Cease striving and _____”

“Yearbook Theology”

Overview of the Bible

Introduction

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 3:1-21

Genesis to Revelation

God makes a promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3

This covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob repeated – See Genesis 26:3-4 (Isaac); Genesis 28:14-15 (Jacob); see also Matthew, Mark and Acts...

Top-line

Bottom line

Promised Land Israel – Ezekiel 5:5

Exodus from Egypt – Exodus 5:1-2, 19:4-6

Joshua – 4:19-24

David & Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:45-46

Psalms 67

Jesus Christ

Luke 2:30-32

Luke 24:46-48

Conclusion

Revelation 5:9; 7:9

1 Peter 2:9

What is Missions?

The goal of missions is:

Defining our terms: Evangelism versus Evangelization

Viewing the World: Political countries and people groups

Matthew 28:18-20

Nation – Greek word *ethnos*

People Group – A significantly large sociological grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity for one another because of their shared language, religion, ethnicity, residence, occupation, class or caste, situation or combination of these.

Unreached People Group – (< 2% reached) is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside (cross-cultural) assistance. Unreached people groups lack a church that has the numbers and strength to reach their own people.

How is the Evangelization of the World Accomplished?

Plant multiplying churches in every people group of the world

Where are the unreached people groups?

10/40 window

85-90% of the world's unreached peoples live in this area.

This is where 3 large religious blocs of unreached peoples are mainly found: Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.

80% of the world's poor are here

Global Poverty Statistics and Generosity

1.2 billion people live on less than 1 dollar per day

2.5 billion live on less than 2 dollars per day (about 40% of the world)

The Challenge of Crossing Cultures

Cultural Imperialism

Our answer to the myth that missionaries destroy culture

Missionaries have done far greater good.

Some aspects of culture need to be changed.

Cultures are in a constant state of change

Ethnocentrism

Identification

Contextualization

The missionary presents the gospel in ways which consider the world view of the local culture. This includes adapting the Biblical message into forms that are true to the Scriptures but appropriate to the local culture.

Missions at Xenos

Guiding Principles

Indigenous leadership development in unreached people groups, working among the poor

Career Missionaries 19 serving on 4 fields; 20+ “well-wishers” serving both foreign and domestically;
125 Indigenous missionaries

Domestic Missions

Urban Concern – Established in 1991 – Bible Study, ASP and then HCS K-8th grade.

Bhutanese – Danny and Cheryl Walker. Refugee ministry started

Medical Clinics – started in 2008. Three locations to provide medical and dental services

Domestic Church Planting - Joe and Erin McCallum

Humanitarian Aid & Development Fund

Global Partners

What are they?

Who are they?

Why Global Partnerships

Today the gospel is reaching more people than at any time in the history of the church.

The primary way millions are now being reached is through home churches. But most of these movements are under-resourced and lack effective training.

Global Partnerships connect the powerful dynamic of church planting movements around the world with the resources Xenos is uniquely able to offer. This way, the Great Commission is truly an international collaboration, with each partner supplying what the Spirit has provided them.

How do they work?

Vetting process

Criteria of Global Partners:

Indigenous

Apostolic

Doctrinal connection

Real need and real collaboration can take place

Our vision is to add 1 Global Partner per year for the next 10 years.

Overview of Each of Our Partners

Potential Partners

Ecuador

India Gospel League

Ivory Coast

How Can You Get Involved?

Missions Mobilizers – www.xenos.org/missions

Prayer Support – contact Melissa Harvin at harvinm@xenos.org

Financial Support of a missionary – contact Melissa Harvin at harvinm@xenos.org

Short-term Trip

Recommended Reading

Church Planting Movements - David Garrison

Invading Secular Space - Smith and Robinson

Evidence Not Seen – Darlene Deibler Rose

Bruchko – Bruce Olson

Peace Child – Don Richardson

Eternity in their Hearts – Don Richardson

Operation World – Jason Mandryk

The Great Omission – Robertson McQuilkin

A Mind for Missions – Paul Borthwick

Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret – Howard Taylor