



WORLD
OUTREACH
WEEK

Why Reach Out to the World?

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Being “intentionally international” is a mega-theme of the Bible:

[Jesus said] “Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations** . . .” *Matthew 28:19a (NIV)*

“Make known among the **nations** what God has done . . .” *Isaiah 12:4*

“My house will be called a house of prayer for **all nations**.” *Isaiah 56:7*

However, there are common negative impressions of missionaries:

- “Missionaries force Western culture on other people.”
- “Missionaries make me feel terrible.”

This is because our motive for missions is often:

- _____ : “Think of how much more you have — and feel guilty . . .”
- _____ : “How can you call yourself a Christian if you do not . . .”
- _____ : “If we don’t reach out, there will be disaster!”
- _____ : “If you do this, you will earn points with God . . .”

The biblical motive for missions:

_____ : “As God transforms my heart to be like His, I love the world as He does . . .”

Key concept in biblical missions:

_____ : “I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel . . .” *Philippians 1:4–5a*

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne . . .” *Revelation 7:9a*

Doing missions this way...

1. _____ my _____ to God’s family around the world
2. _____ my _____ to real needs around the world
3. _____ my _____ with stories of God’s power around the world

Next Weekend:

Jossy Chacko, author of the book “Madness”. Founder and president of Empart International, Jossy is a dynamic and passionate communicator. Born in India, Jossy’s amazing goal is to start 100,000 new churches throughout Asia.

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Matthew 28:16–20. In your own words, write down what Jesus asked the Church to do.

Write down three or four ideas that can help you ensure that your life’s priorities match Jesus’ commission to the Church. (For example: “When I read about trouble in other countries, I will make it a habit to pray for pastors and missionaries there.”)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thank God today that He has a plan for the Church. Thank Him that you have a place in that plan. Ask God to help you daily live out His commission in the ways He’s uniquely designed for you.

Tuesday

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1–9. In your own words, what is Paul saying later in this chapter about his strategy for winning people to Christ in verses 20–23?

How can we do this as a church in our culture? What is your strategy for reaching out to those around you?

Thank God today for His amazing love for you. Thank Him for His heart for the lost. Ask God to more and more shape your heart to reflect His.

Wednesday

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–20. What does an ambassador do? How is that an appropriate metaphor for reaching out?

How do these verses encourage you? How do they challenge you?

What compelled Paul to reach out? What compels you to reach out?

Thank God today for His grace towards you. Pray for those around you who don’t yet have a relationship with Jesus. Ask God to give you opportunities to be an ambassador for Him today.

Thursday

Read Matthew 4:18–22. What imagery did Jesus use as He called people to share the Good News?

Think of some ways you are like a fisherman when you share the Good News:

Thank God today for those who shared the Good News with you. Ask God to give you the courage to be a “fisher of men”. Pray that you’ll see the world through His eyes today.

Friday

Read Luke 15. What prompted Jesus to tell these three parables? What do these three parables have in common?

What struggles do you face when it comes to being willing to search for those who are lost? How do these parables encourage you?

Thank God today that He sought you out. Thank Him for the example He’s set for you. Ask Him to increase your love for those who don’t yet have a relationship with Him. Pray for opportunities to share your faith and courage to take them!

Saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed. Polish the memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we conclude World Outreach Week people will be motivated to reach out both locally and globally. Pray for our guest speaker this weekend, Jossy Chacko, that God would use him to encourage and build up our church.



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” *Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)*