

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 23



### Chapter 23 – Good News for All Nations

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

Any effort to share the Gospel message with someone else involves an element of risk. No matter how “risky” the situation might be, fear might be the sole reason that people choose not to pursue evangelism in either a local or global setting. Because of this fear, many people choose not to pursue opportunities to share their faith with others. However, when people choose to step out in faith for God, people often realize that sharing their faith is not as hard as they originally thought. Sometimes people just need some support and encouragement to give it a try. As you help your group members process their own personal involvement in world missions, consider how you can create some “risk-taking opportunities” to help expose your group members to evangelism. Consider inviting your group to spend an hour or two engaging people through street evangelism (handing out surveys, tracts or simply starting conversations). Look for a local organization to serve at together in hopes of finding opportunities to share the Gospel. Maybe even consider going on a short-term mission trip if your group has been meeting together for a while. By pursuing some of these “risky” opportunities, you’ll be helping equip your group members to take the gospel to the world, and that’s part of being an intentional leader.

#### How HIS-story becomes My Story:

**GOD’S STORY** - God’s gift of salvation is for ALL people.

**OUR STORY** - While we may have different roles, we as believers have a responsibility to participate in reaching ALL the nations with the Gospel.

**MY STORY** - I need to be prayerful in identifying how I will reach the nations – whether that is by going, sending, training, and/or supplying.

#### Starting the Conversation:

Has anyone in your group ever been on a mission trip before? If so, have them share where they went and how that experience impacted their personal desire to share the Gospel.

#### Additional Recommended Resources:

- “The Imminent Return of Christ” – GotQuestions.org article
- “What is a Gentile?” - GotQuestions.org article

## **Life Group Questions**

1. How should God's heart as revealed in the Old Testament and in Jesus's ministry affect the way we think about and relate to those people who seem "unreachable"?
2. Read Acts 15. How is the global aspect of God's plan of redemption demonstrated in this passage?
3. Read Galatians 3:28–29. Why do you think Paul made such a big deal about the relationship between Jews and Gentiles?
4. What does it mean to be a "fisher of men"?
5. Is there anything about your life that would identify you as a "fisher of men"? If so, what? If not, what can you do to grow in this area?
6. How would you describe our church's attitude toward and participation in spreading the gospel to all nations? How might you encourage our church to work toward this end?
7. What is your own involvement with missions? Are you at all involved in going, sending, training, supplying, praying, etc.? What changes might you need to make to this area of your life?
8. How does this picture of a multiethnic multitude worshipping God at the end of history affect the way you think about our task of reaching out to the nations?

### **Prayer Assignment:**

Ask God to give you a burning desire to see the good news of Jesus Christ embraced in every corner of the world. Ask Him to show you what part He wants you to play in seeing His name spread around the world.