

RESCUE SUNDAY

Missions is God's Idea



Objective

- A.** Engage and understand more deeply the Biblical Narrative of missions.
- B.** Explore the commission of Abraham and how it impacts the Church today.
- C.** Exonerate the reality that Global Missions are central to God's plan for the Church.
- D.** Engage the congregation in embracing God's mandate for missions across all nations.

Suggested Duration - 25 minutes

Father, may our hearts today be enlightened by your love and mercy towards the nations of the world. May we know your passion colliding with our hearts for all nations, kindreds and tribes.

May our hearts be ignited with a new and fresh passion and revelation of your commitment to Global evangelisation.

May our hearts engage with your love for all those enslaved.

May we sense your Holy Spirit leading us into all truth today.

We pray the most ancient of prayers together:

Come Holy Spirit.

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Pause and think about these things.
Invite others now to pray and join in
prayer and reflection.

SECTION 1

Missions is God's Plan

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The Bible gives believers God's mandate to engage the world with his love through the Gospel.

Genesis 12:1-4 - READ / DISCUSS

- A. God chose one man and his family to bless all the nations of the earth. This is known as the Abrahamic covenant.

DISCUSS: The impact this blessing had on surrounding nations.

Galatians 3:29 - We are Abraham's spiritual children.

- B. This blessing of God towards Abraham and his covenant was evident to all the surrounding nations: blessed to be a blessing.

DISCUSS: How God has blessed us and how we can make a difference with this blessing.

- C. God's love for the nations and his desire for their reconciliation is evident in this scripture, *"Through you all the nations of the earth will be blessed."*

DISCUSS: How God can bring his reconciliation to those caught in slavery globally.

- D. We are blessed to be a blessing. Even in the New Testament, God's plan has also been to bless and reach the nations of the earth.

Jesus endorsed and prioritised the mandate set out to Abraham: the Abrahamic Covenant.

READ

Matthew 24:14 | Matthew 28:16-20 | Galatians 3:29

We have also been given the Abrahamic blessing/covenant mandate. As discussed previously, we are Abraham's spiritual children.

- You and I are blessed to be a blessing.
- As Jesus said, *"I am with you."*

Acts 1:8 - I will give you the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

- The promises of Abraham are given to us.
- The responsibility of Abraham to bless the nations is also given to us.
- The promise of God with us, Emmanuel, is also ours as we seek to reach the nations with God's love.

DISCUSS: What does being blessed to be a blessing mean to you?

DISCUSS: What does God's promise with you as you focus on the nations mean to you?

DISCUSS: How do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you when you consider missions?

SECTION 1

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1. God is with you.
 2. Consider the nations and all tribes hearing of God's love.
 3. Consider the possibility of children, young people, and humanity being freed from slavery and exploitation.
 4. Now respond to God's promises to you as his child.
 5. Leave this Bible study with God's response to his Great Commission, and take time to tell someone about this.
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Pray