



BIBLE STUDY

**THE MISSION OF GOD:
A BIBLICAL
UNDERSTANDING OF
MISSIONS**

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Preface

This ten-week teaching curriculum has been designed to help you teach on the subject of missions, based on sermons preached at the 2019 G3 National Conference. Each lesson features teaching from respected preachers and teachers on the subject of mission that has been edited into an easy-to-follow curriculum that is ideal for use in Sunday School classes, small groups, and families. The study has been designed to help facilitate as much or as little discussion as desired. We have provided a student guide that includes the main lesson idea, main lesson passage, and Scripture memory for each lesson. Additionally, we have included several questions with each lesson to help facilitate reflection and discussion. We encourage you to use these questions as a means to cultivate discussion as well as a greater level of comprehension for your classes or small groups with each lesson.

To watch videos of the presentations that accompany each lesson, visit:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4k0RewINCcCcpbl9Tz-Z3oPkW YIVYEn&si=F394j0Y7kk83Wlgo>

We pray that this teaching resource will be a blessing and help to you as you seek to learn and teach others what a biblical understanding of missions.



Lesson 1

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Josh Buice

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

As new creations in Christ, believers are called to be ambassadors for God, spreading the message of reconciliation and salvation through Jesus, with the local church playing a crucial role in supporting and sending missionaries.

Key Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:17–6:2

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the biblical foundation of the ministry of reconciliation.
2. Recognize the significance of the local church in missions.
3. Explore the role of reconciliation in the life of a believer.
4. Discuss the practical applications of being ambassadors for Christ.

Lesson Outline

The Biblical Foundation of Reconciliation

Key Concepts:

- New Creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- The role of God in reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18–19).

The Significance of the Local Church in Missions

Historical Example

- The story of John Williams and James Harris in the New Hebrides.
- The transformation from unreached to a Christian population through John Payton's efforts.

Local Church Involvement

- Importance of the local church in sending and supporting missionaries.
- Role of church authority and accountability in missions.

The Role of Reconciliation in the Life of a Believer

Personal Transformation

- Paul's experience of reconciliation on the road to Damascus.
- The miracle of salvation and becoming a new creation in Christ.

Practical Implications

- Living out the new creation.
- The ongoing process of reconciliation in the believer's life.

Being Ambassadors for Christ

Definition and Responsibility

- Understanding the role of an ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- The urgency and appeal to be reconciled to God.

Practical Applications

- Sharing the message of reconciliation in everyday life.
- The importance of proclaiming the Gospel accurately and faithfully.

Discussion Points

1. What does it mean to be a new creation in Christ according to 2 Corinthians 5:17?
2. Why is the involvement of the local church crucial in the ministry of reconciliation?
3. In what ways can believers fulfill their role as ambassadors for Christ in their daily lives?
4. How can we balance the urgency of the Gospel message with the need for proper preparation and support in missions?



Lesson 2:

Biblical Foundations for Missions

Paul Washer

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

Our understanding of the nature of missions must come from Scripture alone.

Key Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16–17

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the significance of Sola Scriptura in missions.
2. Recognize the central role of the local church in sending and supporting missionaries.
3. Identify the essential qualities and preparation required for missionaries.
4. Discuss the importance of defining terms and maintaining doctrinal integrity in mission work.

Lesson Outline

Sola Scriptura and Missions

Biblical Foundation

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17: The sufficiency of Scripture.
- The necessity of adhering strictly to the Bible in all aspects of mission work.

Key Concept: Everything in missions must be grounded in Scripture, emphasizing the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer.

The Role of the Local Church

Church Authority and Accountability

- 1 Timothy 3:14–15: Conduct in the household of God.
- The local church’s responsibility to train, send, and support missionaries.

The early church’s model of sending out missionaries.

Essential Qualities of Missionaries

Biblical Qualifications

- 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5–9: Qualifications of elders and deacons.
- Emphasis on personal godliness and doctrinal soundness.

Testing and Training

- The importance of thorough testing and training within the local church before sending out missionaries.

Defining Terms in Missions

The Importance of Clear Definitions

- Defining what a missionary is according to Scripture.
- Avoiding vague or broad definitions that lead to confusion and doctrinal compromise.

The Role of Apostles and Messengers

- Understanding the biblical use of terms like “apostle” and “messenger.”

Discussion Points

1. Why is Sola Scriptura emphasized as foundational in mission work?
2. What role does the local church play in the life and ministry of a missionary?
3. What qualifications should a person have before being sent out as a missionary?

4. Why is it crucial to have clear definitions for terms like “missionary” and “apostle” in missions?
5. How can churches ensure they are adhering to biblical principles in their mission strategies?



Lesson 3:
Mainstream Missionaries
David Miller

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

Local churches and missionaries must count the cost of biblical missions.

Key Scripture

Colossians 4:7–18

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the biblical foundation and commission for missions.
2. Recognize the importance of the local church in sending and supporting missionaries.
3. Identify the key characteristics and roles of New Testament missionaries.
4. Discuss the cost and commitment involved in being a missionary.

Lesson Outline

The Biblical Commission for Missions

Discussion on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) and its implications.

Key Concepts

- The command to take the gospel to all nations.
- The role of every believer in fulfilling this commission.

The Biblical Concept for Doing Missions

Historical Example: The story of Philemon and the spread of the gospel in the Lycus Valley.

Decentralizing Mission Work

- The importance of bringing missions back to the local church.
- Encouraging individual Christians to take personal responsibility in missions.

Key Characteristics of New Testament Missionaries

- Tychicus: Faithful and consistent.
- Onesimus: A fugitive turned faithful.
- Aristarchus: Fearless and courageous.
- Mark: A story of redemption and second chances.
- Epaphras: Fervent and compassionate.
- Luke: The beloved physician.
- Demas: A warning about faltering commitment.
- Nympha: Hosting a church in her home.
- Archippus: Called to fulfill his ministry.

The Cost of Being a Missionary

Personal Sacrifice

Counting the Cost

- The importance of understanding the commitment required for mission work.
- Encouragement to embrace the cost for the sake of the gospel.

Discussion Points

1. What is the biblical basis for the Great Commission, and how does it apply to us today?

2. How can the local church effectively support and send missionaries?
3. What qualities should we look for in potential missionaries?
4. What are some of the costs and challenges faced by missionaries, and how can we support them?
5. Why is it important to decentralize mission work and bring it back to the local church?



Lesson 4:

The Sovereign Election of God and Missions

Steven Lawson

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The doctrine of sovereign election is not a hindrance but an empowering and guaranteeing force for missions, underscoring God's sovereignty in salvation and the certainty of His redemptive plan.

Key Scripture

Romans 9:1–24

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the doctrine of sovereign election and its biblical basis.
2. Recognize the importance of God's sovereignty in empowering and guaranteeing the success of missions.
3. Explore the Apostle Paul's burden for perishing sinners and his zeal for missions.
4. Discuss the theological principles related to God's sovereignty in salvation.

Lesson Outline

The Doctrine of Sovereign Election

Sovereign Grace: God's unilateral action in choosing individuals for salvation.

Unmerited Choice: God's election is not based on any foreseen merit or action.

Divine Sovereignty: God's supreme authority over the destinies of all individuals.

Paul's Burden for Perishing Sinners

Paul's Heart for the Lost (Romans 9:1–5)

Practical Applications

- Reflecting on our own burden for the lost.
- Encouraging participants to develop a heart for missions similar to Paul's.

Theological Principles of Election

Unmerited Choice (Romans 9:9–12): God's choice is not based on human merit or works.

Unexpected Choice (Romans 9:12–13): God often chooses the least likely individuals to display His glory.

Loving Choice (Romans 9:13): God's special saving love for the elect.

Merciful Choice (Romans 9:14–16): God's election is an act of mercy, not justice.

Divine Choice (Romans 9:17–18): God is free to show mercy and harden hearts according to His will.

Unaccountable Choice (Romans 9:19–21): God is not accountable to humanity for His sovereign choices.

Glorifying Choice (Romans 9:22–24): God's sovereignty in election brings glory to Himself.

Worldwide Choice (Romans 9:24–26): God's elect are found among all nations and peoples.

Application to Modern Missions

Empowering Missions

Encouraging Faithfulness

- Emphasizing the need for theological grounding in mission work.
- Encouraging participants to preach the gospel with confidence in God's sovereign plan.

Discussion Points

1. How does Romans 9 assure us of God's control over both judgment and salvation?
2. What can we learn from the balance of judgment and salvation in God's plan?
3. How does the vision of a multitude from every nation impact our approach to missions?
4. What does it mean to "go fast but don't hurry" in the context of missions?
5. How does trusting in God's sovereignty change our perspective on mission work?



Lesson 5:

Spreading the Aroma of Christ

Conrad Mbewe

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The essence of missions is spreading the fragrance of Christ through faithful proclamation of the Gospel, ensuring that both the message of salvation and the glory of God are central.

Key Scripture

2 Corinthians 2:14–17

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the concept of spreading the fragrance of Christ in missions.
2. Recognize the importance of faithful proclamation of the Gospel over mere numerical success.
3. Explore the balance between human effort and divine sovereignty in missions.
4. Discuss the practical implications of being the aroma of Christ to both the saved and the perishing.

Lesson Outline

The Fragrance of Christ

The metaphor of spreading the aroma of Christ.

The triumphal procession in Christ.

The fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

The Importance of Faithful Proclamation

Biblical Foundation

- 1 Corinthians 2:1–5: Preaching Christ crucified with simplicity and sincerity.
- The distinction between spreading the fragrance of Christ and pursuing numerical success.

Example from Missions

- David Livingstone's work in Africa and his long-term impact despite initial lack of visible success.

Divine Sovereignty in Missions

The Role of God's Sovereignty

- Understanding that success in missions is determined by God's sovereign will.
- Examples from Paul's ministry and the mixed responses he received.

Practical Implications

- Remaining faithful to the message of Christ regardless of immediate results.
- Trusting in God's sovereign plan and timing.

Being the Aroma of Christ

Impact on Believers and Unbelievers

- The dual effect of the Gospel as a fragrance of life to some and death to others.
- The responsibility of believers to faithfully spread the Gospel.

Living as Ambassadors of Christ

- Practical ways to embody the aroma of Christ in daily life and ministry.

Discussion Points

1. What does it mean to spread the fragrance of Christ according to 2 Corinthians 2:14–17?

2. Why is it important to prioritize the faithful proclamation of the Gospel over numerical success?
3. How does understanding God's sovereignty affect our approach to missions?
4. In what practical ways can we live out our role as the aroma of Christ in our communities?
5. How can we maintain a sense of optimism and thanksgiving in our mission efforts, as Paul did, despite challenges and opposition?



Lesson 6:

The Missionary Character of the Abrahamic Covenant

Voddie Baucham

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The Abrahamic Covenant reveals God's original and unchanging plan for global missions, demonstrating that the inclusion of the nations in God's redemptive plan is not a New Testament innovation but has been God's intention from the beginning.

Key Scripture

Genesis 12:1–3

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the biblical foundation of the Abrahamic Covenant in missions.
2. Recognize the continuity of God's plan for the nations from the Old to the New Testament.
3. Explore the theological significance of God's covenant with Abraham.
4. Discuss the practical implications of the Abrahamic Covenant for modern missions.

Lesson Outline

The Abrahamic Covenant and Missions

God's call to Abraham to leave his country and kindred.

The promise to make Abraham a great nation.

The blessing of all families of the earth through Abraham.

God's Unchanging Plan for the Nations

Old Testament Foundations

- The continuity of God's plan for the nations from Genesis to the prophets.
- The global vision embedded in the Abrahamic Covenant.

New Testament Fulfillment

- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) as a continuation of God's promise to Abraham.
- The role of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of the promise (Galatians 3:15–16, 23–29).

Theological Significance

The Nature of God's Covenant

- The covenant as a demonstration of God's sovereign grace.
- The unmerited nature of God's choice of Abraham and his descendants.

Implications for Identity and Mission

- The creation of a new people of God through Abraham.
- The inclusion of all nations as part of God's redemptive plan.

Practical Implications for Modern Missions

Mission Strategies

- Emphasis on the faithful proclamation of the Gospel.
- The role of the local church in sending and supporting missionaries.

Living Out the Abrahamic Covenant

- Practical ways to be a blessing to the nations.
- The importance of theological grounding in mission work.

Discussion Points

1. What is the significance of God's promise to bless all the families of the earth through Abraham?
2. How does understanding the Abrahamic Covenant change our approach to missions?
3. What role does the local church play in fulfilling God's mission to the nations?
4. How can we live out our identity as descendants of Abraham in our mission efforts?
5. Why is theological grounding important in mission work?



Lesson 7:

The Apostolic Preaching of the Gospel and Missions

Steven Lawson

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The preaching of the Gospel, rooted in Scripture, is the primary method for advancing the mission of the church.

Key Scripture

Acts 13:13–41

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the central role of preaching in missions as demonstrated by the Apostle Paul.
2. Recognize the biblical basis for preaching as the primary method for advancing the Gospel.
3. Explore the key elements of apostolic preaching and how they apply to modern missions.
4. Discuss the importance of supporting and prioritizing the preaching of the Word in mission efforts.

Lesson Outline

Biblical Basis for Preaching in Missions

Preaching as the primary method for advancing missions.

- Matthew 28:18–20: The Great Commission emphasizes teaching and baptizing.

- The necessity of preaching for people to believe.

Key Elements of Apostolic Preaching

Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Old Testament

- Tracing the lineage from the patriarchs to Jesus (Acts 13:16–23).
- Importance of showing Jesus as the culmination of God’s redemptive plan.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

- Preaching the significance of Jesus’ death on the cross (Acts 13:26–29).
- The necessity of emphasizing the atonement and sacrifice of Jesus.

The Resurrection of Jesus

- The validation of Jesus’ death through His resurrection (Acts 13:30–37).
- The resurrection as proof of Jesus’ victory over sin and death.

The Offer of Forgiveness

- Proclaiming forgiveness of sins through Jesus (Acts 13:38–39).
- The centrality of repentance and faith in receiving salvation.

The Coming Judgment

- Warning of impending judgment for rejecting Christ (Acts 13:40–41).
- The urgency of preaching the Gospel in light of eternal consequences.

Practical Implications for Missions

Prioritizing Preaching

- Discussion on how to prioritize and support preaching in mission efforts.
- Ensuring mission strategies lead to the proclamation of the Gospel and planting of churches.

Supporting Preachers

- Importance of encouraging, praying for, and financially supporting preachers.
- The role of the local church in training and sending preachers.

Discussion Points

1. Why is preaching emphasized as the primary method for missions in the New Testament?
2. How does understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament enhance our preaching?
3. What are the implications of the resurrection for our mission efforts?
4. How can we ensure that our mission strategies align with the biblical model of preaching?
5. How can we actively support and engage in mission work that prioritizes preaching?



Lesson 8:

Building Healthy New Churches

Conrad Mbewe

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The Great Commission involves not just making disciples but integrating them into local church communities.

Key Scripture

Matthew 28:18–20

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the biblical foundation for church planting in missions.
2. Recognize the essential role of the local church in the Great Commission.
3. Explore the key elements of building healthy churches.
4. Discuss the practical implications of making disciples within the context of the local church.

Lesson Outline

The Biblical Foundation for Church Planting

The command to make disciples of all nations.

The role of baptism and teaching in the discipleship process.

The Role of the Local Church

The role of the local church in the early Christian movement (Acts 2:36–47).

Paul's integration into the church in Jerusalem (Acts 9:26–28).

Local Church Involvement

- Importance of church authority and accountability in missions.
- The process of integrating new believers into church communities.

Key Elements of Building Healthy Churches

Biblical Qualities of a Healthy Church

- Commitment to the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42).
- The role of church discipline and accountability (Matthew 18:15–20).

Practical Steps

- Establishing church leadership (1 Timothy 3:1–7, Titus 1:5–9).
- Ensuring doctrinal soundness and ongoing discipleship.

Practical Implications for Modern Missions

Mission Strategies

- Emphasis on planting churches rather than merely making disciples.
- The role of the local church in sending and supporting missionaries.

Living Out the Great Commission

- Practical ways to integrate new believers into local churches.
- The importance of theological grounding in mission work.

Discussion Points

1. What is the biblical basis for church planting as part of the Great Commission?
2. How can the local church effectively support and send missionaries?

3. What qualities should we look for in a healthy church?
4. What are the practical steps to ensure new believers are integrated into local churches?
5. Why is it important to prioritize church planting over merely making disciples?



Lesson 9:

The Danger of Contextualization in the Work of Missions

Phil Johnson

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

Excessive contextualization in missions is dangerous, emphasizing the need for faithfulness to the biblical message and the importance of maintaining the purity of the Gospel.

Key Scripture

Jonah 4

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the biblical dangers of excessive contextualization in missions.
2. Recognize the importance of maintaining the purity of the Gospel message.
3. Explore the lessons from Jonah's reluctance and God's response.
4. Discuss the practical implications for modern missions and evangelism.

Lesson Outline

Biblical Basis for Contextualization and Its Limits

The necessity of contextualization to some extent.

The dangers of altering the core message of the Gospel.

Lessons from Jonah's Reluctance

Jonah's attempt to flee from God's command.

The consequences of Jonah's disobedience and his eventual compliance.

God's mercy towards Nineveh.

Maintaining the Purity of the Gospel

Faithfulness to the Message

- The importance of preaching the unaltered Word of God.
- Examples from the New Testament on maintaining doctrinal purity.

Practical Implications

- The impact of compromising the message for cultural acceptance.
- The long-term effects on the church and mission field.

Practical Implications for Modern Missions

Mission Strategies

- Balancing cultural sensitivity with faithfulness to Scripture.
- The role of the local church in supporting missionaries.

Living Out the Great Commission

- Practical ways to ensure the Gospel remains central in mission work.
- The importance of theological grounding and accountability.

Discussion Points

1. What are the dangers of excessive contextualization in missions?
2. How can we maintain the purity of the Gospel while being culturally sensitive?
3. What lessons can we learn from Jonah's reluctance and God's response?
4. How can the local church support missionaries in maintaining doctrinal purity?

5. Why is it important to prioritize the unaltered message of the Gospel in missions?



Lesson 10: **Mission Accomplished** Voddie Baucham

[VIDEO](#)

Main Point

The certainty of God's sovereign plan in missions ensures the ultimate victory of His redemptive work and ought to compel believers to engage fervently in the Great Commission without anxiety.

Key Scripture

Revelation 7:1–17

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the balance between judgment and salvation in God's plan.
2. Recognize the sovereignty of God in missions and the assurance of His ultimate victory.
3. Explore the significance of worship and the global reach of the Gospel.
4. Discuss the practical implications of God's sovereignty for our approach to missions.

Lesson Outline

The Sovereignty of God in Missions

Biblical Basis

- Reading and explaining Revelation 7:1–17.
- Discussion on how this passage demonstrates God's control over judgment and salvation.

Key Concepts

- God's sovereignty: His absolute authority over all creation.
- The certainty of mission accomplishment: God will save His people.

The Balance of Judgment and Salvation

Judgment

- Understanding the significance of judgment in Revelation.
- How God's holiness and righteousness are displayed through judgment.

Salvation

- The promise of salvation for the sealed (Revelation 7:4–8).
- The great multitude from every nation (Revelation 7:9–17).

Worship and Global Reach of the Gospel

Worship in Revelation

- The role of worship in acknowledging God's sovereignty (Revelation 4–5).
- The worship of the multitude before the throne (Revelation 7:9–12).

Global Reach

- The inclusion of every tribe, tongue, and nation in God's plan.
- The significance of missions in fulfilling this global vision.

Practical Implications for Missions

Go Fast but Don't Hurry

- The importance of urgency without anxiety in mission work.
- Trusting in God's sovereignty while actively engaging in missions.

The Role of Believers

- Our responsibility in spreading the Gospel and supporting missions.

- The assurance that God's plan will succeed regardless of our efforts.

Discussion Points

1. How does Revelation 7 assure us of God's control over both judgment and salvation?
2. What can we learn from the balance of judgment and salvation in God's plan?
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| Essential Qualities of Missionaries

| Defining Terms in Missions



Lesson 3:

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David Miller

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| The Biblical Concept for Doing Missions

| The Cost of Being a Missionary



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The Doctrine of Sovereign Election

Paul's Burden for Perishing Sinners

Theological Principles of Election

Application to Modern Missions



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| Theological Significance

| Practical Implications for Modern Missions



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Lesson Outline

Biblical Basis for Preaching in Missions

| Key Elements of Apostolic Preaching

| Practical Implications for Missions



Lesson 8:

Building Healthy New Churches

Conrad Mbewe

Main Point

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Key Scripture

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| Practical Implications for Modern Missions



Lesson 10: **Mission Accomplished**

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Main Point

The certainty of God's sovereign plan in missions ensures the ultimate victory of His redemptive work and ought to compel believers to engage fervently in the Great Commission without anxiety.

Key Scripture

Revelation 7:1–17

Lesson Objectives

1. Understand the balance between judgment and salvation in God's plan.
2. Recognize the sovereignty of God in missions and the assurance of His ultimate victory.
3. Explore the significance of worship and the global reach of the Gospel.
4. Discuss the practical implications of God's sovereignty for our approach to missions.

Lesson Outline

| The Sovereignty of God in Missions

| The Balance of Judgment and Salvation

| Worship and Global Reach of the Gospel

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