

Monday

God's Heart for the Nations

“What verses come to mind when you think of the word, "MISSIONS"? Most of us are hard pressed to name more than the old faithful Great Commission. For years our church culture has singled out this passage to be the theme of our missions conferences and the motivation for those who go. It's no wonder that our obedience is slow - who wants to hang their future on one verse? The Bible has a lot more to say on this subject than just the Great Commission. We need to understand the concept of a Biblical basis for missions. Maybe you're saying, "The Biblical basis, is there one?" YES! And not only that, but missions permeates every book of the Bible. It is in fact the theme of the Bible. If you don't believe that all 66 books can be reduced to one theme, keep reading. You will see that missions is not your pastor's idea, or your campus minister's idea, or even your idea...it is God's.

Let's look at the Bible in light of God's heart for the world, and we will see that from Genesis to the Revelation He is beckoning you and I and all of His people to join Him in bringing every people group to His throne. The Bible is not a collection of separate books with no common theme or story. It is one book that shows God's heart for the nations.” -Todd Ahrend (Traveling Team).

Along this theme, the next two days of devotions will be tracing God's heart for the nations.

Part 1: Old Testament

READ

Read these Scriptures and pay attention to the context as you go through the list.

Ancient Israel	Genesis 12:1-4	
	Deuteronomy 4:5-6	
Psalms	22:27-28	
	86:9	
	98:2	
	67:1-7	
Prophets	Isaiah 49:6; 61:11	
	Zechariah 2:10-13	
	Zephaniah 2:11	

REFLECT: Make observations on the above verses in the chart:

REACT

Select one verse and meditate on it during the day today. Take some time now to pray over it, also pray for the day.

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Part 2: New Testament

READ: Verses in chart.

REFLECT: Write your observations out in the chart on each passage

Jesus	Matthew 24:14	
	Mark 11:15-17	
	Matthew 28:18-20	
Peter	Acts 10:35	
Paul	Galatians 3:13-14	
	Romans 15:12	
Rev.	Revelation 5:9-10	
	7:9	
	15:4	

REACT

After having read the verses from both days, in 3 sentences or less, summarize the message of the compilation of these verses:

Take some time to pray and ask God to help you apply these verses. Think about how you can apply what you have read. Pray for the day today.