

# OF ALL NATIONS

**Foundations for Life in Christ and  
Leadership in the Church**

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## The Mission of MBC

We glorify God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations,  
beginning in greater Washington, D.C.

### The Mission of Our Lives

- To enjoy God's grace in a relationship with Him.
- To exalt God's glory to the ends of the earth.

### How Do We Accomplish This Mission?

- We glorify God by growing as disciples of Jesus.
- We glorify God by making disciples of Jesus.
- We glorify God by multiplying churches that reflect Jesus.

### Where Do We Accomplish This Mission?

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations,  
and then the end will come.*

*Matthew 24:14*

- Among all nations.
  - "Nations" = ethne = ethnic groups or people groups
  - Over 11,000 people groups in the world.
  - Over 7,000 people groups unreached with the gospel.
    - Unreached does not just mean people are lost.
    - Unreached means people don't have access to the gospel.

*And thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,<sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."*

*Romans 15:20-21*

- Over 3,000 people groups unreached and unengaged with the gospel.

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

*Romans 10:14*

## What if People Don't Hear the Gospel Before They Die?

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.  
Romans 10:17*

*<sup>18</sup> For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup> and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, <sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." <sup>22</sup> This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. <sup>23</sup> But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, <sup>24</sup> I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.*

*Romans 15:18-25*

- All people \_\_\_\_\_ know \_\_\_\_\_ God the Father.

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

*<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God,...*

*Romans 1:18-21*

- All people \_\_\_\_\_ reject \_\_\_\_\_ true knowledge of God.

*<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

*Romans 1:21-25*

- There are no \_\_\_\_\_ innocent \_\_\_\_\_ people in the world.

*"None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

*Romans 3:10-12*

- All people are condemned for rejecting \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

Romans 3:19-20

- God has made a way of \_\_\_\_\_ salvation \_\_\_\_\_ for the lost.

*<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

Romans 3:21-26

- People cannot come to God apart from \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

*<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one — who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

Romans 3:27-31

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ commands \_\_\_\_\_ His church to make the gospel known in all nations.

*<sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

Romans 10:13-15

- Jesus sends \_\_\_\_\_ followers \_\_\_\_\_.
- Followers \_\_\_\_\_ preach \_\_\_\_\_.
- People \_\_\_\_\_ hear \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hearers \_\_\_\_\_ believe \_\_\_\_\_.
- Believers \_\_\_\_\_ call \_\_\_\_\_.
- Those who call are \_\_\_\_\_ saved \_\_\_\_\_.

### Put it All Together: Five Truths

- The end goal of God is His \_\_\_\_\_glory\_\_\_\_\_ known and enjoyed among all the nations.
- The end goal of every Christian and every church is the \_\_\_\_\_spread\_\_\_\_\_ of God's glory among all the nations.
- The \_\_\_\_\_means\_\_\_\_\_ for accomplishing this goal is the Great Commission: making disciples and multiplying churches among all the nations.
- The Great Commission is not a \_\_\_\_\_general\_\_\_\_\_ command to make disciples among as many people as possible; the Great Commission is a \_\_\_\_\_specific\_\_\_\_\_ command to make disciples among all the nations.
- If we are not living and dying to spread God's glory among all the nations, then we are \_\_\_\_\_disobeying\_\_\_\_\_ the Great Commission and \_\_\_\_\_disregarding\_\_\_\_\_ the goal of God.

### Put it All Together: Three Applications

- \_\_\_\_\_Pray\_\_\_\_\_ passionately for God's glory among all the nations.
- \_\_\_\_\_Give\_\_\_\_\_ sacrificially for God's glory among all the nations.
- \_\_\_\_\_Go\_\_\_\_\_ boldly for God's glory among all the nations.
  - Making disciples and multiplying churches wherever we \_\_\_\_\_live\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Of all nations (particularly the unreached).
    - For all nations (particularly the unreached).
  - Making disciples and multiplying churches wherever God \_\_\_\_\_leads\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Short-term, mid-term, or long-term
    - As our vocation or \_\_\_\_\_through\_\_\_\_\_ our vocation

### Put it All Together: One Conclusion

- To be a disciple of Jesus is to let His global cause \_\_\_\_\_dictate\_\_\_\_\_ everything you think, desire, and do.

*But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

*Acts 20:24*

## Practical Takeaway

*<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

*Matthew 9:35-38*

- Pray every day for an unreached people group.

*"God alone knows the definition of terms. I cannot precisely define who all the nations are, but I do not need to know. I know only one thing: Christ has not yet returned; therefore, the task is not yet done. When it is done, Christ will come. Our responsibility is not to insist on defining the terms; our responsibility is to complete the task. So long as Christ does not return, our work is undone. Let us get busy and complete our mission."*

*George Ladd*

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