

Worship as the Goal of Missions

Part I - The Greatest Heart for Missions

Why does missions exist?

- God's heart is the greatest missionary heart in the universe!
- Worship is the goal of the heart of God.
- Psalm 97:1, 67:3-4, 96:3

Key #1 for gaining a heart like God's for Missions!

- An appreciation for the unrivaled greatness of God
- Isaiah 40:25-26

Key #2 for gaining a heart like God's for Missions!

- A God-like passion to trumpet the glory of God
- God's passion for His glory should be our passion for missions.
- Isaiah 48:9-11

Key #3 for gaining like God's for a heart Missions!

- A delight in the rightness of God's passion for His own glory
- 1 Corinthians 13:5
- God is NOT an idolater!

Key #4 for gaining a heart like God's for Missions!

- A deep satisfaction in all that God is for us in Jesus
- The horrors of hell highlight the infinite value of God's glory
- God's passion for His glory could have been satisfied in exalting His justice in the condemnation of sinners.

Key #5 for gaining a heart like God's for Missions!

- A realization of the amazing, God-created link between God's greatest passion and humanities greatest need.
- Romans 15:8-13
- God glories in the praise of the redeemed for His mercy.

It is in missions that God's passion for His glory and His delight to show mercy to sinners meet...to produce praise for the mercy of a glorious God.

The Great Mystery of a God who glories in the redemption of rebels.

- Christ's compassion was a "missionary" compassion
- Matthew 9: 36-38

Who but God alone would satisfy a righteous passion for His glory by showing mercy to undeserving sinners?

- God's passion for glory and praise for mercy meet in Christ.
- Ephesians 1:5-6, 11-12, 14

Conclusions:

- God's passion for His glory exults in the joy of His people though their praise for His mercy.
- Our passion for missions comes as we are caught up in God's great passion and goal...worship.

Personal Application:

Suggested Readings:

1. Let the Nations Be Glad, John Piper (primary text)
2. Operation World, Patrick Johnstone (reference/statistical research)
3. Short-Term Missions, Mack and Leeann Stiles (easy reading)
4. Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, J.I. Packer (heavy theology)