Missions Sunday 2025 God on the Move: The Changing Nature of Global Missions Today Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, November 16th, 2025



Missions Sunday 2025 Summary

Despite the many challenges we are facing in our country today, and in other places around the world, God is on the move, and his Spirit is drawing people to himself. We need to hear these stories and be encouraged and assured that the gospel is being proclaimed, the lost are being found by Jesus, and the Kingdom is coming to earth. Our global workers and church planters with BIC U.S. World Missions are on the frontlines of this work. How are they seeing God on the move today? Also, what have we learned from our missionary efforts in the past? And how do we see our approach to global missions changing with a rapidly changing world?

Join us on Sunday, November 16 for Missions Sunday 2025, as Jonathan Lloyd, Director of World Missions, shares how BIC U.S. World Missions is seeing God at work in the world, how they've been adjusting to change, and how we can participate in the move of God's Spirit. We will also hear from the Medina family, global workers that our congregation regularly supports, who are serving in the Amazon region of Ecuador.

Sermon Title: An Invitation: The Peculiar Call to the Mission of God Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:18-19; 1 Peter 2:9-12; John 20:21; Revelation 7:9 Sermon Focus: The call of God for His people is a call to become like foreigners. We are citizens of a new kingdom, and we will increasingly be peculiar people in the eyes of the world as we follow Christ. In this message, BIC U.S. Missions Director, Jonathan Lloyd, shares about the Mission of God for his people, updates from the global church, and exciting opportunities for our Grantham congregation.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

- 1. Read 1 Peter 2:9–12. According to this passage, God's people are a "chosen people" and "foreigners." What does it mean in your daily life to embrace this peculiar identity? Where do you feel the tension of being "foreign" in the world? How might God be calling us to be "holy" in our present time?
- 2. In Genesis 18:18–19, God calls Abraham's family to walk in his ways so that all nations will be blessed. How does this ancient calling shape our understanding of the church's mission today? Where do you see God inviting you to live this out? What might God's "blessing" look like for those who are faithful?
- 3. Jesus says in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." What aspects of Jesus' life and ministry challenge or inspire you most as you consider what it means to be sent? And how do you hear the Spirit speaking to you about being sent? How has Christ "sent" you in this season of your life?
- 4. After hearing from Jonathan Lloyd about what God is doing in the global BIC church, What stories or updates encouraged you, challenged you, or broadened your understanding of God's mission in the world?
- 5. Revelation 7:9 paints a picture of a multiethnic, worshiping people before God's throne. How can our Grantham congregation more faithfully reflect this kingdom vision—in our hospitality, outreach, and everyday relationships? In what ways are we diverse? And how might the Spirit be inviting us to grow as disciples?