

# GOD'S HEART FOR THE NATIONS

## BRCC On Mission Around the World

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### Key Idea:

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The entire Bible reveals God's heart for the nations to come to Him, and His people are called to love all nations and cultures and labor to take the Gospel to them.

### Key Text:

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Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."  
(Genesis 12:1-3 ESV)

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Galatians 3:8-9 ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

### Key Points From These Passages:

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- God's covenant with Abraham promised great blessings and called Abraham to pass those blessings on to all nations.
- The key blessing promised and given to Abraham is the Gospel itself.
- The desire of God for all nations to turn to Him is revealed in the entire Bible - the Law, Psalms, prophets, Gospels, Epistles, and Revelation. From beginning to end, God is calling His people to love all nations by taking the Gospel to them.

### Discussion Questions:

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- What part of Sunday's teaching by Oliver Asher of Advancing Native Missions (ANM) stood out most to you? Why?

- Why is it important for me to understand God's heart to bless me as His covenant child?
- Why is it critical to remember that the purpose of blessing is so that I might spread God's blessing to others rather than hoard it? What dangers lurk if I do not keep this foremost in my mind as God blesses me?
- Am I surprised to see that Paul sees the blessing promised in Genesis 12:3 to be the Gospel (see Galatians 3:8-9)? What does this teach me about how to read Scripture?
- When I read the Old Testament do I see God's heart for the nations, or do I think of it as being about the nation of Israel?
- How do I see God's heart for the nations in the story of Jonah? How do I see it in a passage like Psalm 47? Can I think of other Old Testament passages that show God's heart for all nations to become part of His people?
- What is the relationship between the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 and the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20?
- How often do I pray for God's work in other nations? Do I pray for the BRCC Missionary of the Month each day during the month? If not, how can I make this part of my daily routine?
- Bret has mentioned that there are only 3 types of Christians: radical goers (missionaries), radical senders (those who support God's global mission), and the radically disobedient. In which category do I find myself?
- Have I ever considered if God might be calling me to serve as a missionary to another nation?
- How can I be part of fulfilling the Great Commission without even leaving Maryland?

## For Further Study:

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- The [BRCC missions page](#) gives information about the various missionaries we support and has links to their websites when available.
- Study Romans 10:13-15. How does this passage support the idea of radical goers, radical senders, and the radically disobedient? Does Paul envision Christians who are not involved in the Great Commission being fulfilled?
- Spend time each day this week praying for the work of Advancing Native Missions or Luke and Amanda Baublet (our missionary of the month, who work in Berlin Germany).
- Watch this week's After Hours video to learn about how BRCC is working to be part of God's global mission in our generation.
- Visit the church website to explore teachings organized by [series](#), [Scripture](#), or [topic](#) for a deeper study of [evangelism and missions](#).