

WSU Christian Challenge Study Guide
God's Mission to Redeem the Nations
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Have you ever been to a different country or befriended someone from a different country or ethnic group? If so, what did you learn about yourself through those experiences? What did you learn about people who come from different parts of the world or have different ethnic backgrounds?

God's Mission to Redeem the Nations

Read Genesis 11:1-9.

- What does the story of the tower of Babel tell us about the origin of the diversity of nations, ethnic groups, and languages on the earth?

Read Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8.

- What do God's calling of Abraham and God's promise to Abraham tell us about God's mission to redeem the nations?
- How does God's promise to Abraham help us make sense of what we read in the rest of the Old Testament?
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- In the Old Testament, God's tactic for blessing the nations was *primarily* centripetal. What does that mean and how do we see that play out in the Old Testament?

Read 1 John 2:2; Acts 2:1-11, 37-41; Revelation 7:9-10.

- Through Jesus, God finally and completely fulfills His promise to Abraham. How so?
- In what way do we see God's mission to redeem the nations show up in new ways in Acts 2 and Revelation 7?

Christ's Call to Make Disciples of All Nations

Read John 20:21; Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 24:14.

- We have a beautiful promise for the future of the nations, but we also have the sobering reality of what now is (remember the video). What now stands between those two things is Christ's call to make disciples of all nations. Has Christ's call to make disciples of all nations shaped the way you think about your life, personally? If so, how? If not, why not?
- God's tactic for blessing the nations takes a dramatic shift in Jesus; no longer is God's *primary* tactic for blessing the nations centripetal. Instead, the centripetal tactic of

blessing the nations is surpassed by a centrifugal tactic to bless the nations. What's the difference? And what does it mean, practically, for us?

Application

- Is becoming involved in God's mission to the nations exciting for you? Or scary? Or overwhelming? Why?
- How do you think God would have you be involved in His mission to redeem the nations right now (i.e. pray, host, send, go)?
- What action steps do you need to take to get involved in these ways?
- How can your small group help you maintain the ongoing vision and accountability to follow through?