

I-DESIGN – GOD’S DESIGN FOR MISSIONS

- ✘ Everything Created is done so with a purpose
- ✘ If something is created with a purpose, and does not meet that purpose, it is considered to be unhealthy
- ✘ In the same way, when we miss the mark on what God has designed us for, we are living as unhealthy people
- ✘ A person that is not concerned for ALL the lost in the same way is unhealthy

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Questions to answer this morning

1. What do we mean by “missions?”
2. Did God Actually Design us for missions?
3. Why would God Design us for missions?
4. Why should I care about missions?

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What Is missions?

- Missions is God's call and design for us to care so deeply about the lost that we would go into all the world telling others about what Jesus did for us and them.

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Were we actually designed for Missions?

- Paul is writing from prison to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:6-10)
- He was also called to minister to the gentiles

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“⁶ And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.⁷ By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.⁸ Though I am the least deserving of all God’s people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.⁹ I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.¹⁰ God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

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- Paul is writing from prison to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:6-10)
- He was also called to minister to the gentiles
- God's plan from the beginning was for ALL to be joined together in his Church

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Romans 15:20-21

*"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. ²¹Rather, as it is written:
"Those who were not told about him will see,
and those who have not heard will understand."*

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Romans 15:20-21

- ✘ God's plan before Jesus came to earth was that those who didn't know God would see and understand
- ✘ Paul says that he desires to go where the Christ was not known
- ✘ This tells us that Jesus Died for all (even those that don't know him)

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TODAY God's plan for us is still to go to those who are not reached.

To those who don't know Jesus

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Matthew 28:18

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations”

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- ✘ Not only is it God's plan for all to know him
- ✘ BUT, it is his plan for us to bring Jesus to them
- ✘ Jesus sent his Spirit to live in us so that we could do this

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- ✘ God's Design for us is to spread the message of Jesus to ALL NATIONS
 - + We have been designed for it, God planned it from before Creation, and Jesus commanded us to do it

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Why Should I care about missions?

- God's plan was always to redeem man
- Everyone who follows Christ has been made right in the eyes of God

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Back to Ephesians 3:11

“This was his plan from all eternity, and now it has been carried out through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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This was God's plan

- He knew that we would fall from Him
- He knew He would send His son to redeem us
- And He chose us to be the ones to bring the Good News that we would be reunited with Him.

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SO WHAT?

- If God's plan wasn't to redeem man, and his plan wasn't to send us to all the nations
We wouldn't be Here
- I was a community Kid that wouldn't be here if it weren't for some of the people in this church who told me about Jesus

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Making the choices to

- Be bold in our faith
- To tell people about Jesus
- To go into the nations

We end up changing the lives of people like myself who would have never know Jesus