

BITH536 INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS

INTRODUCTION

"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile His creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Outline a biblical rationale and the theological imperative for world evangelization.
- Identify and describe some key movements and individuals in the history of the global expansion of the Christian movement including those within one's own denomination.
- Articulate some of the problems and skills involved in the complexities of communicating the gospel cross-culturally, taking into account insights from applied anthropology.
- Give a biblical rationale for development and social change and outline ways the Church is involved at home and abroad.
- List some basic components necessary for local congregations to be involved in the missionary task of the Church.
- Explain the task yet to be accomplished and describe important trends and selected strategies being used in contemporary world mission outreach.

God is described as an eternal King (Ps.10:16). He is also sovereign over all things (Ps.103:19). Being infinite, He is everywhere, at all times, in every place. This means that God is fully in control of the universe, and He always will be. If He were not, He would be less than God.

The first show of God being a Missionary God is evidenced in Genesis chapter three (3), when God began to call and ask the question, "Kids, where are you?" Obviously, He was calling for Adam, who was hiding because he suddenly understood he was naked. He had not been naked, having been clothed with the glory of God, but with sin entering in, realized that he was uncovered, naked before God and Eve.

God immediately slew an animal to cover them, both naturally and spiritually, with the blood of a lamb. He went on to school Adam in the use of a blood sacrifice that would allow him to not be destroyed because of sin. Of course, it did not take long before man tried to get peace from his sin by his own avenue (Cain). It did not work.

Only by the blood sacrifice would God be appeased until Christ could come and make things right between God and man, and He could put man back into his rightful position (Ge.3:15; Ep.2:4-6).

The story of God accomplishing His mission is the plot of the Bible. Every individual who desires to be obedient to God must believe that the Bible is God's infallible Word. If we lose our confidence in the authority of the Bible, we lose our zeal for the evangelization of the world. So, without the Bible, world missions are impossible. If we miss the missionary message of the Bible, us and God together, we will miss the greatest calling of all time. Our marching orders for world ministry are the entire Bible.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Lesson 1: Introduction (God Is A Missionary God)
- Lesson 2: Mission - A Bible Enterprise
- Lesson 3: World Evangelization Mandated
- Lesson 4: Missions - The Basis For The Bible
- Lesson 5: Misinterpreted Call - Prophet's Warnings
- Lesson 6: New Testament Proofs
- Lesson 7: Four Great Commissions
- Lesson 8: The Great Commission
- Lesson 9: Plans Submitted, Plans Rejected
- Lesson 10: He Constantly Put Forth His Future Program
- Lesson 11- Missionary Journeys Of Paul
- Lesson 12: Introduction (Missionary History)
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- Lesson 16: Prayer/Miracles In World Evangelism
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- Lesson 18: Epidemics, Famines, And Ravages Of War
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