

WARM-UP

- What was the most surprising thing that happened to you this week?
- Recall a time when an underdog won. Tell us about what you saw and experienced.
- Tell us about the farthest place you have ever been from home. Why did you go there?

WORD *¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ²that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.* **PSALM 67:1-2**

(Read also **PSALM 67:3-7.**)

God's people are to know Him and make Him known—in all the earth. This prayer and desire of the psalmist continued beyond the Old Testament into the New Testament when Jesus came to save us. It even continues today to us who have heard the gospel and are called to fulfill God's mission. We have a part to play so that the world can know and fear God. God's people today—the Church—are not just to be recipients of God's blessing (a mission field) but are to proclaim Christ relentlessly to the world (a mission force). Today, let's look at how God involves His people to take part in proclaiming His name to the nations.

1 | God blesses us with a purpose.

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ²that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. . . . ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! **PSALM 67:1-2, 6-7**

Christians have a God-given purpose to make Him known. In whichever field we find ourselves in, we are to exemplify Christ and proclaim Him in our words, actions, and lifestyle. By doing so, we reflect His greatness and goodness to the people around us. How will people know about God and His faithfulness to us unless we tell them? How can our everyday encounters be opportunities to present the gospel?

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2 | God blesses us to be a blessing to the nations.

². . . that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! **PSALM 67:2-3**

The scope of our lives and ministry is bigger than our local context. We are called to be a blessing to every nation, that all people may know and praise God. God does not see us the way we see ourselves—He sees how His way and power can be demonstrated through us in the world. Up to where do

you pray the gospel would reach in your generation? How can our church be a blessing to the nations?

3 | God's blessings cause the nations to rejoice and worship Him.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! **PSALM 67:3-5**

In spite of all the hostility and division in the world today, God's heart is for people to rejoice in Him. He is worthy of all our praise. In this fallen world, we are His ambassadors, serving as His hands and feet, telling others about Him. We are privileged to proclaim Him and see His eternal plans come to pass. What do you think heaven will look like one day when people from every nation worship God together?

Our church is not just a mission field; we are a mission force, called to make Christ known wherever we are and wherever we go. Imagine what God can do through people wholly submitted to Him and devoted to fulfill His mission on the earth!

APPLICATION

- Take some time to reflect on Matthew 28:18–20 this week. Write your thoughts and be ready to share them next week.
- What is the role of the church in reaching the nations? What do you think your role is in this? Do you see yourself participating in either praying, giving, or going?
- As part of a global family of churches and ministries, how can you support and connect with cross-cultural missionaries and friends? How can you encourage one another to remain steadfast in fulfilling God’s mission, even if you are in different places and contexts?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His love for His creation, for our salvation, and for His plan of redemption.
- Pray that our church would be a blessing to the nations—a mission force in proclaiming the gospel. Pray that you would know and fulfill your role in this, wherever God places and leads you.
- Pray that people in every nation would turn to God, fear Him, and follow Him. Ask God for more workers to be sent out, especially in the 113 nations where we do not have an Every Nation church yet.



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