



Week 7: The Global Church

MV: *"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Rev 7:9-10)*

As important as the local church is, it's way bigger than that.

God's vision and our vision should be the same—the whole world.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Gen 3:15)

The devastating influence of sin goes on to affect all of mankind.

God's plan was that the blessing would come through **one** nation but it was always been intended for **all** nations.

"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. 21 Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." (Rom 15:20-21)

"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Rom 10:12-15)

The world will not end until God's plan is accomplished.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matt 24:14)

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

"And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also." (Rev 6:11)

We are not following Jesus fully if we are not concerned about proclaiming the gospel throughout the whole world.

Every one of us is called. No one is off the hook for any reason.

We should expect that God's plan will take us to places we wouldn't normally go. **We should ALL be praying. We should ALL be giving. We should ALL be going...across the street or around the world.**

"Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; 6 and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth." (3 John 1:5-8)

We are all in this together. We all have a part to play. It's not a question of whether we WILL spread the gospel or not. It's a question of what role we will play.

We will succeed!!!

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We are going to be worshipping God with all types of people.

God's plan for the future (Rev. 7:9) ought to affect how we live our lives today, right now!

He called us to be his witnesses.

"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Act 1:8)

WE don't know when the end will come but we want to be faithful in making disciples until He returns.