



# God's Glory in MISSIONS

## Lesson 6: The Missionary Call

### Introduction

*2 Cor 5:20, 'Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.'*

### Send or be sent, there is no in-between

*Romans 10:13-15, 'For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"'*

- There are only two sorts of people: those who send and those who go!
  - If all of us were to go then there would be no one to send
  - If all of us were to send there would be no one to go

## **Understanding the missionary call**

- View 1: There is no such thing
- View 2: Everyone has a call
- View 3: There is a specific call that is often too hard to find
- View 4: There is a specific call that can be found
  - Inner call
  - External call

## **Callings in the Bible**

- Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)
- Moses (Ex 3:1-4:12)
- Jonah
- Disciples (Matt 4:17-25)
- Apostle Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:2)

# Applying the missionary call

## Steps to knowing God's will

- Know God

*Proverbs 1:7, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.'*

- Know God's Word

- Prayer

- Seek counsel

*Proverbs 11:14, 'Without guidance, people fall, but with many counselors there is deliverance.'*

*Proverbs 24:6, 'For you should wage war with sound guidance – victory comes with many counselors.'*

- Life experience

- **Circumstances**

- **Timing**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted...'*

- **The desires of your heart**

*Proverbs 4:23, 'Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life.'*

*Psalms 37:4, 'Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.'*

## **Will you pray?**

- *"Lord, what is it that is not being done, that ought to be done, that I could do with Your enabling and favour, and if it were done, would result in greater advance of Your kingdom and glory to Christ?"*
- *"Lord, I will go anywhere, anytime, and do anything You want. I am Yours!"*