

### **WEEK 3: Fulfilling God's Global Purpose:**

*How God Fulfills His Global Plan*

#### **Key Verses:**

**Psalm 67:1-2** - "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."

**Acts 1:8** - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### **STARTING:** Reflection Questions

1. What is the purpose of the blessing of God in our lives? (Genesis 12:2-3; Psalm 67:1-2)

***That the whole world will be blessed and know of His salvation.***

2. How did God fulfill His global purpose by delivering Daniel from the lion's den? (Daniel 6:25-27)

***King Darius wrote a letter and told every person about God and made a law to worship Him.***

3. What does Psalm 50:15 teach us about our response and God's response in prayer?

***If we call on Him, He will rescue us in order to bring praise and honour to Himself.***

4. Based on last week's lesson, what is one example you've found in the Bible of **'the top line/bottom line concept'**?

**-- Your own answer --**

#### **DISCUSSING:** 8 Different Ways God Fulfills His Global Purpose

1. God fulfils His global purpose through  **blessing**. (Genesis 12:2-3; Psalm 67:1-2; Jeremiah 33:1-9)

- *Blessings always bring responsibility.*

- *God's main purpose in blessing our lives is that we might directly and indirectly bless the lost peoples of the world with our spiritual blessings.*
2. God fulfills His global purpose through **discipline**. (2 Kings 17:24-28; Ezekiel 39:21-24)
- *God brings discipline to His people to inspire them to bless other people. God brings discipline to reveal Himself to the nations.*
  - *Heb. 12 - God disciplines us because he loves us. It's not always for punishment, it may be for training.*
3. God fulfills His global purpose through **mighty acts**. (Daniel 6:25-27; Joshua 4:23-24; Ezekiel 38:23; 2 Kings 19:19)
- *God's purpose in demonstrating His power is to draw people to know and worship Him.*
  - *God didn't do these things just to make good Sunday school stories, but so His name would be known.*
4. God fulfills His global purpose through the **obedience** of believers. (Deut. 4:6; Genesis 12:4)
- *As we obey God, the nations will see the reality of our relationship with God.*
  - *The first step in our fulfilling the global cause of Christ is always obeying His command.*
  - *Obedience: "Doing what we're told to do, when we're told to do it, with a happy heart".*
5. God fulfills His global purpose through the **witnessing** of His people. (Psalm 105:1; Acts 1:8)
- *God has chosen believers to participate with Him in His redemptive mission by verbally communicating the gospel to the nations.*
6. God fulfills His global purpose through **prayer**. (Psalm 2:8; Matthew 6:10; John 15:16; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- *Prayer is designed to extend God's kingdom into lost hearts and nations.*

- *Matthew 6:10 - God's desire is for all to know Him. "In my Name" = to glorify God. "Your kingdom come" = that people will know Him. This gives purpose in your prayers.*
- *True prayer shows the supremacy of God in His global purpose. (Psalm 50:15)*

7. God fulfills His global purpose through **worship**.

- *The goal of God's global purpose is for people to worship and to rejoice in the greatness of God. (Psalm 67:3-4, 97:1)*
- *Worship is also the fuel of missions. People cannot gladly recommend what they do not treasure. (Psalm 9:2, 104:34)*

8. God fulfills His global purpose through **persecutions**.

- *God uses persecutions to increase the boldness of believers. (Phil. 1:12- 14)*
- *God uses persecutions to bring the lost to greater openness. (2 Cor. 1:5-6; 2 Tim. 2:10) - The lost see it and know there is something to it.*
- *God uses persecutions to reposition the church to greater missions commitment. (Acts 8:1, 11:19-21) i.e Stephen is being martyred, and persecution broke out and the church dispersed. Before this they were all in Jerusalem. God used this to disperse the church to the surrounding nations.*

\*\*\*Discuss some ways you can personally get involved in glorifying God throughout the nations.

**-- Your own answer --**