

GOD'S GLOBAL PURPOSE

Key Verses:

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
(Genesis 12:3)

"May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you."
(Psalm 67:3)

STARTING: Reflection Questions

1. Why did God reveal Himself to Abraham? (Genesis 12:2-3)
2. Why did God judge Egypt with 10 plagues? (Exodus 9:13-17)
3. Why did God part the Jordan River? (Joshua 4:23-24)
4. Why did God give Solomon wisdom? (1 Kings 4:29-34, 10:23-25)
5. What has God shown you personally this week about Himself?

LEARNING: "Top Line - Bottom Line" Concept

Considering Genesis 12:3, "the top line" refers to God's blessing of Israel. He wants to bless His people. "The bottom-line" responsibility reveals that He wants His people to not only enjoy that blessing, but then to turn around and be a blessing to all the families on the face of the earth, resulting in His greater glory.

Luke 24:46-48 | 1 Samuel 17:45-46 | Luke 12:48 | Jeremiah 33:6-9 | The 10 Commandments

DISCUSSING: Understanding God's Global Purpose through Scripture

THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. God sets forth His _____ by His first revelation to Abraham. (Genesis 12:1-3)
2. The Old Testament exhortations that God's glory be declared and praised among all nations. (Psalm 47:1, 96:3; Isaiah 12:4)
3. The Old Testament gives promises that all peoples will one day _____ the one true God. (Psalm 86:9; Isaiah 49:6, 56:7, 66:18; Habakkuk 2:14)
4. The Old Testament shows confident _____ that God would be praised among all peoples. (Psalm 33:8, 67:3, 96:9; 2 Kings 19:19; 1 Chron. 16:8; 2 Chron. 6:33)
5. The Old Testament shows God's intense desire to show _____ to all nations. (Ezekiel 38:23)

THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Christ is announced as the Saviour for Israel and _____.
(Luke 2:10, 31-32)
2. Christ stepped out of the boundaries of Israel in His ministry and teaching.
(Luke 4:23-27; John 8:12)
3. Christ taught that His return is directly _____ to the fulfilment of the global purpose of God. (Matthew 24:14)
4. Christ left a clear command to His _____ to take His gospel to all people and to the ends of the earth. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8)
5. Paul taught that the blessing of Abraham finds its fulfilment in Christ. (Gal. 3:8-9)
6. Paul had a passion to reach the _____ of all nations. (Romans 1:5, 15:20; 2 Corinthians 10:15-16)
7. We are reminded that Christ did not die only for our sins, but for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)
8. The New Testament ends with a glimpse of the completion of the global cause of Christ: representatives from _____ worshipping Jesus. (Revelation 5:9, 7:9-10)