

III. PAUL'S CHURCH PLANTING POLICY TO REACH THE UNREACHED, WHILE HE COULD!

A. Paul had a clear church planting strategy.

²⁰ *"And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,"* Romans 15:20

B. We should follow Paul's strategy in church planting.

²¹ *"And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,*

²² *strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."*

²³ *So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed."* Acts 14:21-23

IV. PARTICIPATE WITH PAUL IN JESUS' GREAT COMMISSION

¹⁹ *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

²⁰ *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."* Matthew 28:19-20

A. Decide on a clear vision-mission that is aligned with God's global purpose.

B. Develop a burden and urgency to win the lost at any cost, while we can!

C. Deliberately focus to get the Gospel where it has not gone!

D. Delight in contributing to Jesus' global church planting movement.

⁹ *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."*

II Corinthians 8:9

REACH THE UNREACHED

MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED

Reaching The Unreached

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Introduction:

A. Do you ever wonder what heaven will be like? One thing we know is that God's ultimate victory culminates with a massive crowd in heaven praising God. And it will include people from every nation, tribe, people and language.

⁹ *"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

¹⁰ *and crying out with a loud voice; saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*" Revelation 7:9-10

God invites us to join Him in making heaven crowded. Jesus' last command was to, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"* (Matthew 28:19a). And the Greek word for *"nations"* (ethnos)) in Jesus' command is exactly the same as the word in Revelation 7:9.

B. But there's a problem, many people are unreached and at the moment there will be some empty sections in heaven. Join us for the Make Heaven Crowded Missions Focus & Teaching Series to draw closer to God and discover what you can do to expand the crowd in heaven.

June 29	Let's Make Heaven Crowded!
July 6	Make Heaven Crowded By Inviting
July 13	Make Heaven Crowded By Caring
July 20	Make Heaven Crowded By Giving
July 27	Make Heaven Crowded By Praying
Aug 3	Make Heaven Crowded By Sending
TODAY	Reaching The Unreached

C. **TEXT:** Romans 15:20-21

Key Verse: *"And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,"* Romans 15:20

HOW TO REACH THE UNREACHED

I. GOD'S SAVING PURPOSE IS GLOBAL

A. Global missions is taking the Name to all nations.

³ *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Genesis 12:3

⁹ *"So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham."* Galatians 3:9

Today, missions is from everywhere to everywhere by everyone using every means!

B. The goal is that the whole earth be filled with God's glory and all the nations be glad, able to sing His song of salvation!

⁴ *"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah"* Psalm 67:4

¹⁹ *"And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen."* Psalm 72:19

C. Jesus commissioned us to go and make disciples of all nations.

²¹ *"So, Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'"* John 20:21

¹⁴ *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."* Matthew 24:14

Our unfinished task's scope and urgency demands we gain a sharp focus, set it as priority #1, and develop a passion for global missions.

II. GOD'S PLAN FOR SAUL, PAUL'S PASSION FOR CHRIST

A. Saul, the terrorist, came with orders to arrest believers and stop the Jesus movement sect. But on the Damascus Road, he was arrested and blinded by our risen Lord. After regaining his sight, he was "sent" as the Apostle to the Gentiles who had not heard of God's promised Messiah (Acts 9:1-19).

In short, Paul was growing the heavenly choir with folk of all tribes, tongues and ethnicities.

B. Paul charged with this special task, developed laser focus to make it his life's passion and holy ambition to please Christ.

²⁴ *"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."* Acts 20:24

²⁴ *"Nevertheless, to remain in the flesh is more needful for you."* Philippians 1:24

³ *"For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,"* Romans 9:3

C. All of God's people must be eager and ready to turn to unreached people groups, be light to all nations.

⁴⁶ *"Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.'" Acts 13:46*