

## Building Missional Culture - Week 1

### God's heart for mission



Why is mission important? The why question is always the most important one.

1. It's important to God who is a missionary God. **Jn 3:16**. He longs for a big family **Rev 7:9-10**, His heart is broken over lost people **1Tim 2:4**, **2 Pet 3:9**.
2. It's important to the world that is broken and in a mess because of sin. The world needs Jesus' good news.  
*Look at some newspapers (normally it's bad news) and read some of the headline to demonstrate the brokenness of our world.*
3. It's important to eternity because we will all spend it somewhere.
4. It's important to us because it is the most significant and rewarding work we will be involved in.

#### Group Discussion

*Is living missionally important to you? If so why, or if not why not. Be honest.*

3 scriptural keys:

The great commandments (**Matt 22**).

The great commission (**Matt 28**).

And the great completion (**Matt 24**).

These scriptures define the **why and the how** (**Matt 22:37-39**) – out of love for God and others, and by showing God's love to others,

The **what and the who** (**Matt 28:19-20**) – by making disciples who make disciples of all nations / people groups (Greek Ethne);

And the **by when** (**Matt 24:14**) – it will be completed before Christ returns.

The early church longed for Jesus return. Peter told them they could hasten his return (**2 Pet 3:12**).

**Read and discuss** these scriptures together. What do you notice? What might God be saying to you?

#### Group Discussion

*How does the great commission connect to Jesus return. Why do you think that is?*

#### Feedback

*In groups of threes, describe how the good news is good news to you.*

#### Home Assignment

Pray each day for your 5 people and the other potential connections from your prayer triplet. Ask God to give you opportunity to make contact and connection with your 5. As you get opportunities just reach out and start a conversation, see what happens!