

# Global Prayer

# Outline

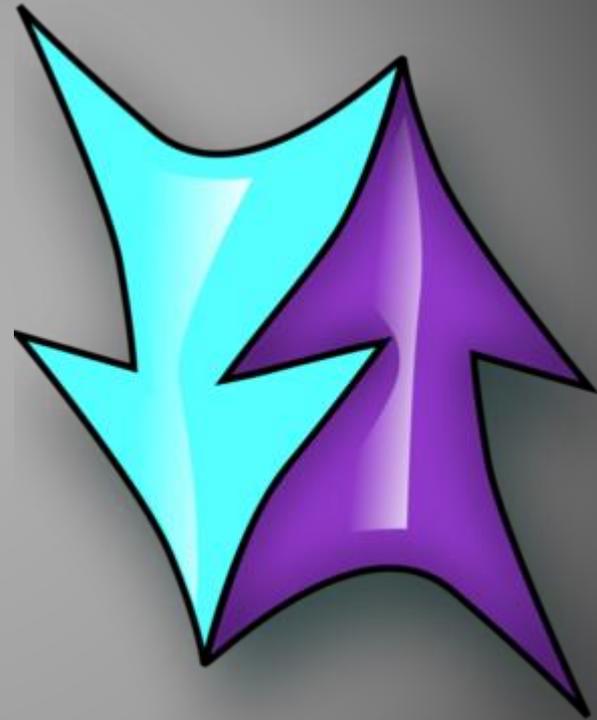
- ▶ Theory: Why should we pray for the world and what is God up to anyway?
  - ▶ Practice: Ways of praying for the world and what works?
  - ▶ Next steps: This is big and God is moving! What should I do next to be part of it?
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# Why should we pray for the world and what is God up to anyway?

- ▶ Genesis 12:1–3 New International Version (NIV)
- ▶ The Call of Abram
- ▶ 12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- ▶ 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
- ▶ I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
- ▶ 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
- ▶ and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
- ▶ It’s a promise, not a directive
- ▶ Purposes and outcomes beyond Abraham’s life
- ▶ Commands
- ▶ Promises

# The Story of His Glory

- ▶ Glory: intrinsic worth, substance, brilliance and beauty
- ▶ God's Name: public reputation and open renown of God
- ▶ Worship: glorifies God by recognising His glory, from the nations



# God's Fame Among the Nations

- ▶ God Most High
- ▶ The Lord (Yahweh)
- ▶ The Lord your God
- ▶ The Lord God
- ▶ Delivers enemies into your hand
- ▶ Greater than all other god
- ▶ Reputation for all He did for Israelites
- ▶ Compassionate & gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love



# God's Fame Among the Nations

- ▶ The Lord
  - ▶ Been seen face to face, cloud goes before Israelites, able to bring His people into promised land, does not leave guilty unpunished, Strong, Forgiving
  - ▶ Relents from sending calamity
  - ▶ Name to be feared
- ▶ God (Elohim)
- ▶ Lord of Hosts



## Isaiah 56:6–7 New International Version (NIV)

6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord  
to minister to him,  
to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant—  
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations.”

God never ceases to pursue His original  
promise and purpose

# The Task Remaining

- ▶ There is at least one active Christian out of every eight people in the world.
- ▶ Regular and Frontier mission
- ▶ Unreached People Groups
  - How do we know when they've been reached?



# Our response

- ▶ Go
- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Send
- ▶ Mobilise
- ▶ Pray
- ▶ PCC model, 3 unreached people groups, 50 year commitment

# Practice: Ways of praying for the world and what works?

5 ways to pray: ➡➡

- Non-native workers / missionaries
- Individual Christians overseas
- Country Profiles
- The persecuted church
- Current news

# Feedback

What was good about the prayer method?

What was bad or difficult about the prayer method?

# What links to unreached people groups do we have already?



What next?

Get informed: Books, Embrace E-mails

Sign up to pray – don't go without talking to me!