

MCN Sunday 2026:
Christ's Ambassadors Bible Study



Part 1: Global Missions – What and Why?

What is Missions?

1. What is the Great Commission? (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - a. What do these verses tell us to do?
 - b. What is God doing in these verses?
2. Mission of Christ Network's tagline is "Intentional Gospel Proclamation." Read Romans 10:17 and Romans 1:16.
 - a. What is the Gospel (Good News)?
 - b. Why do you think Mission of Christ Network uses the word proclamation and not explanation or teaching? What does this say about where the power of mission comes from?
 - c. Finally MCN says "intentional" because we want Gospel proclamation to be a deliberate part of everyday life for our mission partners (and staff and board!) and the central element of ministry in every new place where we send missionaries. Can you have Christian missions without sharing the Gospel? Why or why not?

Why Missions?

3. "The church doesn't have a mission; the mission has a church. " - Ed Stetzer What do you understand this quote to mean? Why is this important?

4. From Genesis (God calling out to Adam and Eve, “Where are you?” Gen. 3:9) to Revelation (“the great multitude that no one could number, from every nation” Rev. 7:9), God is a God of Mission.

Why Global Missions?

5. What do you notice in these two slides of Biblical texts? (See Mt 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, Acts 1:8, Gen 12:3, Psalm 86:9, Rev. 5:9, Rev. 21:26)
6. There is a mission field in our backyards and neighborhoods that we cannot neglect. How might the mission field be different in other places, especially in numerical terms?
7. Some people worry that if we focus too much on global missions we’ll ignore our own neighborhoods. On the other hand, how do you think it could bring life, energy, and focus to other aspects of church ministry (youth group, Sunday school, women’s Bible study, childcare, etc.) to integrate global missions education, prayer, and service into these ministries?

Part 2: Christ’s Ambassadors

Read together 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

1. Ambassadors are sent out for a purpose and throughout Scripture we see that God is a sending God. (In fact, variations of send / sent / sending appear 1037 times in the Bible!)
 - a. Whom do we see God sending in these Bible verses?
 - i. Jeremiah 7:25
 - ii. John 1:14
 - iii. John 14:26
 - iv. John 17:18-21

- b. What difference does it make to see ourselves as sent out by God? What difference does it make to see this sending in the context of all these other sendings?

- 2. Most ambassadors have a lot of information about the place to which they are going. In contrast, when we follow God into mission, we are given a calling, not a map.
 - a. “The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.’” (Genesis 12:1)
 - b. If you were going out into an unfamiliar place, would you rather have a guide or a map? Why?

- 3. Even in our digital age, countries still send ambassadors out to live in foreign countries because this is relational work. So, too, we are sent into relationships.
 - a. Look back at 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What relational language do you see in these verses? How would you describe the relationship Paul talks about between God and humankind and between the apostles and those to whom they are ministering?

 - b. What is the difference between viewing mission work primarily as a project and viewing it as relational?

- 4. Missio Dei is a Latin phrase that reminds us Mission belongs to God. What specific words and phrases in these verses from 2 Corinthians show us God is the one who begins, continues, and completes this work of reconciliation?

Part 3: What about you?

1. Which of these 4 points about mission do you especially need to hear today?
 - a. God is a sending God.
 - b. We have a calling not a map.
 - c. We are sent into relationships.
 - d. The mission is God's.

2. How does this point affect your thoughts about participating in God's Mission?

3. Acts 1:8 says "You *will* be my witnesses." We all have a role to play in the Great Commission. Talk and pray about how God is using you – and might use you in the future – to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.