

Scripture References

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Psalms 2:1-4

1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Psalms 2:7-9

7 I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. 8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Acts 4:29-31

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Isaiah 6:8

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Revelation 7:9-10

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

A Joyful Army with a Serious Focus

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Notes:

Life Group Icebreaker

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Thinking over what it means to share the Gospel in India (risks and rewards), what keeps Christians from sharing? What do you think keeps most people from sharing the Gospel in the US?

Discussion Questions

3. There are roughly 1.36 billion people in India, 1.29 billion have yet to hear the Gospel. What does that number mean to you? Why do you think so few have yet to hear?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2. In light of our theme of "Sent". What does it mean to "conform"? What does it mean to think differently about the world and our place in God's mission?

5. There are those who are hostile to the Gospel. What kind of hostility do you see in the US? Around the world? Do you think this hostility helps or hinders the sharing of faith? Why?
6. It's been said that "As a believer we are called to populate heaven". Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. Read Revelation 7:9-10. Who in your world do you want to be there in that scene with you? What can you do to contribute?

Application Questions & Prayer

8. Looking back over the sermon this week, what is the most important thing for you to know/do as you take a step of faith in following Jesus?
9. Spend some time this week as a group praying for our partners.
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