

Made to Shine Acts 1:6-8

God has a specific purpose in mind for all nations, and he invites us to be a part of His plan. Learn about opportunities to engage in His mission.

- **Mission is at the center of God's heart**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." - Genesis 12:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us— so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy... - Psalm 67:1-4

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" - Revelation 7:9-10

- **We are created for God's mission**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." - Genesis 1:27-28

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? - Psalm 8

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet... O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! - Psalm 8

- Old Testament - Israelites
- New Testament - Christians

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." - Matthew 5:14

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. - 2 Corinthians 4:6

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life...
- Philippians 2:15-16 (NIV)

- **Engaging in God's mission is life-giving**
 - Get involved in God's mission
 - pray
 - www.joshuaproject.net
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 - give
 - go
 - summer projects - 5 week mission trips
 - STINT - 1-2 year mission trips
 - Am I willing to give up my TIME to go on a short term mission trip?
 - Am I willing to give up my MONEY to help spread the Gospel?
 - Am I willing to commit to PRAY for the nations?