



SDG Discussion Guide

Missions in the Old Testament

September 6, 2020

Guideline:

Before you begin your reading and discussion of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through moments and people. Ask Him to guide and enliven your group in your readings and discussion.

For starters:

Have you ever taken an adventure you would describe as grand? Describe your experience.

What have you ever done that required courage or stepping out in faith? What was that like?

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion of the Scripture text.

1. What is a key point or take away that stayed with you from the sermon this past Sunday, September 6, "God's Heart for the Nations: Mission in the Old Testament"?

2. Galatians 6:9 states, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." How does this verse resonate with you now? Where is there weariness? Where is there inclination to continue to let go or give up? As ever, be honest to share with each other, and build each other up.

3. Matthew 5:13 states, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." Read the verse a second time, slowly. What do you notice? Nowadays, where in the church is saltiness being lost? Where is it being gained?

4. Ezekiel 20:14 states, "But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, before whose sight I had brought them out." God wanted to use his people to bless the nations by bringing glory to his name ... but if we perish in the wilderness period we do not accomplish the task for which we are called. How has God intervened in your life during a difficult time including now? Where do you desire for his help most in this wilderness of pandemic? Again, be honest to share, and build each other up.

5. Isaiah 43:7 states, "They are my own people, and I created them to bring me glory." From your experience, what does it look like to bring God glory?

6. Isaiah 49:6 states, "It is too light (small) a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel: I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." In the sermon it was said, "I wonder if the Lord sometimes says to the church today ... you are thinking too small ... you are good at restoring your own work at the things close to you ... but are you forgetting your calling to bring the glory of God to the nations. Your mission is to fill the earth with my glory ... that is doing good!" Ponder and discuss the comment.

7. In what ways has this discussion led you to pray?

Prayer:

Lord, please intervene where we may have grown weary in doing good and lost saltiness. Reawaken and renew your people to our purpose to bring your glory to the nations; show us the way, every day, in Jesus' name. AMEN.