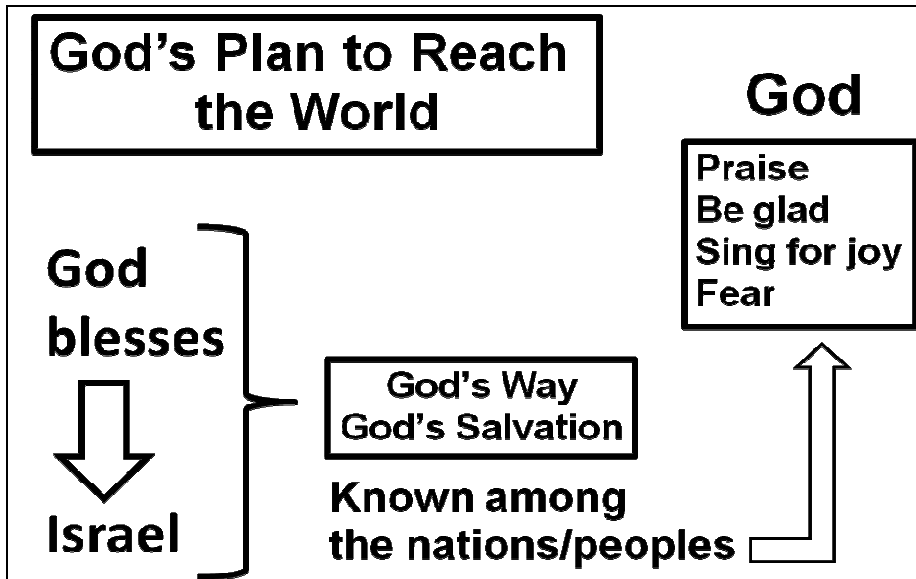


**Heart Cries to God: “Praying our Longing to Reach the World”
Psalm 67**

We are beginning our “summer series” in the book of Psalms and seeking to deepen our relationship with the Lord by crying out to Him. Our mission statement points us in this direction: We exist as a church to glorify God by making disciples who love Jesus. The many trials that we as a church are facing right now in our lives also point us in this direction. We cry out in our doubt. We cry out in our pain. We cry out in our thanksgiving. We cry out in our trust. We cry out in our longing. We cry out in our despair. We cry out in our anger. We cry out in our fear. We cry out in our praise. Wherever you are at, whatever you are facing, this series is for you.

1. **Commit yourself to join God in _____.**
See Psalm 67; Genesis 12:1-3; 15:6, 17-21; Numbers 6:22-27.



2. **Seek _____ and seek _____.**
See Psalm 67:1, 6-7; Deuteronomy 18:1-6; Exodus 33:12-20. For further work see, Romans 15:15-16; Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s start this week with a missionary psalm—Psalm 96. After reading the psalm, what are the readers suppose to do in v. 2? What are they supposed to do in v. 3?
- See if you can identify what a “new song” is. See Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isaiah 42:10 (see “new things” in 42:9); Revelation 5:9; 14:3. What is the content of these new songs? What makes them “new”?
- In verses 1-3, you find a verb repeated three times. What is it? How can you practice that today? What will you do? Who can you do it with? Spend time doing this with the Lord and with others. See Psalms 103:20-22; 118:2-4; 135:1; 136:1-3.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Psalm 96. In vs. 3, we are to declare something to the nations? What is it? This proclamation is “good tidings/news,” see 1 Kings 1:42; Isaiah 40:9; 41:27; 52:7; 61:1. For “marvelous deeds,” see Psalm 71:16-17.
- Summarize what you would say to someone that would declare God’s “marvelous deeds.” Share this with a friend. Then, ask God to bring someone into your life or across your path that you can actually share this good news.

Friday-Saturday

- Read Psalm 96. In verses 4-6, why is the Lord to be praised, particularly among the nations? What characteristics do you find? How can you use these verses in your prayer life? Do that today.
- Spend significant time in v. 10. What was to be said among the nations? What do you find out about creation order? What do you find out about God’s rule over mankind? How are the two connected? If the creation order is “firmly established, it cannot be moved,” what does tell us about His rule over mankind?
- What do you find out about the future when the Lord “comes”?
- Identify character traits of God, acts of God, and how God deals with mankind. Bring these before the Lord in worship, thanking and praising Him.
- Identify how God has/is specifically working in your life and thank and praise Him. Share this with another individual or in a group.