



LEADER'S GUIDE

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: Session #1
Examining God's Heart for the Nations

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FEB 11 - MAR 18

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Dear Leader,

This study will be a little different than others we have done. It will attempt to engage your group more individually with the scriptures by getting them to make simple observations.

Have one person in the group read the passage aloud to the group. Once they have read it, have each group member take 3-5 min to write down simple observations that they see in the passage - anything at all that sticks out to them.

Take another 3-5 minutes to have a few members share 1-2 observations with the rest of the group. You will do the same process with all the remaining questions. Try to have everyone in the group share at least once.

The study is set up into 5 simple segments, starting off with warm-up sharing questions.

WARM UP QUESTIONS

Let's talk travel...(have each person pick ONE question from those below and explain) (5-7 min total)

- What country other than your own have you enjoyed traveling to most?
- Describe the 1st Missions trip you ever took.
- What is it you like most about the country you came from?

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1. **On Sunday we were reminded of the Great Commission that Jesus gave to all who would follow Him.** The succinct marching orders for every Christian.
 - Start by having someone from the group read the passage out loud to the group: **Matthew 28: 18-20** *¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
 - **Observations:**

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2. Finding the Great Commission in the Old Testament?

- Read and make observations. **Genesis 12:1-3**
The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
- **Observations:**

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3. The Final Results

- Read and make observations. **Revelation 5:9-10**
⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."
- **Observations:**

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4. THIS IS US! Stop and Think more deeply about Us? Make some observations based on:

- Who we are as a church?
- Who we are made up of?
- What you sense our heartbeat to be?
- What you sense God would have us do in light of what we have studied in this session?

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TIME FOR PRAYER

Spend time praying as a group or in pairs for our church based on these final observations.

Reaching ALL people groups has ALWAYS been the heart and aim of God. God always pushes people beyond themselves to go to others...

Yes, you have been blessed, but you were “Blessed to be a blessing...”

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