

*Out of Your Comfort Zone: God's Urgent Challenge to Change the World – Week One*

# ***Our God Is a Missionary God***

*Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; and others*

**Introduction:** The God who stepped out of his comfort zone (John 1:14) to reach a hurting world is the God who calls you out of your comfort zone to do the same.

**1. *IN THE O.T.* – God called Israel to be a missionary nation.**

- A. God calls Abraham to be a blessing to all people. Genesis 12:1-3
- B. God issues the call again through Moses. Exodus 19:4-5; 16
- C. God calls Israel to declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:2-3
- D. Solomon prays that the temple might be a light to the Gentiles. 2 Kings 8:41-43
- E. God commands Jonah to go to the nations. Jonah 1:1-2
- F. God prophesies that his Messiah will be a light to the nations. Isaiah 42:6; 49:6
- G. When Jesus comes Simeon recognizes him as the one. Luke 2:28-32

**2. *IN THE GOSPELS* – Jesus comes with a mission to reach the nations.**

- A. When Jesus comes he's worshipped by the Gentiles. Matthew 2:1-12
- B. When Jesus chooses a place to live he chooses Galilee of the Gentiles. Matthew 3:1ff
- C. When Jesus begins the Spirit sends him & his mission includes Gentiles. Luke 4:18-27
- D. During his ministry he crosses cultural boundaries to reach the Gentiles. Feeding of the 4,000
- E. After his resurrection, Jesus sends his disciples to the world. Matthew 28:18-20

**3. *IN THE N.T.* – The Holy Spirit comes with a mission to reach the world.**

- A. The Holy Spirit comes on a day when the nations will be present. Acts 2
- B. The Holy Spirit comes with languages. Acts 2
- C. The Holy Spirit makes you a light to the world. 1 Corinthians 6:19

**4. *YOUR MISSION* – God calls you to reach the world.**

- A. You must embrace a missional identity. John 20:14
- B. You must live a missional life. Matthew 28:20
- C. You've got to take some risks.