

# Biblical Theology of Missions 101

VBC Core Seminar Series for 4 Wednesdays (week 1)

Theology – “the study of the nature of God and religious belief”

Missions operation – “an important assignment, an to carry out, etc. A strongly felt aim, ambition or calling. A calling to go out into the world and spread its faith or belief to the world.” For us it is the Great Commission, carrying out the Gospel.

## God's Message in Missions

Acts 10-11:14; Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12  
Psalm 96

A. Missions has its foundation in God. It originated in His heart intending to bring Him glory.

1. It is God's Will – 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:3-4. God wants to save mankind
2. It is God's Way – Rom. 10:13-15 (whosoever shall call on name of Lord shall be saved)
3. It is God's Word – Rom. 10:17 – faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
4. It is God's Work – John 3:16 – God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son...
5. It is carried out by God's Workers – Mark 16:15 – Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel...

## God's Method in Missions

Every believer has been charged – the lost must hear and we are the vehicles taking the Gospel.

1. We are ambassadors (representing on His behalf)
2. We are witnesses (sharing what we have experienced and know)
3. We are salt (giving flavor to a Christ-less world)
4. We are light (shining in a dark world)
5. We are soldiers (fighting the devil's troops as they try to take more to hell)

Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11

## God's Magnificence in Missions

Genesis 11:4; Acts 1:8; 8:1, 8

4 fundamental truths to keep us motivated (*Missions in 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Tom Telford)

- a. God is a missionary God
- b. Jesus is God's missionary Son
- c. The Bible is a missionary Book
- d. The Church has a missionary mandate

Psalm 67; Revelation 14:6-7; Philip 2:10-11