

Passion Series

Main Idea: **God's Ultimate Passion is to Disciple Nations**

Question: What are you passionate about? What drives you?

Introduction

Filipinos are a passionate people. We are a very emotional and spontaneous culture. Filipinos are most passionate about: • Basketball, Manny Pacquiao, Noontime Shows (Eat Bulaga, Wowowee), Movies, Videoke, Food (adobo, sisig, isaw, tapsilog), Telenovelas (Flordeluna to Tayong Dalawa), Shopping

Message

Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"

---This is the starting point of World Missions. All the earth belongs to Jesus Christ. The world does not belong to the devil, media, terrorists or tyrants. The earth and all who live in it belong to Jesus Christ alone.

Revelation 5:9b

"and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Statistics

World missions is not just another church program or activity. It is the passion of God; the heart of Christianity, and the reason the Church exists on the earth – to make disciples of all nations.

If God's heart burns for the nations, what does the world look like today?

With 7 billion people,

2.1 billion Christians (only 0.7 are Bible believing, the rest nominal)

2.1 billion non-Christians within reach

2.8 billion non-Christians unreached (can only be reached as we send missionaries to nations like Afghanistan, Cambodia, Laos, etc.)

If the world was made up of 10 people ...

1 true Christian

2 nominal Christians

3 non-Christians within reach

4 non-Christians unreached

Let's look at where the harvest is...

If the World was a Village of 100 people:

1 is from Oceania

5 is from North America

9 is from Latin America

12 is from Europe

13 is from Africa,

60 would be from Asia (our backyard)

(Rev 7:9) *“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation**, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.”*

There is a reason that the worldwide movement we are a part of is named “Every Nation.” The name was chosen not because it sounds good or is easy to remember. It was chosen because it best expresses the heart of God and the call and passion He has placed on our movement. We are committed to reach every nation in our generation. That is our destiny, our purpose.

If our churches are not big enough for as long as there is one lost person walking the streets of Manila, then our missions work is never big enough as long as there are nations that remain unreached.

One Point: God’s ultimate passion is for the nations.

John 4:34,35

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”

Like Jesus, our will is to do the will of Him Who sent us. Our passion must be His passion – to make disciples of all nations. When that happens, every nation becomes a harvest field, and will be redeemed back to Christ.

Application Question:

How do you develop a heart for the nations?