

Missions #1

Ascent

Winter Session, Lesson February 13, 2018

Introduction

Review last week

This week: **Missions #1**

Definition of Missions

“The cross-cultural proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ which results in the extension of the church across cultural, geographic and linguistic barriers.”

Missions in the Bible

Creation of the Nations: Genesis 11, the Tower of Babel

Revelation of God’s Plan for the Nations: Genesis 12:1-3

Blessing

Responsibility

Missions themes in key Old Testament passages

Missions themes in key New Testament passages

The actions of Christ

The words of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)

The actions of the early Church

Missions issue brought to the forefront in the New Testament

Organization

Strategy

Personnel

The Modern Missions Movement

First Era – To the Coastlands (1792 – late 1800's)

Second Era – To the Inland Areas (1865 – late 1900's)

Third Era – To the Hidden Peoples (1934 - present)

The Missions Task Today

Digging Deeper:

The Joshua Project” <https://joshuaproject.net>
Operation World, <http://www.operationworld.org>
Let the Nations Be Glad, by John Piper

Next Week: Missions #2