

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS 21st Century Missionaries

INTRO: Sunday's teaching explored a 1st century model of missionary partnering that included these three key points: 1-Advancement 2-Reinforcement 3-Relief. In this guide we'll study God's heart to reach the world from a song that King David wrote in **Psalm 96**. We will explore "What about God's heart for the nations makes my heart sing?"

Begin with Your **HEART**

I sat there with tears beginning to form in my eyes as I took in the moment. These were not tears of sadness, but tears of joy because my heart was happy. Sometimes that's where I find myself when I watch America's Got Talent or a great episode of Fixer Upper. My heart resonates with joy at someone fulfilling a dream or arriving at a place in life they thought unreachable at one point. My heart also sings for people to discover the gift of God, which is eternal life in Jesus Christ. What has made your heart "sing" recently? Has anything God has called you to made your heart sing?

In the **WORD**

*That the good news of Jesus crosses all geographical borders and will infiltrate every people group is reason to rejoice with a new song! David's new song in **Psalm 96** as the ark is brought back to Jerusalem makes clear God's intention to claim the nations beyond Israel.*

Read **Psalm 96**.

Study it:

- From **Psalm 96**, what types of things does the Psalmist suggest the hearers should include in their worship?
- Skim through this Psalm and make a note of what "the nations" or "all people" are invited or commanded to do?
- Based on this Psalm, how can we worship God with our whole selves?
- What other observations do you make from this text?

Apply it:

- What do you take away from this passage of God's Word?
- What does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What does this passage teach you about humankind?

My **LIFE** - our **MISSION**

Christ Community Church is about connecting people to life-defining relationships in Christ through gathering in worship, connecting in groups, and serving with teams. We encourage people to think about serving in 4 places. 1 – Home 2 – Church 3 – Community 4 – World. How might you be involved in the next year in either Advancing, Reinforcing, or Relieving some of the missionaries that our church partners with around the world? As God opens a door or presents an opportunity, be prepared to take that step of faith in obedience.