

# **SERMON SUMMARY**

In this week's message, we saw that God's plan has always been global. Paul's life models faithful obedience to this mission despite opposition, reminding us that the Great Commission is not just a missionary call but the Christian call for every believer. As we join God's mission through prayer, generosity, going, and worship, we do so with confidence, knowing that the story will end with people from every nation, tribe, and tongue praising God forever.

# **ICEBREAKER**

What's your favorite food from another culture or country?

# GOD'S GLOBAL PLAN. READ ROMANS 15:8-23

- Paul strings together quotes from the Law, Psalms, and Prophets to show God's heart for the Gentiles. Why do you think it was important for Paul to show that this was always God's plan and not a new idea?
- How does seeing God's plan span from Genesis to Revelation shape the way you think about the Christian life today?
- Paul says he has "no longer any room for work" in certain regions even though sin and idolatry were still present. What does that tell us about how Paul understood his calling?
- What does it mean to preach the gospel "fully"? (Romans 15:19)



# **OPPOSITION AND OBEDIENCE.** READ ROMANS 15:30-33

- Where have you seen the tension between caring for local needs and global mission show up in the church or in your own thinking?
- Why is it important to remember that the Great Commission is not just a call for missionaries, but for every Christian?

# FROM MISSION TO WORSHIP. READ REVELATION 7:9-12

- John Piper famously said, "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't." How does this statement help clarify the relationship between mission and worship, and in what ways does it reshape how you think about your role in God's mission (both locally and globally)?
- How does this picture of future worship give meaning and motivation to present-day mission?
- In what ways does fixing our eyes on Christ's glory reshape our priorities, fears, and obedience?



# **DIGGING DEEPER.**

# PRAYING FOR THE UNREACHED

In Romans 15, Paul invites the church to join him in prayer for his mission. His heart was burdened for people who had never heard the name of Jesus because they had never been reached. Even today, thousands of people groups around the world have little to no access to the gospel. They have no Bible in their language, no local church, and in some cases, no known believers. As followers of Jesus, prayer is one of the primary ways we participate in God's global mission, aligning our hearts with His desire that all nations would know and worship Him. Please use the following prompts to pray for the unreached:

- **Pray for access to the gospel** Ask God to open doors in places where the gospel is currently restricted or unknown, and to make a way for Scripture, churches, and faithful witnesses to reach the unreached.
- **Pray for workers** Pray that the Lord would raise up laborers (missionaries, church planters, and local believers) who will boldly and faithfully proclaim Christ in hard places.
- **Pray for hearts to be prepared** Ask God to soften hearts, remove spiritual blindness, and prepare people to receive the good news when they hear it.
- **Pray for the Church** Pray that God would give His Church (including our own) a growing burden for the nations, not driven by guilt, but by love for His glory and compassion for the lost.

# **OPTIONAL FOLLOW-UP CHALLENGE**

- Visit radical.net or joshuaproject.net
- Choose one unreached people group
- Commit to praying for them once a day for a week.