

## The Dream of God

Do you have dreams? I dream about living and ministering in Central Asia. This has been my dream for six years now. But I must wait on the Lord and for the doors to open and for the right fit with a team. I can not coerce the Lord regarding His sovereign timing. I cannot make the right role and team happen. I must submit to God's timing and the logistical realities. Even the realities of my own physical needs.

Did you know that God has dreams? He does.

DREAM: a fanciful vision of the conscious mind; a fond hope or aspiration

The difference between our dreams and God's is that God has the power and control to make His dream a certain reality. Nothing can thwart the dreams of God.

What is God's Dream?

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and **purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation**. You have **made them to be a kingdom** and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

God's dream is to see men and women from every nation, culture, and people group as a part of His kingdom, worshipping Him as the sovereign Lord.

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man.

--John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad!

Psalms 117:1 Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him all peoples!

Part of God's dream is that we as His people on earth, priests to our God, worship Him and bring others into the joy of worshipping Him.

Psalms 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples!

Isaiah 12:24 Proclaim that His name is exalted!

To whom can you declare God's glory?

Maybe you don't feel compelled to take the gospel of God's love to your roommate or your classmate or the people of Africa, Kyrgyzstan, or Russia. Telling others that their needy

hearts were made to praise God comes not as much from loving them, as from loving the Lord. He deserves worship.

It is not primarily out of compassion for humanity that we share our faith or pray for the lost; it is first of all, love for God. . . . Humanity does not deserve the love of God any more than you or I do. . . . People deserved to be damned, but Jesus, the suffering Lamb of God, deserves the reward of his suffering.

--John Dawson

I want to ask you to reflect on two questions:

Do you worship God authentically and sincerely?

Do you declare that the Lord is glorious to those around you?

You can't do overseas what you are not willing or interested in doing here.