

# SERMON OUTLINE 1 Chronicles 16:8–34

The Insanity of Missions

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## **MISSIONS IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD**

*God Determined that the Whole World Would Glorify Him (Psalm 8:1, Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 67:1-7, 1 Chronicles 16:8–34, 1 Chronicles 29:10-12, Psalm 19:1-4)*

*God Commands His People to Spread His Glory*

1. *Commands to engage in missions (Acts 13:47, Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14-15)*
2. *Commands to engage in missions by supporting those who go (3 John 5-7)*

*The Early Church Glorified God Among the Nations (Romans 15:18-20)*

## **MISSIONS IS INSANITY**

*God Has Chosen to Save People through Faith in the Gospel*

*God Has Chosen to Save People through Faith in the Gospel Preached by People*

*God Has Chosen to Save People through Faith in the Gospel Preached by People to People Who Don't Understand Us or Want Us*

*This Kind of Insanity Is the Path to Greatest Joy*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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*Insanity* as defined by the American Heritage Dictionary is, "Extreme foolishness or irrationality". Apart from a biblical view of the world, missions appears insane. It is, nevertheless, part of God's plan to spread His glory and save the world.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever considered missions? Is there any sense in which the "insanity" of it kept you away?
3. Were the verses Pastor Dave shared about God's commitment to be glorified in all the earth new to you? Does this seem like a good thing for God to be committed to?
4. Which aspect of the "insanity" of missions most stood out to you from the sermon or the Bible: (1) God has chosen to save people through faith in the gospel (2) reached by people (3) to people who don't understand us or want us, and (4) this is the path to greatest joy?
5. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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6. Pray and ask God to convince you of the Bible's teaching on missions.
7. Pray and ask God to fill you with an appropriate sense of love for the nations, sadness for the fact that so many have never heard of Jesus, urgency to obey (however God would have you), and confidence in God's unstoppable sovereign grace.
8. Carefully consider how you might more fully engage in raising/training up missionaries. Perhaps you could join the missions team or lead a group of young adults to the CROSS conference or the immersion experience in MSP.
9. Carefully consider how you might more fully engage in supporting the missionaries we've already sent. Commit to signing up for and prayerfully reading the newsletters of the missionaries your DG is directly responsible for. Commit to reaching out to each of them weekly or monthly. Commit to financially supporting one of our missionaries or doing so at an increased level.
10. Consider carefully whether or not you might pursue being sent as a missionary. If you sense any level of call to missions, connect with your DG leader and one of the members of the missions team. Connect with one of our missionaries to see if you could visit them and get a feel for life as a missionary.
11. Participate as fully as possible in missions week.
12. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

## PRAYER POINTS

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13. Adoration. Praise God for being glorious enough to make missions make sense. Praise God for being worthy of our life and death. Praise God for the fact that He will one day be acknowledged as God by everyone who ever lived.
14. Confession. Confess any missions apathy or fear. Confess any ways you've sinfully failed to support missions. Confess any times you've been silent about the gospel. Confess any ways you have selfishly kept your money or resources for yourself rather than share it with the nations and/or those who have gone to the nations with the gospel.
15. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Thank God that He makes all of His commands (including missions) work. Thank God for including us in His mission to spread His fame throughout all the earth.
16. Supplication. Pray for our missionaries. Pray for the young people in our church to be given a heart for missions. Pray for the nations to know the love and forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ. Pray for our church to grow in missions.