Drive: The Mission of God in the World Lesson 1, Master Teacher Key Study

Master Teacher Key Study THE GLOBAL MISSION OF GOD

Use this outline and any of the corresponding activities to share the Biblical Truth with students.

Intro: God's blessings are intended to be used to spread His glory throughout the world.

Description: God blesses His people so that they can be a blessing to others and point people back to Him.

Illustration: Ty Pennington is commonly associated with the show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. He and his crew give people a brand new start in life by either renovating their old house or building them a brand new place to live. He's been made famous for his compassion. At the conclusion of the show, the family with the new home thanks him over and over again. Do we have this same type of response toward God for the undeserved blessings that we receive in life? What if we responded like this when God did things in our lives? His name would be made famous throughout the whole world because His people would constantly be talking about what He has done for them.

1. God desires for His name to be carried to all nations (Ps. 67:2–3).

Description: Since People are God's Treasure, it is His desire for people to know Him.

Illustration: Another service/help reality show is *Supernanny*. In it, the British nanny Jo comes to spend several days with parents and children who are experiencing discipline problems. The children are usually out of control, and the parents are at their wit's end with trying to determine what to do to fix the problem. Nanny Jo leads the parents by training them to discipline their children, which usually makes the household a much more peaceful place to live. Usually, an emotional attachment is formed between Jo, the children, and the parents so that her eventual departure brings a lot of tears. If Jo cares enough about parents and children in order to help them know how to have better lives as a family, how much more does God treasure and value people by allowing them to know Him?

Application: Since people are God's treasure, we should have a similar heart for people. Ask God to give you a heart for the people of the world.

2. God desires for all nations to know Him as the righteous, loving, and only true God (Ps. 67:4–7).

Description: God's desire isn't just for people to know about Him; it's for people to truly know Him. This involves knowing His character as a loving and righteous God.

Illustration: Think about how many "friends" you have on Facebook. How many of those people truly know and care about you? God isn't looking to just be a Facebook-type friend with people; He wants His people to truly know Him and have a relationship with Him.

Application: As followers of God, it is our job to help people get to know Him. This involves letting people know what great things He has done in our lives.

3. God works to spread His <u>name</u> throughout the nations by <u>blessing</u> His people (Ps. 67:1).

Description: God's people are to use His blessings as opportunities to point people to God.

Illustration: Most of us have had a coach at some point in our lives. Think about all the time your coaches spend giving their players instruction and advice. The reason that they pour all of that advice and instruction into their teams is to achieve the goal of winning. That's their goal. As players, you can either take that advice in order to accomplish that goal or you can ignore it. It's the same way with God's blessings. He pours them into our lives for the goal of spreading His name throughout the world. We can either use those blessings to be about His goal or waste them.

Application: Everything good in our lives comes from God, and it's His desire for us to use these blessings as opportunities to spread His name. Ask God for a greater awareness of His work in your life.

Conclusion: God has a purpose and plan for the nations of the world.

Description: God's purpose for the nations of the world is that they would know Him and His ways and that they would know and experience His salvation.

Application: Through the multiple ways that God blesses us, others will see what God is doing in our lives and come to know Him.