

The Father's Heart

Assignment: Find a few others to go through this study with. Read each passage below and write a simple summary of what the passage reveals about God's heart and desire for our world. Then answer the reflection questions at the bottom of the page.

Passage	What does this passage reveal about God's heart and desires for our world?
Genesis 12:1-3 (focus on 3b)	- God desires to bless Abraham and through Abraham (including us) bless all the nations of the world.
Exodus 9:16	
Isaiah 49:6	
Psalms 67:1-7	
Psalms 86:9	
Habakkuk 2:14	
Malachi 1:11	
Galatians 3:8	
Matthew 24:14	
John 17:13-19	
Luke 15:1-10	
1 Timothy 2:3-4	

Revelation 5:9	
Revelation 7:9	
Revelation 22:1-5	
2 Peter 3:9	
Matthew 28:18-20	
Acts 1:7-8	
2 Corinthians 5:18-21	

1. **What is God's heart for the nations, and how does it compare to what you would have said before this study?** Which passage stood out most, and why?
2. **Honestly, how much of your time, money, prayers, and conversations reflects God's heart for the nations?** What keeps you from engaging more: busyness, fear, feeling unqualified, or not knowing where to start?
3. **Locally:** Who are the people from other cultures or nations living near you (neighbors, coworkers, classmates, international students, refugees)? What is one way you could get to know one of them this month?
4. **Regionally and globally:** Revelation 7:9 pictures people from every nation, tribe, people, and language before the throne. What do you want to learn about the peoples who still have little or no access to the gospel, and how might you or your church partner with others already reaching them?
5. **What is one thing you will learn, pray, and do this week in response to this study?** Share your commitment with your group and check in with each other next time.