



# GLOBAL

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION 2022

## THE GLOBAL GOD

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*"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."*

JOHN STOTT

### HOW DO WE KNOW OUR GOD IS A GLOBAL GOD? The Bible tells us so!

He \_\_\_\_\_ it all.

- There is no part of \_\_\_\_\_ that wasn't made by him, for His pleasure, and for His glory.  
*Genesis 1*
- All creation is called to \_\_\_\_\_ this global God.  
*Psalms 148*
- Who's asking? The Global God...The \_\_\_\_\_ God Who Invites Us Into His Glorious Plan

He \_\_\_\_\_ it all.

- In the Old Testament, we see God's people \_\_\_\_\_ for a purpose—as a blessing and a witness, to make Him known to the nations.  
*Genesis 12:2-3, Deuteronomy 28:9-10, Joshua 4:24*
- In the New Testament, we see Jesus reminding the people that God has always loved the \_\_\_\_\_ and made himself known to them.  
*Luke 4:25-27*

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 PETER 3:9*

He is \_\_\_\_\_ it all.

- Sin left us broken and separated from God, so He sent Jesus to make a way for everyone.  
*John 3:16*
- While Jesus accomplished redemption, we wait for its completion.  
*Revelation 7:9-17*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US IF OUR GOD IS A GLOBAL GOD?

If we are disciples becoming more like Jesus, then we must be global Christians!

**The big point:** The God of the Bible is a global God with a global plan that involves us.

**The big question:** Will we respond?

## DIGGING DEEPER

As you start your time together, share about the upcoming GIC and the reasons we do it each year:

- Celebrating how God is using LifeWay and our partners in his mission around the world
- Learning more about what is going on around the world in missions
- Hearing and learning from people who have dedicated their lives to God's mission
- Being challenged and equipped to personally engage in God's mission

Which of these things seems most relevant to you personally right now? What do you hope to gain from the GIC experience?

We saw some Old Testament examples of God's declaration of love for the nations.

- Why do you think we miss that theme?
- Take a look at [lifewayconnect.com/nations](https://lifewayconnect.com/nations) (see QR code) to see a list of the nations throughout Scripture. What is your response to this list?



In Luke 4, we saw Jesus challenging his neighbors with examples of God's love for the nations.

- Read Luke 4:14-30. Why do you think Jesus chose this time to bring up the stories of Namaan and the widow of Zarephath?
- Jesus interacted with, blessed, and healed people from other nations. If being a disciple of Jesus means becoming more like him, how can you do the same? What opportunities do you have?

Theologian Len Sweet said, "Missions is not an activity of the church, but an attribute of God. God is a missionary God, Jesus is a missionary Messiah, and the Spirit is a missionary Spirit. Missions is the family business."

- In what way is God a missionary God?
- How does Jesus show himself to be a missionary Messiah?
- How is the Spirit a missionary Spirit?
- Do you feel personally engaged in the "family business" of missions?
- What are some practical ways you or your group can engage?

Make sure to go through the GIC Booklet together and talk about your small group time that week as well as other opportunities to come together to learn or celebrate.

Pray specifically for your visiting missionary and for God to prepare your hearts to learn what he has for you.