

## ***We Are Called For The Mission***

### **I. WHAT IS THE ASCEND SERIES?**

**ASCEND** is a four part teaching series looking at four areas that we are called to as a house of prayer community. The Church, The Believer, The Mission, and the Capital City. Tonight is part 3, Called For The Mission.

### **II. INTRODUCTION – WE ARE CALLED FOR THE MISSION**

- A. Our third ASCEND focus is our ministry calling for the mission. We are called to live a gospel oriented life with Christ, that delights in God forever. The final purpose for all of creation, in the heart of God, is to prepare a bride to be joined to the bridegroom, The Lamb of God!
- B. But first, the mission is to The Great Commission! (Matt.28:18-20, Mk. 16:15-18) To preach the everlasting gospel to every nation tribe and tongue! Think of it, we get the privilege of telling other people of the love of Jesus to all nations. We want all of creation to join together in the anthem, *“Worthy is the Lamb who is worthy, to receive praise and glory, hallelujah!”*  
*“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14).*

### **III. THE MIDDLE EAST & PRAYING FOR THE BILLION SOUL HARVEST**

- A. As a house of prayer, we partner with prayer leaders across the world to pray into what God is saying and doing in this hour. We don’t view our mission to just the local area, but to the Global reach, through strategic intercession.
- B. The late Bob Jones was given a prophetic promise in 1975 when he came back from death in August 1975 that one billion souls would be saved. Another prophetic prayer leader was shown (in the spirit) a prophetic picture of the church contesting principalities in the heavenly realms (especially those arrayed against the nation of Israel), while also contending for people to receive light, truth and freedom.
- C. **Chris B. dream:** *“I saw lost sons and daughters on earth, who were not yet saved, but God was allowing me to see them as His inheritance. As you were praying in the Spirit, you were releasing water to those who had none and would perish without it. Your prayers were releasing bells of truth that would open the eyes of the veiled ones to truth. As you were praying in the Spirit, faith was being manifest to see and believe in Jesus... The Lord was showing me the actual prayers of the Spirit that were coming out of the place of faith were actually with power, vibration, and movement and were instantly yielding change.”*
- D. Yet another Middle East prayer leader had a vision of a large scroll being removed from a cupboard that had to do with the Lord’s purposes for the Middle East. The scroll said, ***“Now begins the judgment on the thrones of Islam”***. He then saw scrolls of revelation being sent forth to mature the harvest until it was ripe. He understood that he needed to pray to the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the harvest field.

**IV. PRAYER BEGETS A HEART FOR THE MISSION FIELD**

- A. You can't pray consistently without God moving towards reaching out to people with the gospel. Nowhere is that more evident than what happened with the Moravians. Here is what happened:
- B. *“God continued moving among them and they felt led by the Spirit to enter into a 24-hour prayer watch. They came under the conviction that no one should work unless someone was praying! They completed an entire day of prayer, which became an entire week of unbroken prayer. That week turned into a month, and then a few months of prayer. Before long, they had prayed an entire year. Then, a few years! Well, they began to so encounter the heart of God that this one prayer meeting ended up lasting for over 100 years.”*
- C. At some point, the Moravians ran out of things to pray for regarding themselves, their families, and their own community, so they began to pray for the nations around them. As they prayed for these nations, they began to fall in love with them. So much so, they couldn't help but begin to give their lives for these nations! (You can pray for all the nations in 30 days -- pick up a EHFC prayer map at the resource table).
- D. The stories of how God moved on their hearts are unbelievable. Some missionaries would pack all of their belongings into a coffin, as a sign they were going to lay down their lives for another nation and were never coming back! Other missionaries, if they couldn't reach a certain people group, were actually willing to sell themselves into slavery to reach those people groups! History tells us that this small community did more in missions in 20 years than ALL of the Protestant Church combined in the previous 200 years! In fact, the Moravians birthed the modern-day missions movement!

**V. HILLTOP HOUSE OF PRAYER “CALLED FOR THE MISSION”**

- A. Hilltop House of Prayer is a missionary organization. The Church is a missionary organization. We are not to be stationary, we are to be constantly moving! Our purpose is to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. That involves being willing to go where he leads, and to do what he tells us to do to reach out to all nations and people groups, including those in the hard and dark places where the gospel is not welcome.
- B. Our main goal in life should be to serve our Lord in whatever sphere we are called to. The mission is the seven centers of influence (The Church, Business, Government, Media, Education, Arts & Entertainment, The Family). The message is sharing the good news of the gospel; the love of God that can save any person who is willing to surrender their life to Christ and follow Him.
- C. Hilltop House of Prayer has been involved in missions for years. Besides being a missionary organization, we have supported missions work and individuals regularly through finances and missions prayer trips to, including: Nicaragua, Cuba, Guatemala, Germany, England, Turkey, Malaysia, Iraq, Denmark, Sweden, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Israel, Ukraine, Uganda, Middle East. Pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers (Matt 9:38)!