

IMPACT MAKERS

Rescue
Genesis 12:2-3; Acts 1:8
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I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- Genesis 12:2-3

Kunmabobaa: The one who removes my neck from the shackle.

I. WE ARE CALLED TO HELP RESCUE OTHERS

- We are blessed to be a blessing to all peoples, B2B (verse 3).
- God's blessings are to flow through us to the nations (Psalm 67:1-2).
- We're not to hoard or hide God's blessings (Matthew 5:15-16).
- God's rescue mission is about the whole person (Jesus' example, James 2:17).
- We can help put new links in the chain of faithfulness (Matthew 10:8).

II. WE PARTICIPATE BY BEING GLOCAL

- We as the Church are to be witnesses from our Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.
- This is about simultaneous, not progressive investment.
- Healthy churches invest locally and globally.
- Ways One Mission Society is investing:
 - *Building multiplication into all we do
 - *Catalyzing and nurturing missionary-sending movements – The rescued become rescuers as the mission field becomes a mission force.
 - *Pursuing the Billion.Global vision (go to Billion.Global to learn more)
- The empowerment of God's Spirit in this work is vital.

In Revelation, we see the culmination of God's rescue: (4:4; 5:9, 12; 7:9-10; 11:15b; 15:3-4; 21:3-4; 22:20).

1. What is our part, and how will we live it out faithfully and well?
2. How are we demonstrating passion and urgency in carrying out our part in God's rescue plan?

3. If our priorities were out there for all to see, what would they reveal about our commitment to the Great Commission? Are we treating it as a command to be obeyed or a suggestion to be considered?

KNOW: The Church of Jesus Christ cannot be eliminated. The more his people are oppressed, the more they multiply and spread (Exodus 1:12). God will fully rescue his people.

DO: Do your part to rescue others. Be a Glocal Christian.

Suggested Reading:

Invitation to World Missions by Timothy Tennent

Glocalization: How Followers of Jesus Engage a Flat World by Bob Roberts

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 12:2-3 & Acts 1:8

1. Explain how *kunmabobaa* helps us understand what Christ has done to rescue us.
2. Define a "Dead Sea Christian." What can we do to avoid becoming one?
3. How would you describe the chain of faithfulness? What can you do to help add new links to this chain, helping more people to be rescued?
4. Does Acts 1:8 call for progressive or simultaneous investment in our Jerusalems, Judeas and Samarias and to the ends of the earth? Explain.
5. How do you understand this statement: "There's no magic airplane ride that transforms a person going to a distant land into a missionary?"
6. What do we do to appropriate the empowerment of the Holy Spirit for mission?
7. What is your part in God's rescue plan, and how will you live it out faithfully and well?
8. How are you demonstrating passion and urgency in carrying out your part in God's glocal rescue plan?
9. If your priorities were out there for all to see, what would they tell us about your commitment to the Great Commission? Are you treating it as a command to be obeyed or a suggestion to be considered?