



ELIMMISSIONS

CO-MISSION

Big idea: Mission is rooted in the ancient story of God's call to Abram and the subsequent formation of a nation from the promise God made to Abram. The promise would be fulfilled in Jesus and through Jesus. The people of God, all who repent, believe and follow are called to join the Spirit in the missionary task of partnering with God in His rescue mission. Seek to keep Jesus as the central figure as you prepare this message. Highlight God calls individuals to go to unfamiliar places to make Jesus known through disciple-making.

Introduction ideas:

- Share stories of any previous mission visits or the ways you are seeking to make disciples among people who don't yet know Jesus.
- Invite an Elim missionary (via video call) to speak about their call to cross-cultural mission.
- Use the vision video from EIM - <https://vimeo.com/440331856/e244914f07>.

1. The Missionary God: **proclaim His plan** – Genesis 12:1-3

- Focus on blessing. What did God mean that all the nations of the earth would be blessed?
- Blessing is to do good to others. To be blessed is to receive something that is undeserved goodness. It carries with it a sense of abundance and fullness of joy in life.
- Connect this to the New Testament - Acts 3:25-26; Galatians 3:8
- How did God fulfil His promise to Abram?
- What does it mean to be blessed and to bless? see Ephesians 1:1-14
- How does your community of faith bless your neighbourhood, village, town or city?

2. The Missionary People: **participate in His purpose** – Exodus 19:4-6

- Connect this with 1 Peter 2:1-10
- Obedience to the ways of Jesus.
- Chosen people – called and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
- Kingdom of priests - bringing God to the people and the people to God.
- Holy nation – set apart but not separate.

3. The Missionary Task: **prove His purpose** – Psalm 67

- By relying on his grace – v1
- By making the gospel known - v2
- By proclaiming his praise - v3-5
- By reaping a harvest – v6-7
- Make disciples of all nations not just some nations – Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Next steps:

- Help people identify their mission field. Where do they go that brings them into contact with unbelievers?
- Present a clear call to be followers of Jesus, not just consumers of ‘services.’
- Present a call for people to respond to begin a discerning process of whether Jesus is calling them to train for cross-cultural mission. Option to show the Missionary Academy promo video - <https://vimeo.com/551806504/8eec596db8>.