

THE FUTURE STORY. The End Game

I. Slide1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide2,3 AP: Men's Breakfast. Bridges.
- B. Slide4 Larry: Global Missions Class

II. Slide5 **Intro:** THE FUTURE STORY

- A. Slide6 Week 1: **God's Story** shows us His missionary heart for the nations **and** our place in reaching them. *We are joining God & joining His plan* for our world.
- B. Week 2: **Our story** has been one of seeking to obey the great commission **and** we are excited to **add** to that story 2 UPG's (Ro/Hani). We **affirm** our missionaries **&** mission agencies with whom we've come this far.
- C. Week 3: **Handles**. Because reaching the nations is *the whole church's mission* **so** we want to help you find *your handle*. We were able only to *introduce* the handles **but** we will give more details as we move forward. [missed any weeks? Go online to listen/watch]

III. Slide7 **REVELATION 5** *the endgame*

- A. Imagine watching *a football game* *where* you watch **the end** of the game **first** **then** the **highlights, clips & analysis** (you hear about who played well **and** who didn't). **Then** you go back and watch it from the beginning.
 1. That's what we're going to do now.
- B. Slide8 Rev.5:8-10 **A 5-fold new song**
 1. *8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people & nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.*
- C. Jesus' work of redemption *calls for a new song*. **A 5-fold new song:**
 1. Slide9-13 A Worship Song - **You are worthy.**
 2. A Gospel Song - **You were slain & have redeemed us to God by Your blood.**

3. A Missionary song - every tribe, tongue, people, nation. [from Daniel 7:13,14]
 - a) The church now serves as *Israel* once did, with the tasks of **worshipping God & making Him known to the world.**
 - b) What does this mean for *evangelism/missions* that the Lamb **HAS purchased people** from every tribe, language, people, & nation?
4. A Priestly song - and have made us a *kingdom of priests.* (kings & priests)
5. A Prophetic song - we shall reign on earth. [Our future is to *share Christ's rule* on earth]

IV. Slide14 REVELATION 7:9,10 end game

- A. What if we knew Jesus' full **purpose & plan** for mankind? - What if we knew **how it all ends?** Oh, we do. We know. We have *the goal of God* in John's Revelation. We have His *end game*...we even have his *highlights, clips & analysis.*
 1. Slide15 *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*
 2. In *Martin Luther Kings* famous *I have a Dream* speech he said,...***I have a dream*** that my 4 children will one day live in a nation where they will be judged ***not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.***
His dream ...*that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*
 3. So I came up with this...it's as if **Jesus** said or dreamed in Eternity past...
Slide16 *I have a Dream. A dream that will be fulfilled. That one day My Father will receive **worship** from people from every ethno-linguistic people group. **Where** there is no longer **ethnocentric pride** but the ability to **glory** in God given **diversity.** **Where** there is **racial** diversity and **ethnic** harmony. **Where** there is **gender** equality and **social** equity. **Where** there is a fervor for **unity**, a passion for **justice**, and the **supremacy of God** in all things. [BB 8-22-2018]*

- a) We don't believe these words/concepts as Christians because they are *politically correct, trendy, or in vogue...we believe them cuz this is God's heart for humans.*

V. Slide17 **PSALM 96** *the international anthem*

- A. As *patriots* we love hearing our *National Anthem*. This morning as *Christians* I would like to introduce you to what has been called, our *International Anthem...Ps.96*
- B. See **one day in eternity** the redeemed from *every tribe, tongue, and nation* we'll sing **the song of Moses** (Ex.15 Israels at Red Sea/Egyptian in front) & **the song of lamb** in **Rev.15:3,4**
1. SoM was a song of triumph over **Egypt**. SoL triumph over **Babylon**.
 2. SoM was the **1st song** in scripture. SoL is the **last song**.
 3. **Both** commemorate the **execution** of the foe, the **expectation** of the saints & the **exaltation** of the Lord. **Both** were sung by **a redeemed people**. **Both** songs looked back to **the Blood of a Lamb**.
 4. Slide18 *They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.* Rev.15:3,4
- C. **But** God calls us to **sing it today!** Ps.96:3
1. Note Ps.96 layout: Sing, Sing, Sing. Give, Give, Give. Let, Let, Let.
 2. If you want to *harmonize* with heavens choir, in joyful song...**do this! Sing Our International Anthem.**
 3. Slide19 *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples*
 - a) Slide20 Proclaim **the good news** of His salvation from day to day. (it's a gospel song)
 - b) Slide21 Declare His glory among **the nations**, His wonders among **all peoples**. (it's a missionary song)
 - (1) **"If we had no other verse in the bible but this one to teach us **our duty to the lost** in pagan lands, this would be enough!"**

4. In our Missions **Vision statement** we looked out into the future, we dreamed, we looked for where God is working/calling/moving **and** we set our mark there.

D. Slide22a-g **Invite Up Andrew: Our Vision Statement.**

1. We see a vision so awe-inspiring where we witness God's fingerprints and not just our own efforts.
2. We see the Hani and Rohingya people groups being discipled and, in turn, discipling their neighbors.
3. We see all of Calvary Murrieta being changed by anticipating these nations standing before the throne of God.
4. We see this vision being passed along to our children's children if we are not able to fulfill it in our lifetime.
5. We see our sons and daughters being sent to express both the love and words of Christ.
6. We see these unreached people groups reached.

VI. Slide23 **WORLD COMMUNION**

A. Slide24a Heard of *Count Nicolas Ludwig Von Zinzendorf*?

1. He is a very important figure in **world missions history**.
2. Born in Germany in 1700 to a very wealthy, political family. He came to Christ while still a young man **and** found a Christian community called **Herrnhut** which means **the Lord's watch/keeping**.
 - a) It became **the Moravian Church movement** which was best known for its unquenchable **missionary zeal**.
3. August 1727 was their the communities awakening/Pentecost. **W/in 2 weeks, 24 men & 24 women covenanted to hourly intercessions** around the clock. **Holding to Lev.6:13 A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.** Slide24b They petitioned the Lord 2x2, hour-by-hour, 24/7...**for 100 years**.
 - a) **Their prayer?** that the Gospel would spread **beyond** its current borders.
 - b) **CM** if we are to reach the **Hani & the Rohingya's** it will be marked by **prayer**.

- B. Within 30 years, the church sent **100's** of Christian missionaries to many parts of the world, including *the Caribbean, North & South America, the Arctic, Africa, the Far East*.
1. They were **the 1st** to send lay people as missionaries, **the 1st** Protestant denomination to *minister to slaves*, and **the 1st** Protestant presence in many countries.
- C. **Slide24c** Zinzendorf saw a painting by *Domenico Feti* entitled *Ecce Homo* (*Lt Behold The Man*)
1. It was a portrait of Christ before Pilate, being presented to the crowds after being beaten by the Roman whip - the crown of thorns pressed down on his head and blood running down his face.
 2. For the rest of his life, *the blood of Jesus* had a central place in his life and ministry.
- D. The story goes that when the first 2 young Moravian missionaries boarded the ship in Copenhagen to sail to the West Indies, perhaps never to return, (20 out of the first 29 missionaries died in those first years) they lifted their hands as if in sacred pledge and called out to their friends on shore: *MAY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN RECEIVE THE REWARD OF HIS SUFFERING*
1. They knew that Jesus had purchased, with the price of His own blood, souls *from every nation, tribe and tongue* and *they were going out to gather some of them into His fold*.
 2. Revelation 5:9 is where the Lamb of God is worshiped with these words, *Slide25 Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation*.
 3. In other words, *the blood of Jesus* was shed not just to purchase **us**; but *the worldwide church of God*, including those sheep that are **not yet** in the fold.
- E. This morning, let **communion** be a symbol of those who **don't YET** eat and drink from this table, **but they will**. **Reservations** have been made, **but we must invite them to come**. We must pursue what Jesus bled to obtain.
1. **Slide26** John 10:16 *I have other sheep that are not of this fold, I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Wow!*

- F. **Revelation 5:8-9** is another reason we ought to *remember the nations* at the Lord's supper.
1. The 24 elders and the 4 living creatures *fall down* before the Lamb.
 2. *In one hand*, they have a **harp** to *worship with music*, *in the other* a **golden bowl full of incense**, which are *the prayers of the saints*. *Those are our prayers*.
 3. **The context** suggests that some of these prayers were *prayers for the nations*.
 - a) *One of the primary ways* we beckon *the nations* to come feast at the **Communion Table of our King** is through **our prayers**.
 - b) If you ever thought your **prayers** *don't matter*, look at these **stored** here.
 - c) The prayers of God's people play a vital part in God's governing of the world.
 4. **Slide27** Matthew 9:37,38 *The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*
 - a) *1st course of action? Therefore Go?(no) Send?(no) pray!*
 - b) And so when we come to the table, *we not only receive from Jesus grace and mercy, but* as an act of worship *we pray that the nations* would also come to *experience His grace and mercy*.
 - c) He invites us to **fill the bowls** *as it were* with *prayers for the nations*. These prayers are a sweet-smelling aroma to our King.
- G. ***Invite up Worship Team & Communion Team**
1. **Bread** -
 2. **Cup** -

VII. CHALLENGE

- A. **Ps: We ARE doing this!** (be passionate).
1. We are **not** telling God what we are doing.
We are *joining God* in what He is *already doing*.
 2. **We expect** difficulties, discouragement & disappointments.
We expect scrapes, sacrifices & surrender.
We expect fear, minor failures, & foes.

3. But we also expect:
 - God the Father's help, direction & leading.
 - God the Son's blood, power & promises.
 - God the HS indwelling, wisdom & empowering.
4. Can you see it?
 - Do you believe this?
 - Do you believe this **must be**?
5. Let's work together in making this **vision a reality**.

VIII. PSALM 46:10 *be still, why?*

- A. Be still, and know that I am God. We love this verse. [it's the ultimate *chillax* verse]
 1. Out of 357 Amazon products with this verse, only 5 items had the whole vs.
 2. What does the rest of the sentence say? What does it mean to be still? And why?
- B. *I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.*
 1. Read context vs.8-10 (bible notes).