



Is missions an outdated idea? Do missionaries do harm or good? We need biblical answers to these questions. This book dismantles the myths that obscure God's beautiful plan to make disciples of all nations. Christians are equipped to become joyful participants—not spectators—in the redemption of the world.

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example, Harvard University was founded in 1636 with the motto, “Truth for Christ and the Church.” The original mission statement reads: “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.”⁵ Eighty years later, a group of pastors established a new school to be a stronghold of Christian higher

“God purposefully designed each follower to assist Him in the work He is doing around the world. He wants to show you the greater purpose He has for you.”

~ MISSIONARY ~

education because they were concerned that Harvard had drifted too far from its original mission. They called it Yale. The cycle repeated. Neither school has a reputation for theological conviction or Christian character today.⁶ If mission drift happens to large institutions started by Christians, aren't individual believers and congregations also in danger of losing sight of their primary mission over time?

No one likes to think that their ideas are faulty or incomplete, but correcting misinformation can actually be a positive, motivating experience. I believe that a proper understanding of global missions will remind us of the immense privilege we have of aligning our lives with God's will. My prayer is that the process of reflection and learning will give us a clearer picture of what God is calling us to do and inspire us with the glory of His big-picture plan for the world.

Don't let the enemy distract you from your purpose, convince you that it is only for other people, or discourage you that it can't be done. If we miss the big picture, staring myopically at

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