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Christ's Present Glory is Great... and Yet, Too Small

Isaiah 49:1-13

FBC's annual commitment to missions a VERY GOOD THING... but because there is yet more glory for Christ, it is still TOO SMALL A THING

Isaiah 49:5-6 And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

I want to take this approach... it is a glorious thing that all this has been done for twenty centuries to advance the Kingdom of Christ... everything that has been done for the glory of Jesus by the power of the Spirit, has been GLORIOUS... but it is also TOO SMALL A THING...

Jesus deserves MORE GLORY than He is presently now getting from the people on earth... far more!! He deserves more worship, more passion, more service, more dedication, more devotion, more sacrifice than He's getting. He's getting NONE AT ALL from the unreached peoples of the earth... and that is the greatest crime, the greatest injustice there is on this earth today: JESUS IS GETTING NO WORSHIP WHATSOEVER from the lost of the world, and that is a crime worthy of eternal punishment. But God wants to redeem them from that crime as He has redeemed us.

But I want to go further. Jesus is getting SOME GLORY from His redeemed people on earth now... He is esteemed highly, He is loved dearly, He is served consistently, He is understood and delighted in genuinely... BUT NOT ENOUGH, dear friends!! Not enough!

My prayer is that God will use His word and pour out His Spirit on us anew so that a river of praise, and prayer, and sacrificial giving and service will

flow for the glory of Jesus. My prayer is that God will set us on fire for missions and that that fire will only burn brighter and hotter, not dwindle and grow cold and flicker and go out.

Key insight: verses 1-7 is the CHRIST speaking... Jesus speaks “I”, “me”, “my”... verse 7 calls this person the “light of the Gentiles”... at His birth, Simeon called Jesus that precise thing... Paul and Barnabas applied this passage to Jesus... so Isaiah 49 is rich when we realize this is JESUS!!

I. The Calling and Equipping of the Christ (vs. 1-3)

Isaiah 49:1-3 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

A. A Call to the Islands and Distant Nations to Listen: Worldwide Scope!!

B. The Eternal Origins and Calling of the Christ: “Before I was born...”

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

1 Peter 1:19-20 the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

C. (vs. 2) The Powerful Equipping of the Christ: mouth like sharpened sword, polished arrow in the quiver... MOST POWERFUL ARSENAL IN HISTORY

a. First, as a HOLY HIGH PRIEST ... CARVE OUT SINFUL TUMORS

Revelation 1:13-16 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like

wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

b. Second, a FIERCE HEAVENLY WARRIOR... to SLAY THE WICKED

Revelation 19:11-15 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

2. The power of Christ was in His SPEECH... His words changed history for the elect souls who heard them and believed them

John 14:10 The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

John 6:63 The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

John 7:46 "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared.

a. Jesus' words mean eternal life for all who hear and believe Him

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

b. How are His words like a sharp sword and a polished arrow

i) As a surgeon: The scalpel work HURTS in order to HEAL

Acts 2:37-38 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.*

ii) As a warrior: power to cut off enemies from the land of the living

Matthew 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

c. Holy Spirit now speaks Christ's words THROUGH THE CHURCH

John 16:13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

3. Sword is POWERFUL: The advance of the gospel for twenty centuries
4. Christ was MYSTERIOUSLY CONCEALED, but is now GLORIOUSLY REVEALED

Isaiah 49:2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

Romans 16:25-27 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him-- ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

For example: A Muslim man, 48 years old, who owns a tea house in Istanbul, Turkey, meets an American missionary who frequents his shop several days a week; on one fateful day, it's just the two of them in the shop; the missionary speaks the gospel to him, plainly and powerfully—he shows him how the prophets predicted the coming of Christ, how Christ is the sacrificial atonement that Islam only pictures but does not possess. Suddenly, Jesus

becomes unspeakably glorious in the mind of this searching man. He hears the words of Jesus with fresh ears and falls on his face before Him in worship:

Christ Concealed... then Revealed

D. The Substitutionary Righteousness of the Christ: Fulfilling Israel's Role in the World

Isaiah 49:3 He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

1. Israel, because of their sinful rebellion against God had forsaken the role; the crown of glory was cast into the mud

Napoleon: "I found the crown of France just lying in the gutter; I picked it up with the tip of my sword."

So it was for the bloodthirsty tyrant dictator... even more for Jesus, the true son of God

2. So, Jesus takes up the fallen crown of glory from the mud and put it on His head; the fulfillment of all that Israel was to have been

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being

II. The Apparent Discouragement of the Christ (vs. 4)

Isaiah 49:4 But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

A. Perhaps the Most Challenging Part of the Prophecy... how could Jesus say these words???

B. How Christ's Labors Seemed to Have Been Fruitless

Isaiah 49:5 And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself

Isaiah 49:6 to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept

1. Jesus sent to regather the Jews to an INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!!!

Matthew 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

2. BUT the great tragedy of the Jewish nation: they could not recognize the Christ ... they HATED Him and rejected Him

Jesus WEPT over Jerusalem because of the horrors that were coming ...

Luke 19:44 because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.

John said it plainly:

^{ESV} ***John 1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.***

3. This was predicted plainly by Isaiah the prophet

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 49:7 This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation

4. At His arrest, His disciples all deserted Him and fled for their lives
5. At His trial before the Jewish authorities, the High Priest charged Him with blasphemy and tore his robes, condemning Him to death
6. Before Pontius Pilate, Jewish leaders pressed to execute Jesus
7. At that trial before Pilate, the Jewish nation formally rejected Jesus, saying "WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR!!"
8. As Jesus was hanging on the cross, He could see almost NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE of His perfect three-year ministry
 - a. Perfect purity—He committed no sin
 - b. Perfect teaching—He spoke every word the Father gave Him

- c. Perfect ministry—Healing, feeding, stilling storm
 - d. Perfect love—poured out on people and APOSTLES
9. And YET... at His death, mother, few women, John... By mere outward appearance:

Isaiah 49:4 "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.

C. BUT Jesus Did Not Look at Outward Appearance...

Isaiah 49:4 Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

1. Jesus entrusted His ministry, His labors, His work into the hands of God Almighty, His heavenly Father

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

One could just as easily imagine Jesus calling out as He died,

"Father, into your hands, I commit my work... MAKE SOMETHING OF THIS!!!!"

Psalm 110:1-2 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ² The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

For two thousand years, the Father has been advancing the Kingdom of Christ... extended His glory to the distant islands and to the furthest shores

D. Very Easy to be Discouraged About the Apparent Lack of Fruit from Missions

1. Christ's cry of temporary assessment of seeming vanity is INCREDIBLY USEFUL when we consider MISSIONS
2. Adoniram Judson labored in Burma, losing his wife and burying an infant son; six years of hard labor before he'd seen any fruit at all; YET by the time Judson died, a government survey recorded

210,000 baptized Burmese Christians—one out of every 58 Burmese in that nation had come to faith!!

3. Hudson Taylor labored in Ning-Po, China for three years before the first convert; after six years in China, Taylor's health began to fail, and he prepared to sail back to England—the gathered church in China was about forty souls at that point; but God had laid all of China's vast, teeming millions in the inland regions on his heart, a burden so overwhelming it threatened to crush him; he began to cry out for laborers for the unreached peoples of inland China... after five years, there were only five more... how easy it is to become discouraged in the work of missions!! BUT by the time Taylor retired from the work in 1905, 52 years after first setting foot in China, there were 849 missionaries, 1282 native workers, and 35,726 baptized believers in over 800 mission stations
4. Jim Elliot and the others in Ecuador died on the river bed near Nate Saint's plane without any of the Waodani people having been converted... YET his death and the death of the other missionary pioneers was not in vain, in 1956; it sparked an amazing revival of missions interest in American churches, the effect of which is still felt today
5. How encouraging to stare into the mystery of Christ's APPARENT DISCOURAGEMENT and realize what God has done

III. The Mission Fields of the Christ (vs. 5-7)

Isaiah 49:5-6 And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

A. The Two-Fold Mission of the Servant of the Lord Laid Out

1. The spiritual regathering of the Jews was PART of Christ's mission... and it is GLORIOUS

- a. Imagine the centuries of hardness and rebellion the Jews have shown against all the prophets and Christ Himself

Acts 7:51-52 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him

- b. Imagine all that rebellion and wickedness being completely covered by the blood of Jesus, and the Jewish nation regathered to God
- c. Now, for the most part that hasn't happened yet...But it is still in the future plans of God... Christ will have His glory among His own people!!!

Romans 11:25-27 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. ²⁷ And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

- B. BUT the Restoration of the Jews is TOO SMALL A THING for Jesus!!!

Vs. 6 "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

1. The salvation of the elect of Israel is an incredibly GLORIOUS THING!!!
2. BUT God says it is NOT ENOUGH GLORY for Jesus
3. The Gentiles have ALWAYS been in God's mind, in God's plan... from the very beginning of the Jewish nation

Genesis 12:3 all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

4. Jesus is the light for the Gentiles

Luke 2:28-32 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

- a. The generations of sin have left the Gentiles in spiritual darkness

Ephesians 4:17-18 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- b. Christ is the savior of the whole world, not just of the Jews

C. This is the Foundation of the Missionary Call

1. The same salvation from sin and death and hell that Christ offers to the Jews He offers to every people group on earth
2. This is His unique glory as the Savior of the World

Isaiah 49:7 This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

IV. The Glorious Progress of the Gospel of the Christ (vs. 8-13)

A. The Time of God's Favor... is NOW!!

Isaiah 49:8 This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you"

1. The Apostle Paul uses this to talk to sinners about salvation

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard

you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2. In Isaiah 49:8, the words are spoken to Christ ... but it is THROUGH Christ, that this invitation is offered to us
3. So, this is how the distant lands, the Gentile peoples, the remote islands will receive the salvation... by CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD... but DO IT NOW!!!!!!!

B. Christ Calls the Captives to Journey to Zion... HEAVEN!!

Isaiah 49:9-13 to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill. ¹⁰ They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. ¹¹ I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. ¹² See, they will come from afar-- some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan." ¹³ Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

1. At first glance, one would say this is referring just to the “captive” Jews who are in exile in Gentile lands, that Jesus is going to restore them to the Promised Land
2. BUT this same chapter proclaims Jesus being the light for the Gentiles to bring His salvation to the ends of the earth
3. The “captives” of verse 9 are truly SPIRITUAL captives of Satan’s dark Kingdom that Jesus will SET FREE!!!!

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

4. Jesus leads these captives on a spiritual journey... the internal journey of salvation... vs. 11 speaks of a HIGHWAY... they will move out on the “highway of holiness” mentioned in Isaiah 35:8; Christ will feed these former captives, even on the barren hills of

this sin-cursed world; he will protect them... they will neither hunger nor thirst, and the sun will not beat on them; Jesus will be their guide and lead them every step of the way to the heavenly Zion (vs. 10)

5. This exact verse is used in Revelation 7 to speak of the multitude from every tribe, language, people and nation

Revelation 7:14-17 These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

6. These are the fruit of Christ's work of salvation... to the Jew first, then to the Gentile!!
7. This is the ultimate joy of MISSIONS!!!

^{CSB} Isaiah 49:12 See, these will come from far away, from the north and from the west, and from the land of Sinim.

8. This is a vast pilgrimage from the ends of the earth: on the highway of verse 11, the saved come from distant lands—from the north, from the west, from the region of Sinim (Aswan in NIV)... this word probably refers to SOUTHERN CHINA!!!! The ends of the earth!!!!

C. Celebration of Salvation

Isaiah 49:13 Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

V. Christ's Present Glory is Great... Yet, TOO SMALL!

- A. It is Certainly a Great Thing to Restore the Tribes of Israel... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!

- B. It is Certainly a Great Thing to Conquer the Roman Empire Spiritually... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- C. It is Certainly a Great Thing to Spread Irresistibly through the Barbarian Tribes of Europe ... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- D. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the Gospel to Survive the Dark Ages and to Conquer the Vikings... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- E. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the Reformation to Have Reclaimed the True Gospel... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- F. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the Gospel to Have Been Developed Theologically and Lived Out Powerfully by the Puritans... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- G. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the First Great Awakening to Have Revived the Churches in the English-speaking World and Saved Hundreds of Thousands of Souls from the deadness of nominalism in England and the colonies... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- H. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the Moravians and William Carey to Have Caught at Last the Vision for Missions and to Spread Out to the sugar plantations of the Caribbean and the steamy jungles of India... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- I. It is Certainly a Great Thing for English-speaking Missionaries to Have Followed the British Flag Around the World and Won Millions to Christ—for Hudson Taylor to have plunged inland into the unreached millions of China and have reaped a vast harvest of souls... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- J. It is Certainly a Great Thing for the Church of Jesus Christ to Have Flourished and survived the tyranny of communism in eastern Europe and China, so that there are now hundreds of millions of believers in eastern Europe, Russia, and China ... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!

- K. It is Certainly a Great Thing for Cameron Townsend to Have Understood the Need to Translate the Bible into the Heart Language of Tribal Groups Around the World and thus Started Wycliffe Bible Translators so that the whole Bible has been completely translated into over 450 languages, and almost 2500 portions—thus covering 95% of the world’ population ... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- L. It is Certainly a Great Thing for Missiologists to have identified the concept of an unreached people group in 1982, and that the number of unreached people groups has steadily decreased in our day--... But It is Insufficient Glory for the Son of God!!
- M. God has planned an infinite glory for His Son

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VI. Application: Christ’s Mission Becomes Our Marching Orders

A. Amazing Insight from Paul’s Interpretation of Isaiah 49 in Acts 13

1. Isaiah 49 is God the Father speaking to God the Son

Isaiah 49:5-6 And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

a. BUT JESUS passed it onto us

John 20:21 Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

b. Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch to angry Jews:

Acts 13:46-47 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

- c. NOTE: they said, "This is what the Lord has commanded US..." even though the commission was to Jesus, not to them
- d. But Jesus' mission was now their marching orders... it was what the Lord had commanded THEM!!!
- e. The next two verses is priceless:

Acts 13:48-49 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

- f. Questions: Do you see it this way as well? Do you think it is your mission in life to make certain that Jesus is the light of the Gentiles? Are you strategizing to make Him the light of the Gentiles and to take His salvation to the ends of the earth?

B. What Is God Calling Us To Do?

1. Increase our spiritual engagement in the Great Commission
2. Increase the number of times per month, times per week, even times per day that we think about the unreached people groups of the world
3. Increase our knowledge of the state of missions in the 10-40 window
4. Increase our delight in the changing face of missions
 - a. Delight in the fact that there has been such tremendous growth in the Kingdom of Christ in Latin America, Africa, and Asia
 - b. Delight in the fact that, while the Christian faith is weaker in Europe because of post-modernism, materialism, and atheism,

Christianity is stronger in the southern hemisphere because of the grace of God in the gospel

- c. Delight in the fact that, more and more we are seeing the Great Commission as being carried out “from every nation, to every nation”; every nation is becoming a mission-sending nation
 - d. Delight in the fact that today, nearly 70% of the world’s mission force is from the non-Western world; that in Korea 110 years ago, there were less than 20,000 Christians and today, South Korea is very likely the primary mission-sending nation in the world, with 21,500 missionaries sent to 175 nations
 - e. Delight in the movement in Brazil to reach out powerfully and effectively with the gospel, as Steven and Emily Gillum made plain—that Brazilian people are extremely effective as cross-cultural missionaries
5. Do more than delight and study and learn, though
- a. Let’s make 2013 the year of greatest support of our missionary units on the field in East Asia and other parts of the world; Andy Winn and Kyle Mercer got to visit those folks and encourage them...
 - b. Every Home Fellowship has adopted a missionary unit that we know at FBC; let’s intensify our support for them
6. Let’s strategize about how to reach the lost of the world; let’s make nations a more consistent focus of prayer from the pulpit, in Home Fellowships, in men’s and women’s discipleship groups, in family devotions

C. Giving to Lottie Moon: Goal--\$120,000

D. Total Embracing of FBCs Specific Mission Work (Andy Winn)