

**Why Are We Here? The Big Picture...**

- I. I am here by invitation, as are all of you. No, not Jon Courson's invitation. You were invited and enticed by the Holy Spirit of God.
  - A. As we have all responded to the same invitation, we likely have a few things in common...
    - 1. We share a common Lord... Jesus Christ.
    - 2. We share a common Goal... Participation in the fulfilment of the Great Commission.
    - 3. We share a common Passion... Make Christ know where he is unknown.
  - B. Yet we are each unique, original works of Art crafted by God himself (Phil. 2:13 and Eph. 2:10).
    - 1. Let me tell you my story...
    - 2. I hope to hear many of your stories.
- II. I am also here because I am very concerned about something that you are likely concerned about as well...
  - A. Turn with me to the Book of Jonah, chapter 4.

Notes:

- III. I believe we are all concerned about the Lost and have come here to become more fruitful and faithful servants of God. As such I believe the Lord will be leading us deeper into the **greatest** yet oft **neglected** mission ever commanded.
  - A. When we are truly concerned, we act.
  - B. So, let me share with you now a key that motivates my action/my service every single day...  
**perspective.**

C. Teaching: Myopic Me: God's Perspective or Mine?

1. "Perspective" defined...
2. I must admit that my view of the world and God's work in it is changing...
  - a. Initial exposure to mission work in 1984...
  - b. Work amongst Miskito Indians and Garifunas of Honduras...
  - c. "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course...
  - d. Work amongst the Fulani of Nigeria...
  - e. Work amongst the Mayangna of Nicaragua...
  - f. Work as a coach and discipler of others...
3. Texts on "God's Perspective"
  - a. Jeremiah 1:11,12.
  - b. 2 Corinthians 4:4,6.
  - c. Mark 8:22-26.
  - d. Acts 9:17-20.
  - e. I Corinthians 13:9-12.
  - f. Hebrews 4:12,13.
  - g. 1 John 2:12-14.
  - h. I Corinthians 2:9-3:3.

IV. So, I will be sharing in the coming weeks some of the core material from the Perspectives Course, and entitling the lectures:

**Perspectives on Mission as Motivation for Action**

V. Key Q's:

- a. What is the largest mass of lost people in the world?
- b. In what ways do we consider them like the Jews considered the Assyrians?
- c. Am I vulnerable to Biblical and Spiritual "blind spots"?
- d. How can I discover those blind spots?

VI. Handouts: ***Class Overview, Class Survey, Great Commission Challenge, Perspectives Course Topics, The World in 10 People, The Journey Lesson 1.***