

## Missionaries – Part 1

### The Missionary Nature of God

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: The Missionary Nature of God

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) God created man and woman in His image
  - a) Genesis 1:26-28 What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
    - i) 1 John 4:8; John 3:16
    - ii) Matthew 22:37-40
  - b) Why is it important to know that our lives are inextricably connected to God? Acts 17:28; Col. 1:16-17
- 2) Created with freedom to choose
  - a) Genesis 2:15-17
  - b) Why do you think God created human beings with freedom to choose (free will)?
  - c) How can we be sure we are using this sacred gift in the right way? 1 Cor. 10:31; Prov. 14:12
- 3) The choice to disobey God
  - a) Genesis 3:6-7
  - b) How was Satan able to deceive Adam and Eve into thinking that disobeying God was a good idea? Genesis 3:1-5
- c) Why was disobeying God’s clear instruction such a tragic mistake? Romans 6:12,17-18, 23a
- d) How can we be certain God isn’t a mean tyrant just waiting to kill anyone who disobeys Him?
- 4) God’s plan to save us
  - a) Genesis 3:9 – the first missionary seeking the lost
  - b) John 1:1-3, 14 – the missionary God comes in the flesh
  - c) What was the mission of Jesus?
    - i) Luke 19:10
    - ii) John 3:17
    - iii) John 3:14-16
    - iv) Isaiah 53:4-6
    - v) 2 Cor. 5:21
  - d) In the plan of salvation, we also have a choice to make – John 3:16. Share your testimony of when you made the personal decision to accept the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus as your Savior.
  - e) How can we help people to see their need of salvation?
- 5) Sent out as missionaries in Jesus’ name
  - a) John 20:21
  - b) Salt of the earth – Matthew 5:13
    - i) What is our role as salt of the earth?
  - c) Light of the world – Matthew 5:14-16
    - i) What is our role as the light of the world?
    - ii) John 8:12; 1 Peter 2:9
  - d) Share an experience where you went out as a missionary in Jesus’ name. How did that experience impact your life and the lives of those around you?