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TEEN LESSON 3

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The focus of this lesson is on God's scattering of the nations. Genesis 11:1-9 details this historical and pivotal event. In fact, the Bible is the only true source for historic information about the scattering of the nations and the instantaneous confounding of language. While the Bible records **how** the language was confounded and the nations were subsequently scattered, we may wonder if it also explains **why** it occurred. As we study further, we will learn God's ultimate design behind scattering the nations.

READ EZEKIEL 6:8; 11:16-20; 36:23-28

The scattering process positions man for _____ with God. Scripture clearly declares God's love for all men and that He desires to restore man in fellowship with Him. When nations (especially Israel) fell into wicked idolatry, God judged them for their sins. Although God's judgment was swift and hard, He always did two things. These are shown in Ezekiel 6:8. What are they? _____

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What two results of scattering and restoration are seen in Ezekiel 11:19-20?

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According to Ezekiel 36:23, what happens when God's people are sanctified and restored? _____

READ MARK 4:3, 14, 20; PSALM 126:5-6

God also restores man's fellowship with Himself by the scattering of His Word (the Seed). God desires His Word to be sown, scattered, broadcasted, preached, proclaimed, printed, and published.

In Mark 4:14, what did the sower sow (scatter)? _____

According to verse 20, what happened to the seed which was sown on good ground? _____

What promise does God give to the sower in Psalm 126:5? _____

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Not only does God use the scattering of the nations and the scattering of His Word to restore man's fellowship with Himself, but He also uses the scattering of His servants.

Whom did God send, or scatter, in the following verses?

Jonah 1:1-2 _____

Matthew 28:19-20 _____

John 3:16-17 _____

Acts 8:1 _____

Acts 8:26 _____

Acts 13:1-3 _____

According to Acts 8:4, what was the result of God's servants being scattered?

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In studying the word "scatter" or "scattered," there is a common conclusion that surfaces: that _____ might know _____. God scattered the nations with a greater purpose in mind—that the world would have a holy recognition of Him.

READ EZEKIEL 12:15; 30:26; 38:23; PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

What common phrase concludes these verses in Ezekiel? _____

_____ (This phrase is found 24 times in the Book of Ezekiel.)

According to Philippians 2:10-11, what two things will every human do?

_____ _____

As we contemplate the daunting assignment to reach all nations, we are tempted to be overwhelmed. However, this matter of the nations is God's project and we are able to rest in His capable hands in quiet obedience. Taking the Gospel to the Unreached ensures more glory to His name. It should not be the motive of obedience to the Great Commission alone that draws us to the nations, but rather a delighting in what brings God pleasure. Making God famous among the scattered nations should be the first and final goal of missions. While millions of people remain unreached, having no Bible in their own language and not one Gospel-preaching church among them, we must ask ourselves, **"What are we going to do to reach the nations today?"**