#### **"REPOSITIONED FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT IN THE NATIONS"**

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#### INTRODUCTION

GLCBAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

The theme for this conference is **"Repositioned for Maximum Impact in the Nations,**" and it hopes to empower participants and the nations they represent for a massive global evangelization and discipleship.



#### GOD AND THE NATIONS

God is a God of the nations. Scripture reveals God's intent, interest, love, and eternal plan for the nations.





#### GOD AND THE NATIONS

## God created the nations (Acts 17:26)

God wants the nations to seek Him (Acts 17:27)

God wants the nations to worship and serve Him (Mal. 1:11)



#### THE NATIONS UNDER SIEGE



Sin entered and corrupted the nations, staggering them from God's plan. Romans 5:12



Satan aims for the nations: Daniel 3:4-6 | Revelations 12:9



#### **GOD'S SALVATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONS**



The nations are to be justified by faith (Gal. 3:8, 14) 2 The nations are to

be saved through the preaching of the Gospel (Lk. 24:47) 3

The nations are to be discipled so they worship and serve God (Matt, 28:19)





We are witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ to the nations. We preach the Gospel among the nations



We disciple the nations to serve God in line with God's original plan.

**OUR PLACE** IN GOD'S SALVATION **PLAN FOR** THE NATIONS (Matt. 28:19)



#### **OUR NEEDED REPOSITIONING** Repositioning is ...

A divine act: God repositions us in various nations, spheres, and places to bring transformation. A personal act: An intrapersonal change process that catapults us to higher effectiveness in what we do.



#### Repositioning

Is taking sincere introspection of yourself to know where you fall short and where you have to do better despite the appellations the world may be singing for you

Is re-examining yourself carefully to ensure that the light in you is not darkness

Is an indication of a quest for excellence

Is a burning desire for a better future



#### Repositioning



Is to rebrand, to revamp, or to rediscover



Is a desire to achieve the goal for which Christ has called us as a church and as individuals

It is a holy zeal to take over all available spaces for the Lord



It is for maximum impact.



Reflections



Repositioning is a necessary inward reorientation needed to produce better results.

If we will succeed as co-workers with God in rescuing the nations from the siege of the enemy, we need to be repositioned!

This conference is calling for a repositioning that will lead to making maximum impact in the nations.

Reflections



What changes do I need to make to be more committed to sharing the Gospel and discipling the nations?

### What contributions can I bring on board in possessing the nations?

Reflections



How do I bring the people I lead into meaningful engagement in winning the lost?

How does this whole thing trickle down into my daily life, how do I venture to share the gospel with the people I meet in everyday life, knowing there are nations inside each individual person I meet?

#### MAXIMUM IMPACT

Impact is the impression left after a forceful collision between two objects.



To have impact on someone is to have a strong effect on him or her after you have interacted with them.





#### Degrees of Impact

Minimal impact

Average impact

Severe impact

Maximum impact (Our Goal)



#### APOSTLE PAUL AND MAXIMUM IMPACT (1 THESS. 2:17-20)

#### Background

• A riot rises against Paul and Silas in Thessalonica, almost making them lose their lives. They are forced to flee. Their access to the church was blocked.

Paul's concern makes him send Timothy to check on the believers in Thessalonioca. Being a Greek Timothy would find it easier making the trip. Timothy's encouraging feedback makes Paul write 1 Thessalonians to encourage the believers and to urge them to continue strong in the Lord.



### Core Message of 2:17-20

 Paul demonstrated great affection for the Thessalonian believers who had come to know the Lord Jesus Christ through his ministry.

• He knew they were his hope, joy, and the crown in which he would glory in the presence of the Lord Jesus when he comes.



#### Two Insights from Apostle Paul in this Text:



#### Insight 1: Maximum Impact:

When going there by himself was not possible, Paul sent Timothy, a Greek disciple who would have ease entering Thessalonica.

Paul used letter writing, a channel that could not be stopped by anyone, to achieve his goal.



#### Repositioning in ministry demands innovating workable strategies to advance the ministry against all odds.



Insight 2: The Product of Our Ministry Will Determine our Eternal Rewards Paul revealed that the Thessalonians made up the hope he had for a future reward from the Lord.

They defined the joy he would have on the appearing of the Lord. (That day our joy will be determined by how God is happy with our work)

They would inform the crown of glory Paul would be given when Jesus appears



#### As the Thessalonians were to Paul so must the nations be to us. The nations must be our priority, our joy and hope, and the promise of the crown we will be given by the Lord on His coming.





# We must therefore keep a ministry focus on the nations. The world must be our parish.



#### Keeping a focus on the world:

# In the words of the Messianic servant of the Lord penned down by Isaiah in Isaiah 49:1-3,6

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken 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."
  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 my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."



#### CONCLUSION: OUR CALL TO THE NATIONS



The prophetic destiny of the nations and the opportunity it gives us for ministry (Rev. 21:23-24)



The nations have a prophetic place in the end time arrangements of God. They have a place in God's eschatological vision.



### **CONCLUSION: OUR CALL TO THE NATIONS**

There are slots for the nations in the New Jerusalem, the question is: "Who will tend them in?" There is a ministry space in God's prophetic arrangements for the nations, and it is that space we want to fill as The Church of Pentecost and PENSA International.

#### CONCLUSION: OUR CALL TO THE NATIONS

Like Apostle Paul, we should love the nations, we should yearn for them, and we should strive over and again to go to them with the ministry the Lord has given us, irrespective of the devil's opposition. For they can be our joy, our hope, and the crown in which we will glory when Jesus comes.



#### God bless you all

