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## INTRODUCTION

## Part 3 - God's Plan: To Reach All the Nations

The word gospel means good news, but it is so much more than just good news! The gospel is better, greater and more encompassing than most of us realize. It is God's eternal story, spanning pages of the Bible and reaching out to the present day. It's a story in which God wants us to play an active part.

*On the Move* is a series covering the good news from A to Z.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt like you were an outsider? How did it make you feel?
2. Do you think that Christians sometimes make others feel like outsiders? Explain your answer. Why is it important that we love and accept people where they are?
3. Have you ever had the opportunity to share your faith with someone else? Explain what happened. How did the other person respond to the message?
4. Read Luke 4:16-22. By way of review, why do you think people had trouble believing Jesus was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy?
5. Read Luke 4:23-30. Why do you think Jesus didn't perform a lot of miracles in Nazareth like he did in Capernaum? Wouldn't that have helped people to believe?
6. Why were the people so upset with Jesus? Why do you think Jesus didn't take a more gentle approach with his audience?
7. Read Genesis 12:1-3; Psalm 67:1-2, and 1 Timothy 2:1-6. How do we know God has always had a plan to reach both Jews and gentiles with the gospel?
8. How do you think we can become more effective at sharing our faith?
9. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

## APPLICATION

God's plan has always been to use one nation to reach all the nations, and this is a part of His good news! When we look into the words of the Bible, we can see that it has always been God's plan to include both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) among the nations of the world that would call Him "Savior." God's desire is for the whole world to know Him and experience the forgiveness of sins through Christ.

As believers in Christ, we are called to make disciples and share His good news with others. As believers in Christ, God wants to shine through our lives in such a way that people are won to Him, including those who might be different than we are.

## KEY VERSES

Ephesians 2:8-9  
Luke 4:16-30  
Genesis 12:1-3  
Psalm 67:1-2  
1 Timothy 2:1-6  
Matthew 5:14-16