

God's Love for All | Isaiah 18-19
Sermon Discussion Questions
December 9, 2018

1. Pastor Jim began his message by discussing an often misunderstood and bad interpretation of Genesis 9. What is the Hamitic Curse theory and what people group did it directly affect?
2. Often we believe that God only looks over Israel, but that is not true. What does the Bible say about God's care for the African? Read Isaiah 18:1-7 again and discuss what Pastor Jim highlighted about God's love, salvation and rescue for the people of Africa and African descent.
3. Pastor Jim went on to highlight how God's love and care wasn't just for Israelites and Africans, but also for Egyptians and Assyrians. Reflect back on your notes and look at Isaiah 19. What promises and assurances are made to those people groups? How are their stories of rescue and protection similar to Israel's?
4. In Acts 8 we see the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. How does this evangelistic story relate to God's love for other people groups and nations?
5. Pastor Jim provided us with several application points. Take a moment to review and share which was most challenging or encouraging to you. Which of these applications do you feel God drawing you to engage in your own walk?
 - God's involvement in the ending of slavery and rescuing people who are enslaved.
 - God's provision and salvation happening anywhere is cause for the church to celebrate everywhere.
 - God sees all people and their struggles. No one is secondary or less important to God.
 - It is pure joy for all people that God loved us so much that he gave his one and only son to die for us and free us from the bondage of sin. This is true for all people everywhere and is cause for great celebration. Jesus is the proof that God sees you, cares for you and loves you.
6. To close your time together, pray for those still suffering from slavery or practices and ideologies that look at some groups of people as inferior to others. Pray for freedom for and protection of all people. Pray for those looking to minister, evangelize and fight for the lives of the oppressed. Encourage each other and praise God for the gift of Jesus.