

MULTIPLYING HOPE

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? ¹⁴To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the Lord set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (NIV)

Remember that there was a time when you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

God decided to let his people know this rich and glorious secret which he has for all people. This secret is Christ himself, who is in you. He is our only hope for glory.

Colossians 1:27 (NCV)

❖ What God Asks of Us:

1. "Fear the Lord your God"
2. "To walk in all His ways"
3. "To love Him"
4. "To serve Him with all your heart and soul"
5. "To observe the Lord's commands"
6. "To defend the cause of the fatherless and widow"
7. "To love those who are alien"

❖ What God Has Challenged Us to Do:

1. To Multiply Hope... "For those who NEED CHRIST."
But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

- Our Goal: Over the next 7 years to see another 1100 people profess their faith in Christ.

2. To Multiply Hope... "For those in our COMMUNITY."

So Jesus replied to John the Baptist's messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

Luke 7:22 (NIV)

- Our Goal: To start and strengthen our COMMUNITY MINISTRIES.

3. To Multiply Hope... "For the NEXT GENERATION."

One day children were brought to Jesus in the hope that he would lay hands on them and pray over them. The disciples shooed them off. ¹⁴But Jesus intervened: "Let these children alone, don't prevent them from coming to me. God's kingdom is made up of people like these."

Matthew 19:13-14 (MSG)

- Our Goal: To see over 500 Families in Parent Dedication and 500 Students at Chets.

4. To Multiply Hope... "In our RELATIONSHIPS."

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ... ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Acts 2:42,44 (NIV)

- Our Goal: Is to double our Adult LifeGroups from 52 Groups to 104 Groups by 2028.

5. To Multiply Hope... "Through our GENEROSITY."

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

Luke 6:38 (MSG)

- Our Goal: Is for each of us to ask God, "Lord, what is my PART," and then give accordingly.

❖ Closing Challenge: What is your PART in helping us MULTIPLY HOPE around the World?

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

G. – GET alone with God

L. – LISTEN to His leadership and direction

A. – ASK Him what He wants you to do

D. – DO His Will

1. Would you PRAY for God's Wisdom and direction as we continue to Multiply Hope?
2. Would you COMMIT to finishing your commitment helping us reach these goals?
3. Would you CONSIDER making a commitment to Multiply Hope if you haven't?
4. Would you choose to be G.L.A.D. as we move through this campaign together?