

THE WORD *behind the Song*



HOME GROUP SERIES SPRING 2019

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LEARNING / APPLYING (35 minutes)

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Every Nation by Jeremy Moss

This song was birthed out of the 2018 Lighthouse Missions Conference theme, "Every." Our heart for missions at theLighthouse has always been strong. We currently support over 60 missionaries around the globe, as well as those reaching our immediate community. I'm thankful to be a part of a church that is so missions-minded!

This song, "Every Nation" is a prayer for every nation, tribe, tongue, and generation to proclaim the greatness of our God seen in the creation story (Genesis chapters 1 & 2), and His greatness seen in the power of the cross to bring healing to individuals and to nations. It's also a prophetic song, declaring that one day we will join with a multitude of believers, past, present, and future, around the throne of God to declare His greatness. But until then, we must do our part: "Take us to new places..."

Revelation 7:9-10a

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!*"

Read the following lyrics, along with the Scriptures and discuss the corresponding questions.

Verse 1

*You spoke and light was formed
Breathed out and life was born
Your greatness on display
In creation*

Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Questions

- What *greatness* have you observed about our God, in the Creation story? (reference Gen 1 & 2 if needed)
- How do we see the "eternal power" and the "divine nature" of God in creation?

Verse 2

*The power of God displayed
In our brokenness remade
There's healing in Your name
For the nations*

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Questions

- What *greatness* or *power* of God do you find in the salvation story?
- Why should this cause us to no be ashamed of the gospel?
- Where have you seen God's power in *your* salvation story?

Chorus

*Every nation, tongue, and tribe
Every generation glorify
All of creation testify
of Your great name
of Your great name*

Psalms 96:1-4

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.*

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Questions

- What nation, tongue, tribe, or generation has God laid upon your heart to pray for?
- How can you better “testify of [His] great name?”
- Close your eyes and try to imagine that scene in heaven as someone in your group reads Revelation 7:9-10. What strikes you most as you envision that scene?

Bridge

*Take us to new places
Show us new faces
Wherever your grace is
Is where I wanna be
Telling Your story
Showing Your glory
Giving Your hope
To those in need*

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Closing Thoughts/Questions

The bridge of a song is often times a turning point, a twist on the message of the song, or a response to what we've been singing. What's your response to the entirety of this song and the Scriptures we've studied? Is it your prayer to “take us to new places and show us new faces?” If so, spend some time within your group praying for the nations, and also praying for each of us; that our response would be a selfless “Giving [His] hope to those in need.”

