## Missions Motivation At the Center of God's Heart Dr. Mark Young

Everyone starts somewhere when they think about God. Where do you start?

How would it change the way you think about God, if you started with the <u>Bible</u>, not just the parts that we like but the <u>whole Bible</u>?

- The Bible isn't just a book of random speculation about God.
- The Bible isn't just a handbook for happy living.
- The Bible is THE story of <u>human history</u> and <u>human destiny</u>. It is THE story of God's <u>purpose</u> and <u>engagement</u> with humanity.
- All that we know about God, we know through his engagement with us.

"What's that book about?"

- The Bible is a redemption story.
  - o Redemption is God's act of rescue and restoration.
    - The Fall
    - Exodus
    - Christ
    - Consummation
- The Bible is a mission story.
  - o God creates a people through whom all people can find redemption in Him.
    - Israel
    - Church

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At the Center of our Heart