SO WHAT

- For you, what is the "Great Commission" and how does it affect you?
- Mike Stachura said, "The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- Name one way you can spread the gospel to other nations.

NOW WHAT

- Have you answered the call to "go and make disciples of all nations?" Share your experience. If not, what is hindering you to respond?
- How do you want to get involved in missions (pray, give, go)?
- Are you willing to share the gospel to those most resistant (e.g. Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist)? What options are available for you to help reach these people for Jesus?

PRAYER

- Pray for every believer to respond to the call to "go and make disciples of all nations" by going, giving, and praying.
- Pray for churches to actively get involved in reaching the nations by sending short-term mission teams and supporting long-term missionaries.
- Think of people around you who are resistant to the gospel. Ask God to give you practical ways to reach out to them in His love this week.

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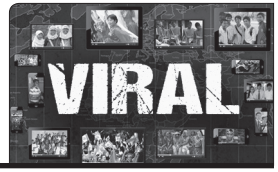
WEEK 1

Every Nation



NOTES

CONNECT

- Name your favorite song, photo, or video that has gone viral in the last year.
- If you have the power to create good "virus" that would infect all the people in the world today, what would it be? Why?
- What is one current fad you hope will become obsolete in five years?

WORD

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. ACTS 6:7

WHAT

The Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" is not a call for a chosen few but a call to all who believe and follow Jesus Christ. When the early believers realized this, the passion to spread the gospel to all nations became contagious and this caused the church to grow, multiply, and spread throughout the world. We, too, are called to go "viral"—to pass on to others the Good News. What happens when we take hold and focus on fulfilling the Great Commission?

1 The Word of God will reach more people.

So the Word of God spread . . . ACTS 6:7

Each of us has been given a purpose to fulfill—to go and make disciples of all nations. When we respond to God's call of sharing His Word, He Himself will fulfill that call. No matter how overwhelming the task seems to be, His Word will not go back to Him void or empty (Isaiah 55:11). The gospel will surely spread as we answer the call. In what ways are you obeying God's call to spread His Word right now?

2 The number of believers will greatly increase.

. . . The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly . . . ACTS 6:7

As we have been touched by God's love and faithfulness, we cannot but spread the gospel (Acts 1:8). As we continue to obey Him by sharing the gospel, praying for, and giving to the nations, He is faithful to increase the number of His followers (1 Corinthians 3:6). Ultimately, it is God who causes the church to grow. What role are you playing right now in fulfilling the Great Commission: are you praying, giving, or going? Who are you reaching out to beyond your church and community?

3 There is hope for those who resist the gospel.

. . . a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. ACTS 6:7

Not only will the followers of Jesus understand the Great Commission, but also those who are difficult to reach out to. God will turn their hearts of stone into a heart of flesh and will later on reach out the lost, too (Ezekiel 36:26). In the book of Acts, the Jewish priests were persecuting the Church and yet they became obedient to the faith. Have you experienced sharing God's Word to people who did not respond rivght away? What did you do? How can you share the gospel to them?