

Discussion Questions for “God’s Heart for the Nations”
Various Passages, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of July 4th & 5th, 2026

Sermon Outline

1. God has a heart for the nations.
 - a. Acts 1:8
 - b. Isaiah 49:6
 - c. Revelation 7:9-10
2. God has a calling for the nations.
 - a. Romans 13:1-3
 - b. Isaiah 5:20
3. God has a prayer for the nations.
 - a. 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:3-4

How to pray for our nation:

- Pray with both supplications and thanksgivings (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Pray for all people and our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Pray that our government would call good, “good,” and evil, “evil” (Isaiah 5:20).
- Pray that we might live peaceful and quiet lives (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Pray that all would find salvation in Jesus Christ (Isaiah 49:6, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Revelation 7:9-10).

Sermon Questions

1. Read Acts 1:8.
 - a. What calling does our Lord Jesus set upon us?
 - b. How can you, personally, live out that calling?
2. Read Isaiah 49:6.
 - a. What divine calling has been set upon Jesus?
 - b. What impact does it make upon you to learn this?
3. Read Revelation 7:9-10.
 - a. How does this passage give you hope?
 - b. Try to put yourself in the shoes of your brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe. How might this passage give them hope, too?

(Questions continue on next page.)

4. Read Romans 13:1-3.
 - a. According to the Bible, what is the government's responsibility toward us?
 - b. According to the Bible, what is our responsibility toward the government?

5. Read Isaiah 5:20. It may not seem like so, at first, but how does this passage complement what we read in Romans 13:1-3?

6. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.
 - a. How does this passage *correct* the way you pray?
 - b. How does this passage *teach* you to pray?
 - c. How does this passage *affirm* how you've been praying?

7. On this 250th birthday of America, take time in your LIFE Groups to pray for our nation – praying as the Scriptures we've studied this week have taught us.

8. Any other takeaways from these passages or this message?