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Evening Worship Sermon Notes  
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**“WORLD MISSIONS IN THE LAST DAYS”**

Luke 19:12-13

[*Pew Bible p.771*]

Thinking about the missionary challenge and the soon return of Jesus Christ, what should motivate us to involve ourselves even more in the fulfillment of the Great Commission? Is that spiritual need of our generation more urgent than the need of any other generation before ours? Thinking about our Lord Jesus Christ, what were His instructions left for His followers throughout all of the history of the church in terms of anticipating His coming? (I John 2:28-3:3; Luke 19:11-13) See the following motives as those which always have formed a basis for our missionary ministry.

**I. Motives Based On External Factors**

A. The material condition of the lost

B. The moral condition of the lost

C. The spiritual condition of the lost

- Sons of disobedience – Eph. 2:2; 5:6
- Children of wrath – Eph. 2:3
- Without Christ...having no hope and without God in the world – Ephesians 2:12
- Dead in trespasses and sins – Eph. 2:1, 5

**II. Motives that come from a consideration of Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him**

A. Loyalty – Acts 2:22-24 32, 36; 4:10-12, 26-30

B. Gratitude

C. Love – John 3:16; Eph. 5:25; Rom. 5:8; I John 3:16; John 14:15; 21:15

**III. Positive Steps To Take**

A. Inform yourself – How much do we know about our world and its needs?

B. Prepare yourself

C. Involve yourself

D. Multiply yourself