

## So what is *Perspectives*?

*Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* is a Christian education course designed to help believers learn more about God's heart for all nations and how believers worldwide can play an active role in the Great Commission. It is currently offered in over 200 locations each year around the USA with many more locations worldwide. Since 1974, more than 80,000 believers in North America have experienced the *Perspectives* course. In 15 lessons, you'll engage personally with a range of dynamic speakers. Weekly readings and study will help you dig even deeper. Join thousands of others in one of 200 locations.

## Who runs *Perspectives*?

The *Perspectives Study Program* is a ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

*Perspectives* is run locally around the country by teams of volunteers, usually alumni, who have been personally impacted by *Perspectives*. It is coordinated regionally and supported behind the scenes by a national office.

*Perspectives* is hosted by various churches or non-profits around the country. Usually local coordinators try to have *Perspectives* hosted by a different church each year, because it is not owned or operated by a local church.

## 15 Lessons

*Perspectives* classes meet one night a week for 15 weeks. Each session is about 3 hours, including breaks.

## What happens each week?

Different instructors from around the country come to teach the classes appropriate to their areas of expertise and experience.

Classes normally have two one-hour teaching sessions with a break in the middle, and some time at the beginning and end to review last week's and preview next week's lessons.

Teaching formats vary each week depending on the instructor's personality. It is not uncommon to have small group discussions, short videos, moving testimonies, Q&A, and teaching.

## Course Materials

*Perspectives Reader* is a compilation of hundreds of pointed articles written by men and women from various backgrounds, denominations, and ministries. It is a unique collection that helps you grasp what God has done and is doing around the world and how you can be involved.

*Perspectives Study Guide* is a workbook with homework/quizzes and personal response sheets to help you learn and apply what you've read and heard.

See more information at [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

## Perspectives Class Summaries

1. [The Living God is a Missionary God](#) — God's purpose is three-fold: for God (global glory in worship); against evil (kingdom victory); and for the nations (redemption and blessing).
2. [The Story of His Glory](#) — Exploring God's purpose for Himself: How God has been steadily unfolding a plan throughout all nations.
3. [Your Kingdom Come](#) — Exploring God's purpose regarding evil: How God has accomplished a defeat of evil powers.
4. [Mandate for the Nations](#) — Jesus' great strategic interest in Gentiles and a wise strategic focus by initiating a global mission. Dealing with the ideas of pluralism (all religions equally valid) and universalism (all persons saved).
5. [Unleashing the Gospel](#) — A foundational act of God that speaks to the situations where the gospel is hindered today.
6. [The Expansion of the Christian Movement](#) — An overview of the largest and the longest-running movement ever in history—the world Christian movement.
7. [Eras of Mission History](#) — The greatest explosion of growth ever has taken place in last 200 years in three "bursts" of activity.
8. [Pioneers of the World Christian Movement](#) — Writings of William Carey and other leaders help to discern what these people have left us. See the contribution of women in missions throughout the centuries.
9. [The Task Remaining](#) — Understanding the concept of "unreached peoples" and to recognize the imbalance of mission resources that shape strategic priorities. See the opportunity for urban mission.
10. [How Shall They Hear?](#) — Communicating the gospel with relevance at the worldview level helps avoid syncretism (blending of cultural error with God's truth).
11. [Building Bridges of Love](#) — How missionaries can take on appropriate roles in order to communicate with credibility for understanding, and to form relationships of trust and respect which develop a sense of belonging.
12. [Christian Community Development](#) — Dynamic balance of evangelism and social action. Healing the wounds of the world between the peoples.
13. [The Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches](#) — Look beyond institutional features of churches to understand churches as dynamic movements of Christ Himself. Such a view of churches as organic, living things opens up the practicality of seeing them flourish in society bearing the fruit of social transformation.
14. [Pioneer Church Planting](#) — How the breakthrough of the gospel in an unreached people group requires that the gospel be "de-Westernized".
15. [A World Christian Discipleship](#) — Be a "World Christian". Going, sending, welcoming and mobilizing. The essential disciplines of World Christian discipleship: community, giving, praying and learning. Short-term mission. Welcoming international visitors.