

## God's heart for the nations, Part II

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Week two

What is God's ultimate passion? Not His only passion, but what is His chief end? When everything is eliminated but one, what is His central motivation?

### **READ: EZEKIEL 20:5-14**

What was God's offer to Israel? What was Israel's response to His offer? Can you imagine choosing idols over God? But, we do! HOLY SPIRIT, open my eyes and reveal to me how I have chosen slavery over freedom and idols over the one true God. Why did God deliver Israel from captivity? (Also read: 2 Samuel 7:22-23)

### **READ: PSALM 106:7-12; ISAIAH 63:11-14**

As the Egyptian chariots were attacking the Israelites trapped by the Red Sea, what was the people's reaction? Why did God rescue them?

Have you experienced attitudes and reactions toward God like the Israelites? How has God shown his love to you even during times of your apathy or rebellion? Why do you think He did this? (See Psalm 106:8 and Isaiah 63:14b) What would be an appropriate reaction to God's love?