I. I am here by invitation, as are all of you. No, not Jon Courson’s invitation. You were invited and enticed by the Holy Spirit of God.

A. As we have all responded to the same invitation, we likely have a few things in common…
   1. We share a common Lord… Jesus Christ.
   2. We share a common Goal… Participation in the fulfilment of the Great Commission.
   3. We share a common Passion… Make Christ known where he is unknown.

B. Yet we are each unique, original works of Art crafted by God himself (Phil. 2:13 and Eph. 2:10).
   1. Let me tell you my story…
   2. I hope to hear many of your stories.

II. I am also here because I am very concerned about something that you are likely concerned about as well…

A. Turn with me to the Book of Jonah, chapter 4.

   Notes:

III. I believe we are all concerned about the Lost and have come here to become more fruitful and faithful servants of God. As such I believe the Lord will be leading us deeper into the greatest yet oft neglected mission ever commanded.

   A. When we are truly concerned, we act.

   B. So, let me share with you now a key that motivates my action/my service every single day… perspective.
C. Teaching: Myopic Me: God's Perspective or Mine?

1. "Perspective" defined…

2. I must admit that my view of the world and God's work in it is changing…
   a. Initial exposure to mission work in 1984…
   b. Work amongst Miskito Indians and Garifunas of Honduras…
   c. "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course…
   d. Work amongst the Fulani of Nigeria…
   e. Work amongst the Mayangna of Nicaragua…
   f. Work as a coach and discipler of others…

3. Texts on "God's Perspective"
   a. Jeremiah 1:11,12.
   b. 2 Corinthians 4:4,6.
   e. I Corinthians 13:9-12.
   g. 1 John 2:12-14.
   h. I Corinthians 2:9-3:3.

IV. So, I will be sharing in the coming weeks some of the core material from the Perspectives Course, and entitling the lectures:

*Perspectives on Mission as Motivation for Action*

V. Key Q’s:

   a. What is the largest mass of lost people in the world?
   b. In what ways do we consider them like the Jews considered the Assyrians?
   c. Am I vulnerable to Biblical and Spiritual “blind spots”?
   d. How can I discover those blind spots?