EVANGELIS'M APOLOGETIC'S' AND MISSIONS

Proverbs 11:30

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Gospel = euangelion "good + news"

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GOD LOVES YOU.	EREMLAH 31.3 / 1 JOHN 4.8-10
GOD HATES SIN. PS	SALM 5-5 / PROVERBS 6-16-19
EVEN IF YOU ARE A "GOOD" PERSON	PROVERBS 21.2
YOU HAVE NOT LIVED A PERFECT LIFE.	1 JOHN 1-8
	SIASTES 7-20 / ROMANS 3-23
YOUR SIN HAS SEPARATED YOU FROM G	GOD. ISAIAH 59:2
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	ROMANS 4:25 / 1 PETER 3:18
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AND BY HIS RESURRECTION DEATH IS D	EFEATED. JOHN 11.25
THIS OF THE TALL.	PHESIANS 2.8 / ROMANS 3.24
YOU COULD NEVER DESERVE IT.	GALATIANS 2-16
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	2 CORINTHIANS 5-18
AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVE	N. JOHN 5:24

ROMANS ROAD

TO SALVATION

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

We receive eternal life as a free gift!

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God demonstrated His love for us, His enemies.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We must trust and surrender to Jesus as Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A sinner's prayer for forgiveness

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Our assurance of salvation through Jesus

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.



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MARK 4 THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

4 Types of Soil



What does this parable teach concerning...

a) the reasons why even the teaching of Jesus failed to produce fruit in the lives of many of the hearers?

b) the method by which the kingdom comes in this present age?

c) the criteria by which true success is measured in gospel preaching?

WAY OF THE MASTER

The "Way of the Master" evangelism method is a technique which seeks to witness to the lost by application of the Mosaic Law to show men their sin and ultimately bring them to conviction and subsequent repentance.

Way of the Master witness encounters are typically initiated with the question:

"Do you consider yourself to be a good person?"

When the individual answers positively, the evangelist will walk him or her systematically through the Law:

"How many lies do you think you have told in your life? Have you ever stolen something, irrespective of its value? Have you ever taken the Lord's name in vain? Have you ever looked at a man/woman with lust?"

This is followed by a brief summation of the individual's admissions and the question is asked concerning the individual's eternal wellbeing:

"In light of your own admission, if God were to judge you by the standard of the ten commandments, do you think you would be found innocent or guilty and would you be going to heaven or hell?"

This is followed by a summary of the key elements of the gospel, with particular emphasis on doctrines such as propitiation and the need for faith and repentance.

Biblical support for the method

Romans 3:19-20

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, **through the law we become conscious of sin**."

Galatians 3:24-25

"...**the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.** Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law."

Psalm 19:7 "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

When self-examined under the mirror of God's law, man's heart is prepared for the seed of the gospel. If the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the individual to receive truth, the heart of man is then able to understand the message of God's holiness—His justice and perfect righteousness, and the glorious salvation made available through the sacrificial provision of Jesus Christ.





"Apologetics is the verbal defense of <u>the Faith</u>, for example by dispelling inaccurate stereotypes or by re-presenting <u>doctrine</u> in language that is more accessible to non-believers. The goal of apologetics is to persuasively answer honest objections that keep people from faith in <u>Jesus Christ</u>. Scripture encourages each believer to be an apologist: [But] in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (1 Peter 3:15-16)"

EXAMPLES

GENERAL REVELATION

CREATION (PSALM 19:1-4, ROMANS 1:20) COSMOLOGICAL (UNCAUSED CAUSE, FIRST CAUSE)

- **TELEOLOGICAL** (INTELLIGENT DESIGN)

CONSCIENCE (ROMANS 2:14-15) - MORALITY

SPECIAL REVELATION

CHRIST (HEBREWS 1:1-3) MIRACLES, RESURRECTION

BIBLE (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17) PROPHECIES, WISDOM, LONGEVITY

3 REASONS PEOPLE SHUN THE TRUTH (from J Warner Wallace "Cold Case Christianity")

Some Reject RATIONALLY (RA "SHUN" ALLY)

Sometimes folks simply have rational doubts based on the evidence. You'll recognize this form of resistance when you hear someone say something like, "I need more evidence. I'm not convinced." For those of us who have taken the time to prepare ourselves as good Case Makers, this is the kind of skeptic we are hoping for; someone who's resistance is grounded in a lack of information. Unfortunately this is seldom the kind of person we encounter.

Some Reject EMOTIONALLY (EMO "SHUN" ALLY)

Many people have doubts that are purely emotional. You'll recognize this form of resistance when you hear someone say something like, "I know a lot of hypocritical Christians. If that's what Christianity is about, I want no part of it." Some skeptics have been injured or offended by Christians and now struggle to overcome negative feelings that prevent them from evaluating the case fairly.

Some Reject VOLITIONALLY (VOLI "SHUN" ALLY)

Some people are *willfully* resistant and refuse to accept any argument offered by Christians. In fact, they hate the *idea* of God and all it represents. They are happy running their own life are are stubbornly independent. These people typically say things like, "I don't care if it is true, I'm not changing my life."

If you're a Christian trying to make the case for what you believe, recognize that your jury is filled with *all three kinds of people*, and only the first group will probably be willing to listen to your presentation. Most people seem to actually fall into the third category; their willful resistance to the truth actually prevents them from fairly examining the case for Christianity.



CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity* "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."



Who is Jesus to you? Crui

AMERICAN GOSPEL: CHRIST ALONE



THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

<u>4 PARTS</u>

- As you are going ...
- MAKE DISCIPLES!
- baptizing
- teaching

THE GREAT COMMISSION – The world isn't called to come to the church, but the church to *go to the world* and make disciples (imitators of Jesus) of all nations.

Disciple = *mathetes* (Used 264 times in the Gospels and Acts, it means "a pupil, apprentice, adherent.")

Acts 1:6-8

⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Who is responsible to fulfill these mandates?

THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM



What principles did Jesus (God in flesh) use to make disciples?

- 1. SELECTION
- 2. ASSOCIATION
- **3. CONSECRATION**
- 4. IMPARTATION
- **5. DEMONSTRATION**
- 6. DELEGATION
- 7. SUPERVISION
- 8. REPRODUCTION

1. SELECTION

Mark 3:14

¹⁴ And **He appointed twelve**, so that they would be with Him and that He *could* send them out to preach...

What kind of people did Jesus select?

F<u>aithful</u> A<u>vailable</u> T<u>eachable</u> (Investing in some could be a waste of time if they are not these.)

How many disciples did Jesus have?

<u>12</u>

How many intimate friends did Jesus mostly invest in?

3: Peter, James, and John

What objections/misunderstandings might there be to the principle of selection?

Accused of favoritism, elitism, cliques, non-productive ministry (numbers), neglecting the masses

What is the basis for selection?

- Observation of character
 2 Timothy 2:2 ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- Petition to the Father

Luke 6:12-13 ¹² It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

What is the goal of selection?

REPRODUCTION by multiplication, not addition. We seek, like Jesus, to reach others who will reach others, to make disciple-makers.



2. ASSOCIATION

Mark 3:14

¹⁴ And He appointed twelve, so **that they would be with Him** and that He *could* send them out to preach,

Appointed twelve – the what That they would be with Him – the why

Acts 10:40-42

⁴⁰ God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, **to us who ate and drank with Him** after He arose from the dead. ⁴² And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

What is the goal of association according to the following Scriptures?

Matthew 4:19 - <u>Fishers of men</u> Mark 1:17 – <u>Fishers of men</u> Luke 5:10 – <u>Fishers of men</u>

Is it possible to follow Jesus without being a fisher of men? \underline{No}

In which circumstances did Jesus associate with his disciples? Mark 6:45-52 – <u>boat</u> John 2:1-11 – <u>wedding</u> John 2:13-17 – <u>temple during Passover holiday</u> John 21:1-14 – fishing, on beach

Can you name a person/persons who have taken time to associate with you and develop you into a more mature disciple of Christ? What specific things can you do to apply the principle of association?

3. CONSECRATION

Consecrate = <u>Dedicate to a sacred purpose</u>

John 12:24-25

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his life loses it, and **he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.**

"(Jesus) was training leaders for the kingdom, and if they were going to be fit vessels of service, they were going to have to pay the price." - Robert Coleman

What is required to be consecrated to Christ? Matthew 4:19 – Follow me Mark 10:43-45 – Serving Luke 9:23 – Take up cross daily Luke 10:27 – Love God > love neighbor John 8:31 – Continue in His word John 13:34-35 – Love one another

I want Your will, God. Nothing more, nothing less, nothing else! Identify and forsake idols. Consecration is a crucial time – where you continue or discontinue the journey of discipleship.

What is the price tag for true discipleship according to Luke 14:25-35?

Love everything else LESS, carry a cross, relinquish everything stewardship vs. ownership open hand vs. closed hand

What have you forsaken to follow Jesus?

According to Matthew 19:27-30, what is the reward for being consecrated to Christ?

Receive many times more, eternal life

Jesus wants control over every area of your life.

Match the following areas of consecration with the appropriate Scripture by writing the correct number next to the corresponding topic:

1. 1 Peter 4:10-11
2. Psalm 19:14
3. Matthew 6:19-21
4. Colossians 3:18-21
5. Ephesians 5:15-16
6. Philippians 4:8
7. Acts 1:8
8. 2 Timothy 2:15
9. Philippians 4:6-7
10. Proverbs 24:30-34
11. Proverbs 25:16, 27

List some things that stand in the way of consecration to Christ: <u>sexual immorality (Samson)</u> <u>applause of man (Ananais and Sapphira)</u> <u>worldly pursuits (Demas)</u> <u>lack of trust (Israelites)</u> <u>fear of persecution</u>

4. IMPARTATION

Give yourself away, just as Christ did.

What did Jesus impart to His disciples in the following passages?

John 10:10 – abundant life

John 10:28 - eternal life

John 14:1-3 – promise of eternity with Him, peace

John 14:27 – <u>His peace</u> John 15:11 – <u>His joy</u> John 16:7 – <u>the Holy Spirit</u> John 17:8 – <u>the Word of God</u>

What is the basis for the principle of impartation?

Matthew 10:8 – <u>Recipients of grace should be givers of grace</u>

Who empowered Jesus to impart service to the needs of others? Luke 4:14-18 - <u>The Holy Spirit</u>

Acts 1:8

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

What are we called to impart to others in these verses?

John 15:13 – <u>our life, sacrificial love</u> Romans 12:6-8 – <u>spiritual gifts</u> Ephesians 4:28 – <u>material gifts</u> Ephesians 4:29 - <u>words</u> Colossians 4:3 - <u>prayers</u> 1 Thessalonians 5:14 – <u>help, encourage, console, admonish</u> 2 Timothy 4:2 – <u>preach the Word</u> James 1:27 – <u>help orphans/widows</u> 1 Peter 4:9 - <u>hospitality</u>

5. DEMONSTRATION

John 13:15 "I have given you an example..."

What were some aspects of Christian living exemplified by the Savior? Luke 11:1-11 - Prayer Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 38, 43 – The importance and correct use of Scripture in daily life

He quoted the Old Testament 78 times, the Pentateuch alone 26 times. He quoted from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Jonah, Micah, and Malachi. He referred to the Old Testament as "The Scriptures," "the word of God," and "the wisdom of God."

Mark 1:35-37 - <u>Solitude</u> Mark 10:42-52 - <u>Servanthood</u> John 2:13-17 – <u>Righteous Anger</u> John 4:27 - <u>Impartiality</u> John 13:12-17, 34-35 - <u>Love</u> John 19:25-27 – <u>Care during suffering</u>

How do we see the principle of demonstration in other Scriptures? 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Imitate me, as I imitate Christ Philippians 3:17 – Follow my example Philippians 4:9 – Learned, received, heard, seen in me, practice these things 1 Thessalonians 2:7-10 – Gentle among you, impart our own lives 2 Timothy 1:13 – Sounds words, faith and love Hebrews 13:7 – Ied, spoke the word of God, conduct, imitate their faith

List two people who have made a profound impact on your Christian life. Identify one or two godly virtues they demonstrated before you.

Impartation = tell the truth Demonstration = show the truth



6. DELEGATION

Matthew 10:5

⁵ **These twelve Jesus sent out** after instructing them: "Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans;

Identify some duties Jesus delegated to the disciples:

Luke 9:1-6 – <u>12 disciples</u>, preach and heal – notice the detailed <u>delegation</u>

Luke 10:1-16 – <u>70 sent out, 2 by 2 – notice the detail again</u> Luke 19:29-35 – <u>2 disciples, get the colt – notice the detail again</u> Luke 22:8-13 – <u>2 disciples, prepare the Passover – notice the detail</u>

"Christian disciples are sent men and women—sent out in the same work of world evangelism to which the Lord was sent, and for which he gave his life. Evangelism is not an optional accessory to our life. It is the heartbeat of all that we are called to be and do. It is the commission of the church that gives meaning to all else that is undertaken in the name of Christ. With this purpose clearly in focus, everything that is done and said has glorious fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose-educational institutions, social programs, hospitals, church meetings of any kind-everything done in the name of Christ has its justification in fulfilling this mission...But it is not enought to make this an idea. It must be given tangible expression by those who are following the Savior. The best way to be sure that this is done is to give practical work assignments and expect them to be carried out. This gets men started, and where they already have seen their work demonstrated in the life of their teacher, there is no reason why the assignment cannot be completed. When the church takes this lesson to heart, and gets down to business with evangelism then those in the pew will soon start moving out for God."

-Robert Coleman



"Lifestyle evangelism"

7. SUPERVISION

"Jesus made it a point to get His disciples following their tours of service to hear their reports and to share with them the blessedness of His ministry in doing the same thing. In this sense, one might say that His teaching rotated between instruction and assignment. What time He was with them, He was helping them to understand the reason for some previous action or getting them ready for some new experience. His questions, illustrations, warning and admonitions were calculated to bring out those things that they needed to know in order to fulfill His work, which was the evangelization of the world."

- Robert Coleman

Jesus' check-ups were calculated to bring about the best in His disciples.

Draw a line to match the following principles with their concepts:

Supervision	Example
Demonstration	Assignment
Delegation	Constant check-up

How is supervision seen in the following passage? Mark 6:30 – Reported all they had done and taught Mark 8:14-21 – Reviewing after the miracle of the feeding Mark 9:14-29 – These kind only come out thru prayer Mark 9:38-42 – Don't prevent other disciples Luke 9:51-56 – Rebuke of James and John's attitude, compassion Luke 10:17-20 – What to rejoice about

Can you recall individuals who provided supervisory leadership for you?

Pursue excellence! Experience without evaluation is worthless. We should learn about our strengths and weaknesses, and receive commendations and corrections. We need accountability.



Mentor evaluation & Group evaluation & Self evaluation

Acts 15:36

³⁶ After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, **and see how they are.**

Acts 18:24-28

²⁴Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. ²⁵This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; ²⁶ and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and **explained to him the way of God more accurately.** ²⁷ And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

8. REPRODUCTION

Our work is never finished until it has assured its continuation in the lives of those redeemed. Win souls and train them to win other souls!



What observations can you make from these passages? Can you identify the people/stages in the process of spiritual reproduction? Matthew 28:18-20 – Jesus > disciples > disciples of the nations John 17:20-23 – Jesus > these > those believing > the world John 21:15-17 – Jesus > Peter > sheep 2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul > Timothy > Faithful Men > Others

Let us assume it take 1 year to help a person grow spiritually and reproduce themself (a disciple-maker) OR ON THE OTHER HAND you lead one person every day to Christ (a convert), but have no time for follow-up or growth.

After 2 years:	<u>2</u> disciples vs. <u>730</u> converts
After 4 years:	<u>4</u> disciples vs. <u>1,460</u> converts
After 10 years:	<u>32</u> disciples vs. <u>3,650</u> converts
After 20 years:	<u>1,024 disciples vs. 7,300</u> converts
After 30 years:	<u>32,768</u> disciples vs. <u>10,950</u> converts

Which of these two plans is the Master's plan for evangelizing the world?

Jesus only had 11 faithful disciples after 3.5 years? What a failure!

NOT REALLY. We are disciples today because Jesus *invested* in 11 people – who were obedient to become disciple-makers!



Quality produces quantity, but quantity does not produce quality. Give your life to a few who in turn will multiply into many. The conquest of the world is *only a matter of time and faithfulness* to His plan.

SUMMARY:

Selection – Choose your disciples carefully and prayerfully.

Association – Spend time with them.

Consecration – Teach them loyalty to Jesus.

Impartation – Freely give of yourself to their needs.

Demonstration – Be an example.

Delegation – Assign them ministry responsibilities.

Supervision – Evaluate them and their work.

Reproduction – Unleash them to go out and select their own disciples.

Status of World Evangelization 2019

From Various Perspectives

The Lamb is worthy of "...worship from every nation, tribe, people and tongue." Rev 5:9-12 Where do we stand?



Individuals Perspective

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" Mark 16:15



World Population: 7,597,000,000 (7.597 billion)



People Group Perspective

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the

nations (ethne)" Matt 28:19

* Unreached defined as: a) less than 2% Christ-followers and b) less than 5% Professing Christian.

Countries with the most unreached people groups:

Country	Total People Groups	Unreached People Groups	% of Groups Unreached
India	2,560	2,292	90%
China	543	444	82%
Pakistan	422	414	98%
Bangladesh	326	294	90%
Nepal	274	266	97%



10/40 Window: The 67 countries of the 10/40 Window are home to over 5,920 unreached people groups. 5 out of every 6 unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window.

50 Largest Unreached People Groups: Comprised of 1,456,000,000 (1.456 billion) souls. Almost 20% of the world's population live in these 50 largest unreached peoples. Every group is larger than 10,000,000 and none have an indigenous church capable of reaching the rest of the group. 47 of these groups are in restricted countries.





Bible Translation: Of the 7,118 languages, 1,551 have the New Testament available which covers over 95% of the world's population. The goal is to start all needed translations by 2025.



Media: The Jesus film has been translated into over 1,700 languages covering 98% of the world's population. Goal is to translate the film into any size language where someone is committed to use the film.

Resource	Languages	Website
Jesus Film	1,700	www.jesusfilm.org
Online NT – Audio	1,800	www.bible.is
Online NT – Text	1,275	www.youversion.com

Challenges

- Christianity (all kinds) is growing at 1.2% per year, but Islam is growing at 1.9% and thus faster than general Christianity. The positive news is that Evangelical Christianity is growing at 2.6% and thus faster than Islam. (Operation World 2010)
- About 90% of all cross-cultural missionaries labor among nominally Christian people groups, only about 10% among unreached peoples.
- 81% of all Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus do not personally know a Christ-follower. (World Christian Encyclopedia)
- · Out of every dollar of Christian giving to all causes less than one penny goes toward pioneer church planting among unreached peoples.
- · While Christians of all types make up about 1/3 of the world's population, the absolute number of non-Christians is increasing.
- · An estimated 95% of pastors worldwide have had no formal training.

For more information see: www.joshuaproject.net

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Sources: Joshua Project, Operation World, BEE World, Jesus Film Project, World Christian Encyclopedia, www.progress.bible



Most of the people groups still unreached by the gospel live in places stretching across the maps of northern Africa and Asia. Christian missions strategist Luis Bush started calling this rectangular area or band: **"the 10/40 window."** He used that easy-to-remember name because it lies across Africa and Asia from 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator.

Missions statistics from the places of the 10/40 Window:

- **Center of population:** Two-thirds of the world's population -- more than 4.4 billion people -- live in the 10/40 Window.
- Least evangelized cities: Half of the world's least evangelized cities are in this window.
- Unreached and unevangelized: 90% of the people living in the 10/40 Window are <u>unevangelized</u>. Many have never heard the Gospel message even once. There are either no Christians or not enough of a Christian movement in many cultures of the 10/40 Window to carry out vibrant near-neighbor evangelism. If those groups are to be evangelized, believers will need to leave their own culture and enter another one where they will seek to plant the gospel, perhaps even learning a new language in order to communicate. Such cross-cultural evangelism is required because there are people groups with no church movements that are understandable or relevant to them.
 - Good news: There's a difference between unreached and unreachable. In 1989 there were only four known Christians living in <u>Mongolia</u>. That country now has an estimated 10,000 indigenous believers. Also, Christian television programming can now be received in many closed 10/40 Window nations.

• **Poverty:** Eighty-five percent of those living in the 10/40 window are the poorest of the world's poor.

Statistical data on unreached people groups / prayer points:

The statistics of the numbers of non-Christians can be staggering

- 865 million unreached <u>Muslims</u> or Islamic followers in 3330 cultural sub-groupings
- 550 million unreached <u>Hindus</u> in 1660 cultural sub-groups
- 150 million unreached Chinese in 830 groups
- 275 million unreached Buddhists in 900 groups
- 2550 unreached tribal groups (which are mainly animistic) with a total population of 140 million
- Forming a smaller -- though important -- unreached group are the 17 million Jews scattered across 134 countries
- Good news: Missions researcher David Barrett says the country with the most rapid Christian expansion ever is China where there are 10,000 new Christian converts every day.



Size of World Religions

Source: Joshua Project



Out of every \$100, ONLY 10 CENTS goes to native missionaries



How many people have access to Scripture in their first language?

The full Bible is now available in 683 different languages, giving over 5,714 million people access to Scripture in the language they understand best. The New Testament is available in another 1,534 languages, reaching another 699 million people. Selections and stories are available in a further 1,133 other languages, spoken by 424 million people.

How many languages still need translation?

In addition to over 2,659 active projects worldwide, work may need to be done in a further 2,163 languages.

How many people have no Scripture?

There are an estimated 250 million people without access to *any* Scripture in the language that speaks to them best and may need some form of Bible translation to begin. At least 1.5 billion people are without the full Bible in their first language.

66,000 people die every day, without any knowledge of Christ.

What can *you* do about the unevangelized and unreached parts of the world?

