

World Religions World Missions

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CLASS SCHEDULE		
WELCOME + INTRODUCTION TO CLASS	5 MIN	7:00PM - 7:05PM
SESSION 1 - THE BIG IDEA	50 MIN	7:05PM – 7:55PM
BREAK	10 MIN	7:55PM – 8:05PM
SESSION 2 - THE NEED	45 MIN	8:05PM – 8:50PM
CONCLUSION + DISMISAL	10 MIN	8:50PM – 9:00PM

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Definitions

Missions - The mobilizing effort to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ in every tribe, people group, and nation. It is about the fame and name of Jesus amongst all nations.

Disciple-Making - The effort to instruct people as to how to follow and obey the teachings of Jesus.

Equipping - Preparing and mobilizing believers to reflect Christ in all areas of their life, so that they might carry out their role in missions efforts.

People Groups - Sects of people who identify themselves by a shared tongue, religion, ethnicity, class or caste, or combination of these.

Unreached - People Groups in which less than 2% of the indigenous population are Christian and able to evangelize.

Unreached and Unengaged - People groups in which there are no known church-planting or disciple-making efforts presently at work.

"A people group is engaged when a church planting strategy, consistent with evangelical faith and practice, is under implementation. In this respect, a people group is not engaged when it has been merely adopted, is the object of focused prayer, or is part of an advocacy strategy" (Joshua Project).

The 10/40 Window - A clustered portion of earth with the most unevangelized people. Of the 5.1 billion people in this region, over 3.1 billion of them are considered unreached.



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Scripture (ESV)

Matthew 28:19-20 - ““Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.””

Acts 1:8 - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Acts 13:47 - “For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.””

Mark 16:15 - “And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Romans 10:13-14 - “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

Matthew 24:14 - “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

1 Chronicles 16:23-24 - Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!”

Revelation 14:6 - “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”

Mark 13:10 - “And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.”

Psalms 96:3 - “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.”

Matthew 4:19 - “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

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Quotes

“God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His Name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.” - John Piper

"For evangelization purposes, a people group is the largest group within which the Gospel can spread as a church planting movement without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance" (Joshua Project).

“Missions exist because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. So worship is the fuel and goal of missions.” - John Piper

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose" - Jim Elliot

“I have but one passion—it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ.” - Count Zinzendorf

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Statistics (GFM + Joshua Project)

Population:

There are **17,433** people groups on the planet and **7,403** remain unreached. Out of the **3.23 billion** that remain unreached **2.2 billion** remain unengaged. This means close to **50%** the world has no access to the gospel. While the church has sent out roughly **400,000** people, only **3%** of these disciple-makers are living amongst the **40%** who do not know about Jesus. This means that there is only **1** person for every **250,000** people who have never heard about Jesus. Most likely, these **3 billion** people will live and die without hearing the gospel.

Finances:

- Christians give about 2% of their income to Christian causes
- Less than 7% goes to cross-culture causes
- Only 1% of that .01% goes to the 3 billion people who have never heard about Jesus
- It costs roughly \$250,000 per translation (Ethnos 360)
- It costs roughly \$35 per verse of the Bible

Bible Translation:

Languages with The Bible

- 3,415 languages with some of the Bible // 7 billion people
- 704 languages with a complete Bible // 5.7 billion people
- 1,551 languages with a complete New Testament // 815 million people
- 1,160 languages with some translated Bible portions // 458 million people

Languages without The Bible

- 3,945 languages are without a translation of the Bible // 255 million people
- 738 languages have a translation in progress // 65.4 million people
- 2,014 languages have no plan in place to receive The Bible // 167 million people