<mark>12   Completion Timeline Strategies Walkthrough</mark>

(Slides are available and white board is recommended – 30 to 45 min.; lead this module with available discipleship representative when possible)

<u>Intro:</u> **This session is about planning with the end in mind. We are going to talk about how you can start planning now to finish well.**

- Read Luke 14:28–30. <u>Ask:</u> **How might this passage apply to Bible translation?**
- Confirm that what Jesus is teaching here about counting the cost is a challenge translators should consider as they start their translation. **Planning for completion from the beginning is necessary.**

<u>Discuss</u> what things should be considered as they develop a plan.

- <u>Ask:</u> **As you think of planning to finish well, what does *finish* mean to you?** *Most translation teams plan to finish the NT first. This module will help you think about how to do that. We like to encourage every team to plan to finish the whole Bible. The ideas in this module can be applied to the OT as well.*
- <u>Ask:</u> **What are some issues you might face?** *(Some common issues: losing translators, lost data, broken technology.)*
- <u>Ask:</u> **What resources do you have in your community to help manage the challenges you might face?** *(Examples: Help from a local church for storing equipment, local church help in recruiting and training new translators, local church as a meeting place for group checking.)*

<u>Explain:</u> The New Testament has about 8000 verses. There are 52 weeks in a year. Therefore, the NT could be completed in one year with five translators drafting about 30 verses per week. (This section is designed to help the RDD, program manager, or partner walk through a conversation with the leaders as they plan a translation. It's included here so that as we train RDDs, program managers, and partners, we can alert them to the need for this kind of conversation.)

- <u>Ask:</u> **What kind of goal would you like to set for your completion of the NT (or OT)?**
    - **How much do you think you could draft in a week?**
    - **How many translators do you need? Will you need to recruit more?**
    - **How will you get together to do the checking steps? Could you plan a monthly group checking?**
    - **How will you keep track of who is drafting and checking each portion and what work has been accomplished?**
- <u>Ask:</u> **What value do you see in making a goal?**

- **Ask: What do you see as some of your challenges?** (Note the RDD is their point of contact.)
- Show them a New Testament on bibleineverylanguage.org. **Imagine the day when your translation can be posted here.** (A tech team member can help them to learn to upload their work and store it here.)
- Remind them that in Community Accessibility we will talk about different ways they will share their translation.

Confirm: The translators have chosen to start out with a commitment to complete. They recognize challenges and realize the importance of making a goal for completion.