

Sermon Series: Vision 2017
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Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20
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- Do you have your life all planned out?
- Have you considered what God has planned?
- Is God fitting into your plans or are you fitting into God's plan?
- If God asked you to relocate to live and work among an ethnic group in the world that has little or no access to the good news.....would you do it?

What reasons would you give God for NOT doing it?

"I'm not called."

"Too old."

"Too young."

"Kids wouldn't like it."

"Too hard."

"Too underdeveloped."

"Not enough money."

"Too much money to give up."

If we claim Jesus as Lord, we are *already* called to join him in his kingdom agenda!

What is his agenda?

What is HE trying to do?

Matthew 28:18-20— 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

As you are going, make disciples of all the nations.
παντα τα εθνη {Panta ta Ethne}..All the ethnic groups.

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

Luke 24:46-47— 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

Acts 1:8—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.”

So, Jesus’ agenda is to save some from every tribe, language and ethnic group.

And it WILL happen.
No one can prevent it.
No government can stop it.
The gospel is moving around the world and going to all
of the ethnic groups.

Look at the end of time on Earth in the book of
Revelation.

Revelation 7:9-12—

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

So, we live in the gap right now between Christ’s commission to take the gospel to all of the peoples of the world and the fulfillment of his plan.

Matthew 28:18-20

Revelation 7:9

Commission



Fulfillment

all the ethnic groups

Well, how are we doing? Let me give you some stats.

WORLDWIDE

- Total People Groups: 16,591

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Less than 2% Evangelical Christian.
- Total Unreached People Groups: 6,741
- Total Population of UPGs: 3.11 billion people
- Total Percentage of world: UPG's make up 42.2% of world population

UNEVANGELIZED PEOPLES

- Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian but still great numbers of unsaved.
- Total Unevangelized People Groups: 2,782
- Total Population: 764 million
- Total Percentage of world: the unevangelized make up 11% of world population

REACHED PEOPLES

- Greater than 2% Evangelical Christian or majority Christian Population
- Total Reached People Groups: 7,058
- Total Population: 3.5 billion
- Total Percentage of world: the reached population makes up 42% of world population

ANIMISM

- 206 Million worldwide
- 2,800 People Groups
- 1,004 UPGs
- 2.9% of the world population

HINDUISM

- 1.028 Billion worldwide
- 2,595 People Groups
- 2,314 UPG's
- 14.7% of the world population

CHINA

- 1.291 Billion individuals
- 518 people groups
- 426 Unreached People Groups
- 18.8% of the world population

Sources: *Operation World* and *Joshua Project*

ISLAM

- 1.537 Billion worldwide
- 3,431 Total People Groups
- 2,854 UPGs
- 22% of the world population

BUDDHISM

- 621 Million worldwide
- 581 People Groups
- 449 UPGs
- 8.9% of world population

CHRISTIAN

- 2 Billion worldwide (all Catholic, Protestant, etc.)
- 6,876 Total People Groups
- 28.6% of the world population

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF LABORERS

There are 400,000 missionaries from all branches of Christendom. Only between 3 and 4% (13,315) of these missionaries work among unreached peoples. The distribution of Protestant Missionaries among religious blocks looks like this:

- 74% Among Nominal Christians
- 3% Among Buddhists
- 8% Among Tribal Peoples
- 2% Among Hindus
- 6% Among Muslims
- 2% Among Chinese Folk Religions
- 4% Among Atheist or Non-Religious Peoples
- 1% Among Jewish Peoples

HOW CHRISTIAN GIVING IS USED.

Pastoral ministries of local churches (mostly in Christian nations): \$677 billion (96.8%) [2]

"Home Missions" in same Christian nations: \$20.3 billion (2.9%) [2]

Going to Unevangelized Non-Christian world: \$2.1 billion (3%) [2] **This is different than "Unreached"*

Money that goes toward Unreached Peoples: *Estimated \$450 million [3]

- [3] **In 2001 only 1% of giving to "Missions" went to unreached - if that trend holds true today it would be \$450 million.*
- *The \$450 million going toward UPG's is only .001% of the \$42 trillion income of Christians. For every \$100,000 that Christians make, they give \$1 to the unreached.*

HYPOTHETICAL OBSERVATIONS

Evangelical Christians could provide all of the funds needed to plant a church in each of the 6,900 unreached people groups with only 0.03% of their income.

The Church has roughly 3,000 times the financial resources and 9,000 times the manpower needed to finish the Great Commission.

If every evangelical gave 10% of their income to missions we could easily support 2 million new missionaries.

There are estimated 6,909 Languages worldwide.

THREE LARGEST LANGUAGES:

Mandarin Chinese 12.44%, Spanish 4.85%, English 4.83%, (first language speakers)

BIBLE TRANSLATION:

4,400 languages are without Scripture portions available, with some 634,000,000 speakers. Translation projects are in progress in an estimated 1,600 languages that currently are without adequate Scriptures. There are about 2,500 languages needing Bible translation work to begin. (joshuaproject.net)

I did the research this past week.

In China alone there are 144 Unengaged Ethnic groups.
Zero workers. Zero believers. Zero churches.

- You don't need a visa.
- You don't need the language.
- You're culture is closer to theirs.

Would you take one?

Would you spend the rest of your life trying?

We live in a strategic city here in HK. We not only have some unreached peoples in our city but we live within a 5 hour flight of 1/2 the world's population. I believe HKUST has about 100 nations represented!

What an exciting place to be!

If you claim Jesus as Lord, you are already called to join him in his kingdom agenda.

The question is, what is your role?

prayer: Luke 10:2

sending: Use your resources for the kingdom.

going: locally & globally. You might not be able to move but what about in HK?

On a practical level, our church needs to engage the unreached peoples.

We need to pray and ask God...who? where? how?

We need to take one or two off the list!

Could God not do that?
Imagine what we could do!

We need to leverage our money for his kingdom purposes!

We need to get some of this money out of the bank and into the harvest fields!

Let's lay up treasures where moth and rust don't decay...let's lay it up in heaven and spend it on the unreached peoples.

- Do you have your life all planned out?
- Have you considered what God has planned?
- What part should you play in his kingdom agenda?

