PATH TO COD'S CLOTY

How To Develop a Biblical World View 2ND Edition By Joe Markulike with Mark Talbott

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Foreword



Path to God's Glory is a great resource to help inspire Christians to join God in fulfilling the great commission from Matthew 28:19-20. The author, Joe Markulike, expresses ways to develop a biblical perspective of the world to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations.

He uses the Bible as a treasure map to reveal God's plan for all of His people around the world while explaining that God blesses us (responsibility) in order for us to bless others (action). Belief and trust in God and His promises are key factors in this study facilitated by an understanding of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Markulike teaches creative means and practical methods to reach others across the globe. We all need to know more about other cultures outside our comfort zone and be ready to take the gospel where God would lead. *Path to God's Glory* helps us desire to do just that!

The lessons would be a great boost to your Adult Bible Fellowship Class / Small Group or even for you as an individual. Reach out where you are and be ready to "go into all the world"!

Bob Russell Senior Minister of Southeast Christian Church

Preface

When I first became a pro baseball player in the Atlanta Braves' organization, my childhood dream came true. I entered the baseball kingdom to seek its promised treasure. Years of hard work and perseverance had paid off, and diamonds were now in sight.

I soon learned that this kingdom was not as glorious on the inside as it seemed from the outside. It fell far short of my hopes and dreams, and within four short months I was back home seeking other treasure in other kingdoms.

But in three months, my life would take on new meaning and hope that I never dreamed possible. God, His Word, and my fiancee showed me the way to another kingdom. This one promised riches beyond compare, and I did not even have to work for it. I entered into this kingdom through Jesus Christ, and I have enjoyed its riches ever since.

Several years later God expanded my vision for His kingdom through a course called *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. My love and commitment to God grew as I gained a deeper understanding of His tremendous love for me and all the nations of the world, giving John 3:16 a richer meaning. I learned I could join God right here in Louisville, Kentucky, to impact this world He loves so much.

Mark and I hope this course will inform and inspire you to join God in His grand plan to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory. May you enjoy the riches of His kingdom and open the doors of His kingdom to all nations of the world in the hope of seeing what John saw when he wrote,

"...I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." - Revelation 7:9

Joe Markulike

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Format

This Bible-study can be used as either a four or eight-week study. While the material is the same for both a four and eight-week study, this allows for flexibility in the time needed to review the material. We recommend four weeks for individual study and eight weeks for small-group study, which also has a leader's guide. Please see the chart below for clarification.

Time	4 -week study	8 -week study
Week 1	Unit 1	Unit 1Section A
Week 2	Unit 2	Unit 1Section B
Week 3	Unit 3	Unit 2Section A
Week 4	Unit 4	Unit 2Section B
Week 5		Unit 3Section A
Week 6		Unit 3Section B
Week 7		Unit 4Section A
Week 8		Unit 4Section B

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Unit 1

The Treasure Map

Unit 1 ...Section A The Kingdom

The Bible is the most published and read book in history. What is it about this book that has drawn so many to read its pages in so many languages? Let us first look at how we view the Bible.

Check the 2 boxes next to the pictures below that best represent how you perceive the Bible.

To me, the Bible is like...

It gives me...

		Bootcamp	Preparation
		Coffee	Energy
		Friend	Comfort
	MISTORY	History	Information
	R	Medicine	Healing
		Food	Nourishment
		Rescue mission	Salvation
	I VI VII VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII	Rule Book	Discipline
	MY WAY	Sign	Direction
1	wo did you choose and why?		

The Bible as a Treasure Map

We see the Bible as many things. It gives us preparation, energy, comfort, information, healing, nourishment, salvation, discipline, direction and many other blessings. We are now going to look at it one other way: as a Treasure Map.



Just as a treasure map leads us to something of great value, the Bible leads us to the kingdom of God.

The idea of God's kingdom is central to Jesus' teaching and is mentioned over 40 times in the book of Matthew alone. It is so important that Jesus said,

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." - Mt 13:44

Read the passages of Scripture found in *Ephesians 1:18-19*, *Ephesians 2:6-7*, and *Colossians 1:27*.

Describe the riches that are available to those in God's kingdom according to these passages.

Why has God given us this Treasure Map, the Bible, to lead us to the riches of His everlasting kingdom?

It is because even though man has disobeyed God, lost his way and become subject to another kingdom, God still loves us and wants us to experience life under His rule in His kingdom.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Ro 5:8

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." - Col 1:13-14

While Satan is "the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Eph 2:2) and has built a temporary kingdom, God's kingdom will reign forever. John testifies, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." - Rev 11:15

The Bible, therefore, as a Treasure Map, is the unfolding drama of the development of the kingdom of God and His redeeming activity to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations. Dr. Ralph D. Winter suggests this sub-title to the Bible, *The Kingdom Strikes Back*, for the Bible describes the battle between two kingdoms and God's ultimate victory over Satan.

Entering the Kingdom

How does someone enter God's kingdom?

Just as a treasure map provides the way to get to its treasure, the Bible provides the way to get to God's kingdom.

Jesus said that we are to "...seek first his kingdom..." - Mt 6:33

and that we must "receive the kingdom of God like a little child." - Mk 10:15

Receive what?...God's rule. (i.e. God's rightful authority over a person's life)

The primary meaning of the kingdom is God's rule and reign in a person's life. To enter God's kingdom is to come under God's rule, and this requires humility, trust and obedience.

Circle what Jesus says we must do to enter God's kingdom in the Scripture below.

"Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again, ... no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.'" - Jn 3:3,5

To be born again requires humility - to admit we are sinful.

To be born again requires trust - to believe that Jesus died for our sins.

To be born again requires obedience - to be publicly baptized.

Humility, trust and obedience will bring us under God's rule and into His kingdom according to the Bible, God's Treasure Map.

If you have never humbled yourself, put your trust in Jesus and obeyed His command to be baptized, the riches of God's kingdom await you. Prayerfully consider doing the following:

• Understand that God loves you and provides a new life in His kingdom		Eph 2:8-9
Admit you are a sinner		Pr 14:12
• Realize that Jesus died for your sins and the sins of the world		1 Co 15:3-6
• Trust in Jesus for eternal life		Jn 6:47
 Confess your sins to God and be publicly baptized 	Ac 2:38	Ro 6:4
• Submit to God's rule and reign in your life, assured of your salvation		2 Pe 3:18

If you have just now decided to enter God's kingdom under His rule, talk with a Christian leader or friend about your decision.

God never forces His kingdom, His rule, on anyone, but those who humble themselves, trust in Jesus and obey His command to be publicly baptized, can experience a lifetime and an eternity of its riches.

Advancing the Kingdom

To enter God's kingdom is just the beginning of a new life under God's rule. However, it does not stop there. God gives us the privilege of sharing the riches of His kingdom with others.

Underline the word "kingdom" and circle the word "nations" in the following passages of Scripture.

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, ...he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God..." -Lk 9:1,2

"Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.' After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ...'When you enter a town and are welcomed,... tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'" -Lk 9:62, 10:1,2,8,9

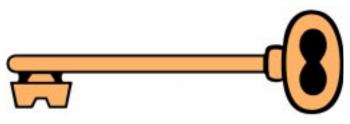
Jesus' final words to His followers as recorded in the book of Matthew include, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." - Mt 28:19

Jesus said to His disciples, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." - Mt 24:14

What does Jesus expect us to do after entering God's kingdom?		
Who does God want to see in His kingdom? (Please check one box below)		
One nation		
A few nations		
Some nations		
Many nations		
All nations		

[&]quot;...there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation..." - Rev 7:9

Unit 1 ...Section A The Kingdom



Key Thoughts

Describe how the Bible is like a Treasure Map.
How does someone enter God's kingdom?
What responsibility comes with entering God's kingdom?
Who would you rejoice over to see enter God's kingdom? Write down the names of these people.

Jesus said, "...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk15:10

Pray that all nations and every person whose name you have written above would discover the riches of God's kingdom as described in the Bible, our Treasure Map.

Ask God for wisdom in carrying out the responsibility of advancing His kingdom to all nations.

Unit 1 ... Section B

The Nations

God offers the riches of His kingdom - a new life of hope and purpose - to not only us or people like us, but to all nations of the world.

Circle the word "nations" in the following passages of Scripture.

Jesus promised that all nations would share the riches of His kingdom when He said, "Ana this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

- Mt 24:14

Jesus also said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." - Mt 28:18-19

The word "nation" in the Bible verses above means "ethnic group."

It comes from the Greek word *ethne* and is a group of people who share a common ethnicity, culture, language, class or caste.

Who are these nations?

Check the boxes below that represent the word nation as used in the Bible.

United States	Bosnians of the former Yugoslavia
Berbers of Morocco	India
Asia	Taimani of Afghanistan
France	☐ Australia

The former country of Yugoslavia, for example, had three **nations** within it, including the Bosnians.

Other **nations** include the <u>Berbers of Morocco</u> and the <u>Taimani of Afghanistan</u>. These nations, or groups of people, are often called "people groups."

The Biblical idea of **nation** <u>does not</u> refer to a **country** or **continent** with geographical and political boundaries such as the United States, India, Asia, France or Australia. These were set up by man. The nations(people groups), however, were established by God (See *Genesis 10*).

Today, there are approximately 24,000 nations or people groups in the world. Ten thousand of them are still unreached, or not discipled, as Jesus commanded us to do.

The NATIONS or PEOPLE GROUPS Today

14,000 REACHED

(has access to the gospel and an evangelizing church within it)



10,000 UNREACHED

(has no access to the gospel and no evangelizing church within it)

The Nations

It is extremely important to understand the Biblical concept of what a nation is because God's entire plan to redeem the world comes one nation at a time. The better we understand who these nations are, the better equipped we will be to fulfill the Great Commission. This page shows the progression of God's plan to redeem all nations for His glory. Each square in the grid represents a nation. The shaded squares are reached nations, and the unshaded squares are unreached nations.

CREATION	Ge 1:26-27	One nation (people) under God
THE FALL	Ge 3:15	Sin separates man from God
THE FLOOD	Ge 10:32	The nations descend from Noah
TOWER of BABEL	Ge 11:9	God scatters the nations to later reunite them one at a time
THE COVENANT	Ge 12:1-3 Gal 3:8	God promises to bless all nations (peoples) through Abraham
ISRAEL	Ex 19:5-6 Dt 7:6	God chooses one nation, Israel, to represent His kingdom to bless all nations
JESUS	Mt 24:14 Mt 28:18-19	God sends Jesus to redeem all nations and restore His kingdom. Jesus commands His followers to make disciples of all nations
HOLY SPIRIT	Lk 24:46-49 Ac 1:8	God empowers all believers, His church, to take the gospel of the kingdom to all nations.
THE CHURCH	1 Pe 2:9	Ten thousand left to go
APOCALYPSE	Rev 5:9-10 Rev 7:9 -10 Rev 11:15 Rev 21:3	God rejoices as He receives glory from and lives among all nations in His restored kingdom

What do the scripture verses, comments, and shaded grid areas tell you about God's plan for the nations?

God has been faithfully advancing His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory. He invites us to join Him in sharing the riches of His kingdom with all nations. As we go through this study, we will see many practical ways we can join God today in advancing His kingdom, His rule, among all nations.

The Kingdom and Nations

The next two pages outline some of the major events and people of the Bible. God's concern and plan for His kingdom and the nations is evident throughout Scripture, where His kingdom is cited over 300 times, and the nations and peoples over 700 times.

Within the Scripture verses listed on the next two pages, please do the following: Underline the words that represent God's kingdom, rule and power, both now and in the future. Circle the words that represent man, nation(s) and people(s). OLD TESTAMENT



"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them...rule over all the earth...' So God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." - Ge 1:26-27

"And I will put emnity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." - Ge 3:15

"These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood." - Ge 10:32

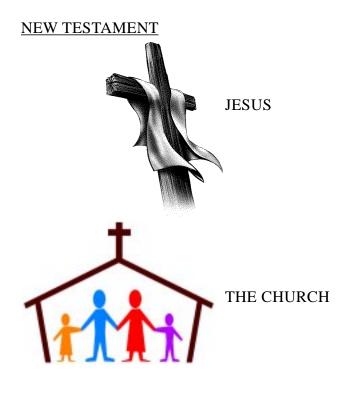
"That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth." - Ge 11:9

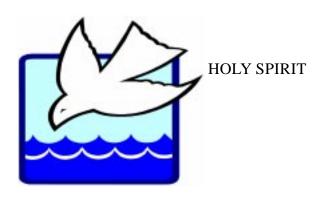
"The Lord said to Abram, '...I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'" - Ge 12:1-3

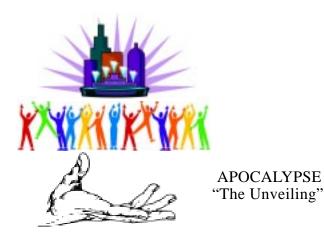
"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured posession. ... you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." - Ex 19:5-6

"...and there before me was one like a son of man... He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." -Da 7:13-14

The Kingdom and Nations continued...







- "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Mt 24:14
- "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Mt 28:18-19
- "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."-Mt 16:19
- "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." - 1 Pe 2:9
- "The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...I am going to send you what my father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power fom on high."
 -Lk 24:46-49
- "And they sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Rev 5:9-10
- "...there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb."-Rev 7:9

Suppose the words you have circled and underlined are clues in your Treasure Map, the Bible. What are these clues telling you?_____

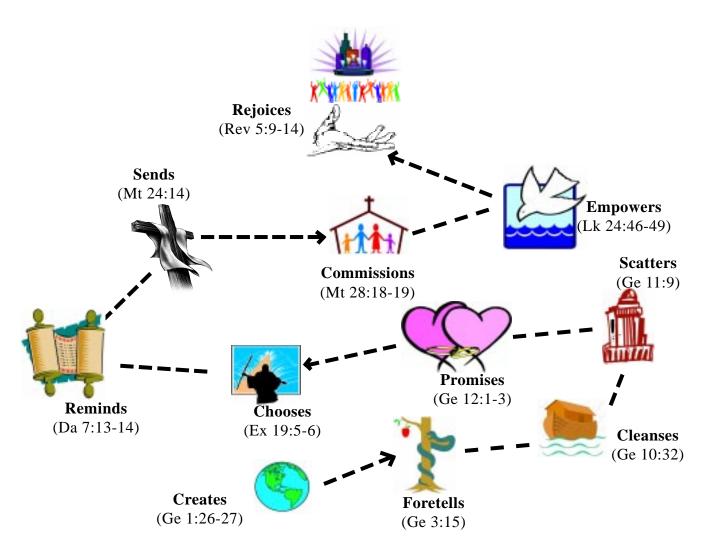
The Kingdom and Nations continued...

God has been actively and lovingly working throughout history, as recorded in the Bible, to regain the fellowship with man that was broken when man rejected God's rule. The Bible demonstrates God's personal and relentless intention to re-establish His rule over His people from Genesis through Revelation.

(See "The Global Thread Through Scripture" in the Appendix.)

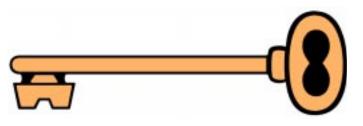
Creation	God creates man to rule for God by establishing His kingdom for His glory	Ge 1:26-27
The Fall	God foretells of a Savior to redeem <u>man</u> from sin and restore His <u>kingdom</u>	Ge 3:15
The Flood	God cleanses the earth of sin and saves Noah's family who births the <u>nations</u>	Ge 10:32
Tower of Babel	God scatters the <u>nations</u> over all the earth to redeem them one <u>nation</u> at a time	Ge 11:9
The Covenant	God promises to bless Abraham and to bless all <u>peoples</u> through him	Ge 12:1-3
Israel	God chooses Israel to represent His <u>kingdom</u> to all <u>nations</u>	Ex 19:5-6
The Prophets	God reminds His people of the coming <u>kingdom</u> for all <u>nations</u>	Da 7:13-14
Jesus	God sends His Son Jesus to redeem all <u>nations</u> and restore His <u>kingdom</u>	Mt 24:14
The Church	God commissions His Church to advance His <u>kingdom</u> to all <u>nations</u>	Mt 28:18-19
Holy Spirit	God empowers His Church to take the gospel of the <u>kingdom</u> to all <u>nations</u>	Lk 24:46-49
Apocalypse	God rejoices as He receives glory from all <u>nations</u> in His restored <u>kingdom</u>	Rev 5:9-14

Look at what God's been doing to restore His <u>kingdom</u> and redeem all <u>nations</u> for His glory!



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Unit 1 ...Section B The Nations



Key Thoughts

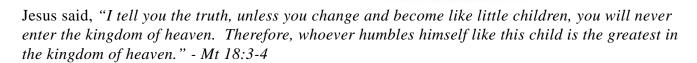
What does the word "nation" mean in Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19?
Approximately how many nations are in the world today?
How many nations have not yet been discipled? In other words, how many unreached nations (people groups) are there?
What role does the Church have in discipling or reaching these nations (people groups)?
Describe in your own words the Biblical theme of God's kingdom and the nations as evident throughout Scripture. (Review the previous four pages as well as pp. 73-75 in the Appendix)
Write a prayer that God's kingdom would be restored and all nations redeemed for His glory.

Unit 1

The Treasure Map Summary

The Bible is like a treasure map leading all nations to the riches of God's kingdom. God loves each of us very much. He also loves people from every nation on earth. There is a song that so simply conveys that truth:

"Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sightJesus loves the little children of the world."



God desires that "little children" from all nations glorify Him in His kingdom. He invites us to join Him in accomplishing His purpose today.

Practical Application

Here are some things to consider applying to your life today.

• Prayer time	Ask God to establish churches among the unreached people groups of the world. Pray the Lord's prayer in light of your understanding of His kingdom.
• Bible study	Highlight the words "kingdom", "nations" and "peoples" as you read and study your Bible to draw attention to this Biblical theme.
• Workplace / School Neighborhood	Form friendships and look for open doors to share the gospel of the kingdom with others.
• Current Events	Look at world, national and local news in light of God's plan to advance His kingdom to all nations.

Write at least one thing you learned from Unit 1's "The Treasure Map" study.

In what way do you see the Bible differently after this study?

Ask God to show you what role you are to play in advancing God's kingdom to all nations. Who did God lay on your heart to reach out to in prayer and action? Write what God has placed on your heart below.

Unit 2

Blessed to be a Blessing

UNIT 2...Section A

Blessings Received

Top Line, Bottom Line

In Unit 1 we studied God's Treasure Map, the Bible, and how God is in the process of restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory.

(Spiritual, Physical, or Material)

In Unit 2 we will look at how God has blessed us, and the responsibilities that come with those blessings.

List below <u>five blessings</u> you have received from God and put a star (*) by the greatest blessing He has given you. These blessings can be anything that have brought you encouragement, comfort or joy.

1
2
3
4
5
Now write below the <u>responsibilities</u> that come with each of those blessings in the same order as shown above.
For example, if one of the blessings you listed is your child, some responsibilities that come with that blessing are to feed, clothe and protect your child.
Responsibilities that Come with Those Blessings
1
1
3
3
5.
Now list below the <u>actions</u> you have taken to uphold those responsibilities.
For example, one action in taking care of a child includes going to work in order to buy food, clothes and shelter.
Actions Taken to Uphold Those Responsibilities
1,
2
3
4
5

Top Line, Bottom Line continued...

Please fill in the blanks of Psalm	a 67:1-2.
"May God be gracious toa	and bless, and make his face shine upon,
that your ways may be known on	, your salvation among all"
This passage illustrates a Biblical expressed as the Top Line , Botton	concept that runs from Genesis through Revelation, which can be m Line.
The Top Line refers to the bl	essings we receive from God.
The Bottom Line refers to ou	ur responsibility to bless others.
For	every blessing we receive from God,
there is a c	corresponding responsibility to bless others.
In Psalm 67:1-2 above,	
Top Line Blessing	"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us"
Bottom Line Responsibility	"that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."
G	from God in Psalm 67:1-2?
What is our responsibility after	receiving that blessing?

Top Line, Bottom Line continued...

Underline the Top Line Blessing and circle the Bottom Line Responsibility in the following passage of Scripture.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared for us in advance to do."

-Ephesians 2:8-10

Read the following passage from Luke 12:48.

Jesus said, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." - Luke 12:48

Circle what Jesus says happens to our responsibilities as we receive more blessings.

Decrease

Stay the Same

Increase

As our blessings increase, so do our responsibilities.

Review your answers on the first page of this study. Put an X on the scale below from 1 to 10 on how well you have upheld the responsibilities that come with the blessings you have received.

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Rarely Upheld Always Upheld

How do we uphold the responsibilities that come with the blessings we receive?

Here are some steps to help us do that.

- 1. Pray and seek God's wisdom.
- 2. Identify your blessings: "count your blessings one by one."
- 3. Identify the responsibilities that come with those blessings.
- 4. Identify actions you can take to uphold those responsibilities.
- 5. Be accountable to someone for those actions.

Top Line, Bottom Line continued...

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give." - Mt 10:8b

Food, Water, Health Shelter, Family Freedom, Peace Faith, Hope, Love Access to the Gospel

Some individuals and nations enjoy very few of the blessings listed above. Some enjoy many of them.

Either way, we are held responsible to bless others with the blessings we have received.

'the Lord Jesus himself said.	: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Ac 20:35b	
n what new ways might you	u be able to extend your blessings to the nations?	

If you are willing, tell God that you will take responsibility to bless others with the blessings you have received. Ask Him to show you what actions to take.

In Section B we will turn to two key Biblical events that lead us to the ultimate **Top Line Blessing**, its corresponding ultimate **Bottom Line Responsibility**, and potential **actions** we can take to uphold that responsibility.

Unit 2 ...Section A Top Line, Bottom Line Key Thoughts

Key Thoughts
Think of someone you know who blesses those around them.
What brought this person to your mind?
Jesus said that our responsibilities increase as our blessings increase (Luke 12:48). List below at least one blessing for which you will take greater responsibility.
Ask God to help you uphold that responsibilty. Write down one or two actions you will take.
Make a commitment to begin taking these actions.
Write a prayer of thanks to God for all His blessings and for help in upholding the responsibilities that come with those blessings.

Unit 2...Section B The 4,000 Year Connection

The **Abrahamic Covenant** shown below is when God promised to bless Abram and to bless all **peoples** through him. **Underline the Top Line Blessing and circle the Bottom Line Responsibility.**

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
-Genesis 12:2-3



The **Great Commission** shown below is when Jesus restates the Abrahamic Covenant in the form of a command to His disciples, telling them to make disciples of all **nations** and promises to be with them to the very end of the age. **Underline the Top Line Blessing and circle the Bottom Line Responsibility.**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Matthew 28:19-20



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Paul connects the Abrahamic Covenant with the Great Commission, when he writes, "The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.'" - Gal 3:8

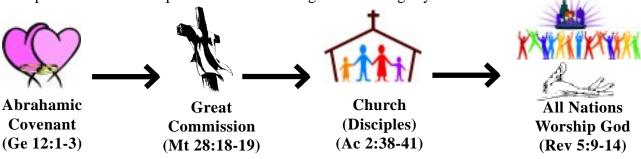
What is the responsibility that God gave to Abram in the Abrahamic Covenant?

What is the responsibility that Jesus gives to His disciples in the Great Commission?

God expects His people to bless all nations.

• Note how God eventually changed Abram's name from Abram, which means "exalted father," to Abraham, which means, "father of many nations."

The responsibility to bless all nations began in Genesis with the Abrahamic Covenant, was reinforced by Jesus with the Great Commission and is now in the hands of God's people, the Church. To make disciples of all nations is paramount in God's plan to restore His kingdom for His glory.



The 4,000 Year Connection continued...

God made His promise to Abraham nearly 4,000 years ago. What is our connection to both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commisssion?

Abrahamic Covenant

"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." -Galatians 3:29

As Abraham's seed, we inherit both the blessing from God in the Abrahamic Covenant and the corresponding responsibility to pass on this blessing to all peoples.

Great Commission

"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'" -John 8:31^b

As Jesus' disciples, we again inherit both the blessing from God in the Great Commission and the corresponding responsibility to make disciples of all nations.

God has given us His ultimate...

Top Line Blessing - the keys to His kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ...

so that we may carry out His ultimate...

Bottom Line Responsibility - to open the doors of His kingdom to all nations.

When Jesus says to make disciples of all nations, He is commanding His people to make disciples of all ethnic or people groups of the world. With only **10,000 unreached nations** or **people groups** left to disciple, we are nearing the fulfillment of both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission that we read about in Revelation 7:9!

"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb."





God blesses His people so that they can bless all nations!

Unit 2 ... Section B The 4,000 Year Connection **Key Thoughts** What does the word "Abraham" mean? __ Describe how Jesus restated the Abrahamic Covenant in the Great Commission. Summarize in your own words the 4,000 year connection. What role do you and all of God's people have in regard to the 4,000 year connection? The ultimate Top Line Blessing is the keys to God's kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ. The ultimate Bottom Line Responsibility is to open the doors of the kingdom to all nations. Write a brief prayer of thanks to God for His ultimate Top Line Blessing. Write a brief prayer of willingness to join God in upholding His ultimate Bottom Line Responsibility.

Unit 2

Blessed to be a Blessing Summary

The **Top Line** is the **blessings we receive from God.**

The **Bottom Line** is **our responsibility to bless others.**

This concept runs throughout the Bible and connects us to God's strategy to redeem all nations as shown in the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission. (See Appendix for Bottom Line Scripture references.)

To recap our first two Units...

Our First Unit's main idea is that the Bible is like a treasure map:

- Leads all nations to the riches of God's kingdom.
- God desires to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory.





Our Second Unit's main idea is the **Top Line**, **Bottom Line concept**:

- God blesses us so that we can bless others.
- Every blessing received has a responsibility.
- We have a 4,000 year connection to both the Abrahamic Covenant and Great Commission.





of His Kingdom, resulting in the fulfillment of Revelation 7:9.	e Helles

Listed below are some practical ways to live a balanced Top Line, Bottom Line life and take part in the 4,000 year connection as taught in Scripture.

• **Prayer** Count your blessings one by one and ask God how you can bless others.

Ask that every unreached people group in the world be discipled.

• **Scripture** Read the Bible from a Top Line, Bottom Line viewpoint.

Review the Bottom Line Scripture verses in the Appendix.

Gifts / Talents
 Work / Neighbors
 Ask God how He can use your gifts & talents to bless the nations.
 Reach out to people from other nations where you live and work.

• **Research** Find out how your church is attempting to disciple unreached people groups.

Unit 3

Keeping a Promise

Unit 3...Section A God's Redemptive Work

In Unit 1, we studied God's Treasure Map, the Bible. We studied how God has been restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory.

In Unit 2, we studied the Top Line, Bottom Line concept of how every blessing has a responsibility that requires action. We also looked at our 4,000 year connection to both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission.

In Unit 3, we will take an historical look at God's master plan of redemption to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations.

Prayer plays an important role in God's plan. Jesus told us,

"This then is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'" -Matthew 6:9-10

How often have we prayed that prayer?
Is God's kingdom here now?
If not, when will it come?
And how will we know?

As we discussed in Unit 1, Jesus said we must "receive the kingdom of God like a little child" (Mark 10:15). Receive what? God's rule!

"In order to enter the future realm of the Kingdom, one must submit himself in perfect trust to God's rule here and now." -George Eldon Ladd

The primary meaning of the kingdom is God's rule and reign. On a personal level, the kingdom can be defined as God's reign in one's own life. The kingdom of God is within us if God reigns in our life, if we give Him control over our life. God desires that His kingdom be restored in the redemption of <u>all nations</u>, that He would reign as their Savior and Lord.

Jesus taught us to pray that God would reign, that He alone may be King over all the world. We are asking God to rightfully reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.



Let us see God's exciting plan unfold to reign as King of kings over all the nations!

Ladd, George Eldon. The Gospel of the Kingdom.

The Ten 400 Year Epochs of Redemptive History

God has been actively keeping His promise to Abraham for the past 4,000 years, that all peoples would be blessed through Abraham. The chart below highlights the ten epochs of God's redemptive work to restore His kingdom and redeem the nations for His glory.

Centuries	Period	Kingdom Thrust	Reason for Stagnation
2000-1600 B.C.	Patriarchs	Abraham obeyed & was blessed, then blessed the	Genesis begins with life, ends
		Canaanites	with Death
		Jopseph was a blessing to Egypt	(Joseph in a coffin)
1600-1200	Egyptian Captivity	Moses represented God to Pharoah in Egypt	Israel did not believe God
		Joshua led Israel to promised land; Rahab served	Israel did not obey God
1200-800	Judges	Israel conquered peoples in name of God	Last verse in Judges:
		Ruth, the Moabite, came to Israel	"Everyone did as he saw fit."
800-400	Kings	David demonstrated a heart for the nations	Solomon ended up loving
		Temple built; Queen of Sheba visits	world more than God
400-0	Post Exile	Esther and Ezra represented Yahweh	Israel forgot God
		in foreign land	Alexander the Great and
		Israel returned to land	Julius Caesar conquered
0-400 A.D.	Romans	Jesus says to make disciples of all nations	Roman empire was "soft";
		Rome became "Christian"	Christianity did not
			evangelize Barbarians
400-800	Barbarians	Church tried to create "New Holy Empire"	Mixed Christianity with
		Celtic monks go to Europe	Paganism; limited outreach
800-1200	Vikings	Captive Friars witness to captors	Mixed Christianity with
	-		political power
1200-1600	Muslims/Crusades	Franciscan monks study/write	Plagues in Europe
			Crusades against Muslims
1600-?	Ends of the Earth	Martin Luthor opens kingdom doors to nations	???
		4 Men; 3 Eras:	
		Carey, taylor, McGraven, Townsend	

Review the Kingdom Thrust column. What are some reasons that God's kingdom has advanced over the past 4,000 years?
What are some reasons that God's kingdom has stagnated throughout history?

The Ten 400 Year Epochs of Redemptive History continued...

During each of the ten epochs, we see a pattern repeat itself:

- 1st The kingdom strongly advances as God's people trust and obey Him.
- 2nd The kingdom becomes stagnant as God's people hoard the blessing and do not bless the nations.
- 3rd God acts in judgement of His people and mercy towards the nations to fulfill His promise to Abraham that all peoples will be blessed.

Pattern of Kingdom Advancement During the Ten Epochs of Redemptive History

Stage 1: Kingdom Advances (God's people trust and obey)





Stage 3: God acts in judgement, mercy (God keeps His promise to bless all nations)



Stage 2: Kingdom stagnates (God's people do not share blessing)

We are in the tenth epoch of redemptive history.

How are God's people responding?

Let us look more closely at the past two centuries of redemptive history.

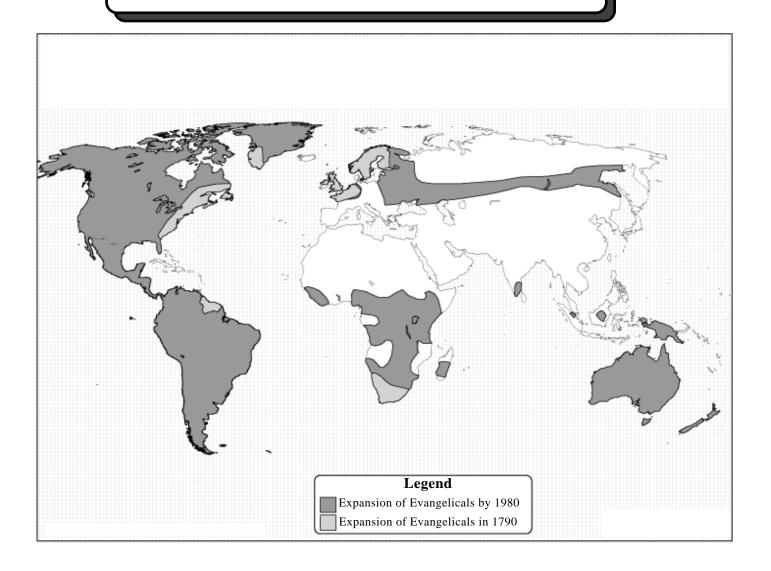


Tenth Epoch Growth

We are now living in the tenth epoch of redemptive history, which began in 1600. This epoch is known as the "Ends of the Earth" epoch. The kingdom of God has seen phenominal growth within this epoch, especially in the last two centuries.

The word "evangel" means good news. The map below highlights the exciting expansion of the good news of God's kingdom throughout the world from 1790 to 1980.

Evangelicals in 1790 and 1980



Tenth Epoch Growth continued...

The growth of God's kingdom is even more dramatic when we look at the 20th century.

The explosive power of the gospel is represented in the statistics below.

- 70,000 new believers per day in the world
- 3,500 churches per week opened worldwide
- 28,000 new believers per day in China
- 20,000 new believers per day in Africa

Africa

1900 3% Christian2000 60% Christian south of the Sahara

China

1950 One million Protestants1990 70 million2000 87 million (conservative estimate)

Korea

1900 No Protestant church ("impossible to penetrate") 2000 30% Christian; 4,000 churches in Seoul alone

Latin America

1900 50,000 Protestants/Independents1980 40 million1990 70 million2000 90 million

What might be some reasons for this tremendous growth of God's kingdom?			

[&]quot;'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together." - John 4:34-36

The Three Eras

The tremendous growth of God's kingdom over the last two centuries has taken place through what Dr. Ralph Winter calls the "Three Eras of Modern Expansion." These eras overlap each other, and yet have distinct areas of emphasis.

Four courageous men were used to initiate these eras. Thousands of other men, women and students pioneered new territory while advancing the kingdom during these three eras. Let us examine each era and the men who led the way.

Era of Expansion		Ministry Focus	Pioneer Leaders
First	1792-1910	Coastlands	William Carey
Second	1865-1980	Inlands	Hudson Taylor
Third	1934-Present	Unreached People Groups	Cameron Townsend & Donald McGavran

Each of these four men shared similar characteristics and experiences:

- Were people of prayer
- Sought God's will for their lives by researching and trusting God's Word
- Young when they began their ministries, but willing to take risks
- Offered fresh insights about people not exposed to the gospel
- Messages not readily accepted at first, but they were faithful
- Took many years to gather support for their ministries
- Wrote influential books and papers
- Organized and developed strategies around their ministries, establishing new structures
- Gospel spread and kingdom advanced through their efforts

First Era (1792-1910) - The Coastlands of the Unreached Continents

William Carev

William Carey began to take the Great Commission seriously when he was still in his twenties. His contemporary leaders, however, rebuked him with these words, "When God chooses to win the heathen, He will do it without your help or ours." This did not deter the young Carey. He proceeded to patiently write the inspirational book, "An Enquiry Into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen."

This led to efforts in student missionary activities, women's missionary prayer groups and missionary societies on both sides of the Atlantic. Their efforts focused on taking the good news of the kingdom to the coastlands of continents whose people had not yet been exposed to it, especially in Asia and Africa.

The Three Eras continued...

Second Era (1865-1980) - The Inlands of the Unreached Continents

Hudson Taylor

Hudson Taylor was also under thirty years of age when he began his ministry to the inland of China. Taylor brooded over maps, charts and statistics. When he expressed his concern about reaching the inland peoples of China, he was met with a negative response. He was asked if he wished to carry on his shoulders the blood of the young people that he would thus send to their deaths.

Stunned by the response, Taylor sought God's direction, which clearly came to him while walking on a beach, "You are not sending young people in the interior of China. I am." Taylor formed the China Inland mission, which sent 6,000 missionaries to China, planting the seeds of kingdom growth we saw earlier in this section.

The cause of Christ more so than China was Taylor's ultimate concern, and the second era saw the formation of history's most potent mission organization, known as the Student Volunteer Movement. Over 100,000 students volunteered to be involved in missions work. Twenty thousand actually went overseas while the other 80,000 began the Laymen's Missionary Movement. This era also strengthened women's missionary societies.

Third (and Final?) Era (1934-Present) - The Unreached People Groups

Cameron Townsend & Donald McGavran

Cameron Townsend and **Donald McGavran** both came out of the Student Volunteer Movement. **Townsend** began his ministry at age 23 in Guatemala. He was asked by a Guatemalan Indian, "If your God is so smart, why can't He speak our language?" Townsend soon began a 50 year ministry focused on overcoming language barriers in sharing the gospel of the kingdom, especially among the tribal peoples of the world.

When existing missions did not readily join Townsend's tribal challenge, Townsend founded Wycliff Bible Translators, dedicated to reaching new frontiers by translating the Bible into languages that unreached people groups could understand.

McGavran's ministry focused on overcoming social barriers. He studied India's caste system and social barriers to the spread of the gospel. He discovered "homogeneous units," or what we today call "people groups."

Only recently has any major attention been given to the unreached people groups of the world. Each one requires a unique, breakthrough strategy, a "bridge of God," to connect that people group with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Three Eras

These Three Eras of Modern Expansion are summarized in the chart below.

Modern Eras of Kingdom Growth	First Era (1792-1910)	Second Era (1865-1980)	Third Era (1934-Present)
Emphasis	Coastlands	Inlands	Unreached
	of unreached continents	of unreached continents	People Groups
Pioneers	William Carey	Hudson Taylor	Cameron Townsend
	Father of Modern Pioneer Kingdom Movement. First Protestant in the West to go and penetrate an Eastern culture for Christ, as mandated in Scripture.	Father of Kingdom Mobilization. He recruited thousands towards the interior of China. Began China Inland Mission.	Father of Bible Translation. He brought attention to thousands of tongues and tribes around the world. Began Wycliffe Bible Translators.
			Donald McGavran
			Father of "People Group" concept. He researched how peoples became Christian.
Writings	An Enquiry Into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the	The Call to Service China's Spiritual Needs	Tribes, Tongues and Translators
	Conversion of the Heathen	and Claims	The Bridges of God
Related Movements	Haystack Prayer Meeting Society of Brethren	Women's Missionary Societies Student Volunteer Movement Layman's Missionary Movement	Conference for World Evangelization Urbana Lausanne Committee

These four men were used to awaken the Church to think strategically about reaching the nations.

Describe the strategic contribution each one made.

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Just as Nehemiah prayed and then strategized on how to rebuild the wall, these four men prayed and strategized on how to advance God's kingdom to the nations.

[&]quot;When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." - Neh 1:4

God Keeps His Promises

"God is not man, that he should lie...

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?"

-Numbers 23:19

As we close this section, let us illustrate the unfolding of God's master, redemptive plan. It is a plan to keep His 4,000 year old promise to Abraham to bless all nations by welcoming them as citizens of His dominion, and by sharing with them the riches of His kingdom.

The Ten 400 Year Epochs

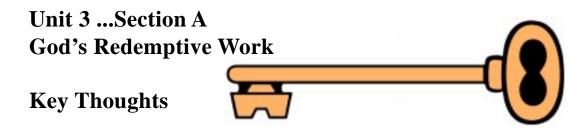
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1600	800	0 BC	0 AD	800	1600	
Capt	ivity King	gs	Romans	Vikings	Ends	s of Earth

Within the last epoch we see...

The Three Eras

First Era-The Coastlands		Second Era-The Inlands		Third Era-The Unreached People Groups		
William Carey		Hudson Taylor		Cameron Townsend Donald McGavran		
1800	1850		1900	1950	2000	
"Haystack Prayer Meeting"		China Inland Mission	1	·	Caleb Project	
		Women's Missionary	Movement		Campus Crusade	
		Christian Endeavor N	Movement 1		Intervarsity	
		Student Volunteer Me	ovement		Missions Group	
					Navigators	
					Student Foreign	



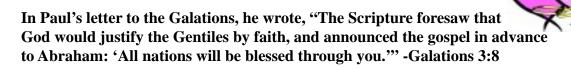


Draw a line from each of the Three Eras of Modern Expansion on the left to its major emphasis of kingdom growth on the right.

First Era (1792-1910)	Unreached People Groups
Second Era (1865-1980)	Coastlands
Third Era (1934 - Present)	Inlands
What important principles can we learn by	looking at History to see how God's kingdom has advanced?
Many unreached people groups do not have	a Bible translated in their own language.
•	vailable in your language?
Pray that the Bible would be translated so t God's kingdom.	that all people groups could read about and enter
Think of a Biblical promise that God has	kept in your life. Write it below and give God thanks.

[&]quot;But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief." - 2 Peter 3:8-10^a

Unit 3 ... Section B The Remaining Task





How do we join God in fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant as we are blessed by Him to be a blessing to the nations? We will explore that question as we study the remaining task to take the gospel of the kingdom to all nations.

God promised to bless all peoples in the Abrahamic Covenant...

"...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." - Genesis 12:3

Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations...

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." - Matthew 28:19

What is the Biblical meaning of the words "peoples" and nations"?

The English transliteration of the Hebrew word for "peoples" in *Genesis 12:3* is "mishpahot."

The English transliteration of the Greek word for "nations" in *Matthew 28:19* is "ethne."

Both words, "mishpahot" and "ethne," in these Bible verses mean ethnic groups.

God promised and commanded that people from every ethnic group on earth will be discipled. These people will submit to His rule and share in the riches of His kingdom.

Today, these ethnic groups are called "people groups" and are defined as follows...

PEOPLE GROUP A distinct ethnic group of people

"The largest group within which the gospel can spread along natural lines without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance due to culture, language, geography, etc."

The "natural lines" are common characteristics of the people within the people group, such as their common language and culture. Barriers to the gospel within a people group can include family and friends who do not understand nor accept the gospel.



There are 24,000 people groups in the world today.

The Unreached People Groups

Below is a summary of the 24,000 people groups in the world.

24,000 Number of People Groups

14,000 Number of Reached People Groups

10,000 Number of Unreached People Groups

We defined what a people group was on the previous page. But what are reached and unreached people groups?

REACHED PEOPLE GROUP

A distinct ethnic group of people who have access to the gospel and a church within their group capable of evangelizing and discipling its own people.

"A people group among which there is an indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people."

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP

A distinct ethnic group of people who do NOT have access to the gospel and DO NOT have a church within their group capable of evangelizing nor discipling its own people.

"A people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people."

The 10,000 unreached people groups in the world need to be discipled to fulfill God's plan for the nations. A single unreached people group could have thousands or even millions of individuals.

These unreached people groups have ethnic and sociological traits so different from the cultural traditions of any existing church, that strategies are needed to plant an indigenous church in their midst.



The gospel of the kingdom has yet to penetrate over 1/3 of the 24,000 people groups of the world.

The Major Cultural Blocs

Who and where are the remaining 10,000 unreached people groups in the world? A majority of them can be categorized within five major cultural blocs as shown below.

MUSLIM	3700 URPG's	
2700 URPG's HINDU		
TRIBAL		
1000 URPG's BUDDHIST	URPG=	Unreached People Group
150 URPG's CHINESE other 450 URPG's		Group

One way to remember these unreached people groups is to use the acronym, T-H-U-M-B.

- T...Tribal
- H...Hindu
- U...Chinese (sideways 'U' is a 'C')
- M...Muslim
- B...Buddhist

A "bloc" is a combination of nations or people groups forming a unit with a common interest or purpose. Over 90% of the world's unreached people groups fall within five major cultural blocs: Muslim, Hindu, Tribal, Buddhist, and Chinese.

For example, there are 3,700 unreached people groups within the Muslim people groups around the world. See the appendix for a list of some of the 10,000 unreached people groups.

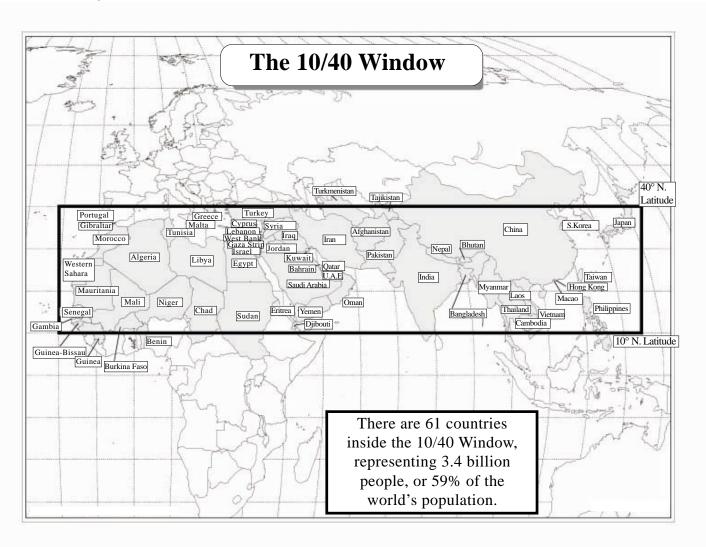
Have you ever prayed for people trapped in these major blocs? Write out a simple prayer that God would establish a strong, indigenous church within each of the				
unreached people groups.				

Prayer, commitment, and partnerships are needed to disciple the remaining 10,000 unreached people groups of the world.

The Major Cultural Blocs continued...

Where are these unreached people groups?

Most unreached people groups live in an area of the world known as the 10/40 Window (see map below). The 10/40 Window is the area of the world between latitudes 10^o and 40^o north of the equator covering North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

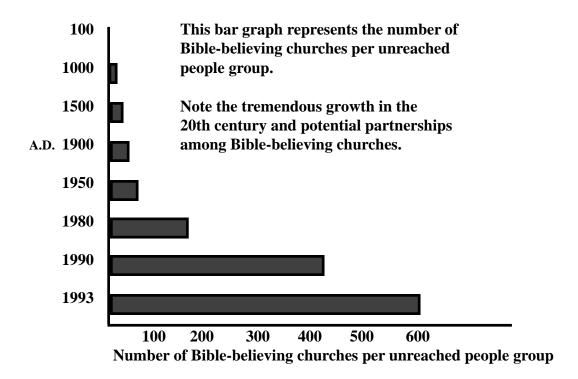


Compare the "10/40 Window" map above with the "Evangelicals in 1790 and 1980" map we saw on page 28. How do they compare and contrast?

Advancing the Kingdom to All Nations ... Working Together

The third era has seen tremendous growth of the kingdom of God. Yet much remains to be accomplished. How can God's people take part in reaching the remaining 10,000 unreached people groups? It will take prayer, commitment and partnerships!

For example, in 1900, there was only about 10 Bible-believing churches for every one unreached people group. In 1993, there were 600 Bible-believing churches for every one unreached people group!



Can small groups and churches participate in taking the gospel of the kingdom to the unreached people groups of the world? Absolutely!

- Rejoice with God for what He has done in the past, is doing in the present, and will do in the future
- Join God in fulfilling His promise to bless them and command to disciple them
 - Pray.... that churches would be established in every unreached people group
 - Study.. research unreached people groups God puts on your heart
 - Give... time and resources to missionaries going to the unreached
 - Adopt... an unreached people group (we will cover this in more detail in Unit 4)
 - Mobilize... members to develop a strategy to take the gospel to them
 - Partner... with other churches and parachurch organizations to reach them
 - Rejoice... as churches are planted among the unreached people group

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, ...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Mt 6:19-21

Unit 3 ...Section B The Remaining Task Key Thoughts

Key Thoughts		
There are approxima	tely 24,000 people groups in the	world today.
Write in your own v	words the difference between a	reached and unreached people group.
Mark an "X" on each		ate how likely it is that a person from an
Neighborhood	Very Unlikely 1	- 10 Very Likely
City	Very Unlikely 1	- 10 Very Likey
State	Very Unlikely 1	- 10 Very Likely
Country	Very Unlikely 1	- 10 Very Likely
Most of the unreache	ed people groups in the world are	e found in what five major cultural blocs?
T		Pray that God would
H U(C)		establish a strong,
M		indigenous church in every unreached people
B		group within these blocs.
Read the Scripture p	passages below.	
lamp. The nations wi	ill walk by its light The glory and I the tree of life And the leaves o	it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its d honor of the nations will be brought into it On each f the tree are for the healing of the nations."
Whose glory and hor	e light of God's glory? nor will be brought into the city? by the leaves of the tree of life?	

Praise God for His master plan to bless all nations, all people groups with the riches of His kingdom.

Unit 3

Keeping a Promise Summary

God's marvelous plan to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations continues to unfold before us. He has given us the keys to the kingdom. How will we use those keys to open the doors of the kingdom to the unreached people groups of the world?



Unlocking the doors of the kingdom to all nations for God's glory!

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- God desires to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory

Our Second Unit's main idea is the **Top Line**, **Bottom Line concept**:

- God blesses us so that we can bless others
- · Every blessing received has a responsibility
- We have a 4,000 year connection to both the Abrahamic Covenent and Great Commission





Our Third Unit's main idea is that <u>God has been actively keeping His promise to Abraham, inviting us to join Him in redeeming all nations for His glory:</u>

- Ten Epochs
- Three Eras
- Unreached People Groups
- Major Cultural Blocs
- Church Growth and Responsibility



Here are s	some ways to Study	join God in re	eaching unreache Mobilize	d people groups: Partner	Give	Rejoice
unreached	l people grou		to use you, your s ld from where you elow.	· .	or your churc	ch, to reach the

Unit 4

This Gospel of the Kingdom

Unit 4...Section A Biblical World View

In Unit 1, we studied God's Treasure Map, the Bible, and how God has been restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory.

In Unit 2, we studied the Top Line, Bottom Line concept of how every blessing has a responsibility that requires action. We also looked at our 4,000 year connection to both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission.

In Unit 3, we studied the epochs of redemptive history, once again seeing God's master plan unfold and man's participation with Him to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations.

In Unit 4, we will consider cultural and practical aspects of sharing the gospel of the kingdom with all nations.

In two minutes, write down as many things that you think of when you hear the word CHURCH:

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3	13	
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Now circle every number that has to do with your culture. Examples may include one-hour services, pews in rows, a baptistery, or a church with a cross or steeple on top.

Jesus said, "... go and make disciples of all nations..." - Mt 28:19

The English transliteration of the Greek word for "go" in *Matthew 28:19* is "poreuthentes." The word "poreuthentes" in this verse means going from one place to another, both near and far.

The English transliteration of the Greek word for "make disciples" in *Matthew 28:19* is "matheteusate." The word "matheteusate" in this verse is a command meaning to bring others to be true followers of Jesus as their Lord and place their allegiance to Him as their Teacher.

Jesus is saying that as we go from one place to another, both near and far, we must lead others to be true followers of Jesus and hold to His teachings. Naturally, in our goings, we will encounter barriers of sharing the gospel in terms of language and culture. We must overcome these barriers through prayer, the Holy Spirit, and by sharing the essentials of the gospel of the kingdom in culturally appropriate ways.

John 3:16

While going and making disciples of all nations, the gospel needs to be shared in a language each nation can understand.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Here is what John 3:16 looks like in...

Danish Thi således elskede Gud verden, at han gav sin

Søn den enbårne, for at enhver, som tror på bam,

ikke skal fortabes, men have evigt liv.

French Car Dieu aimait tellement le monde qu'il a donne

son Fils unique, Et que celui qui a foi en lui ne

perira pas mais aura la vie eternelle.

German Dann also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er seinen eingeborenen Sohn gab,

auf dass alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren

werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

Spanish Por que Dios ama tanto al mundo ofrecio a su

unico hijo, quien crea en El no morira y tendra

vida eterna.

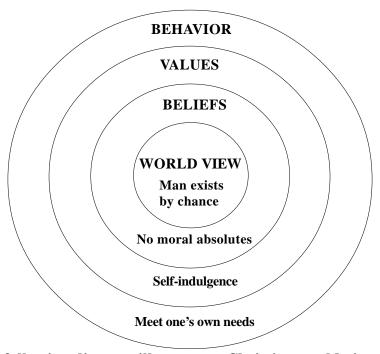
"Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language." - Acts 2:5-6

Our World View

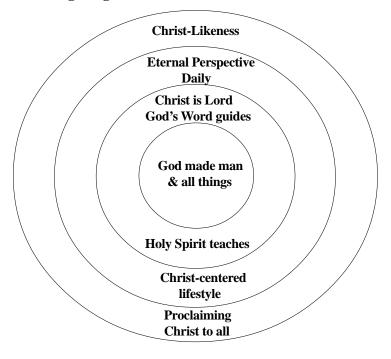
At the very heart of a person within any culture is their world view. It answers the most basic question: "What is real?" It is how they see the world. It influences what they believe, which then determines what they value, which finally drives how they behave. It is helpful to understand a person's world view when sharing the gospel. This takes time and a good, strong relationship built on trust.

World View What is Real?
Beliefs What is True?
Values What is Important?
Behavior What is Done?

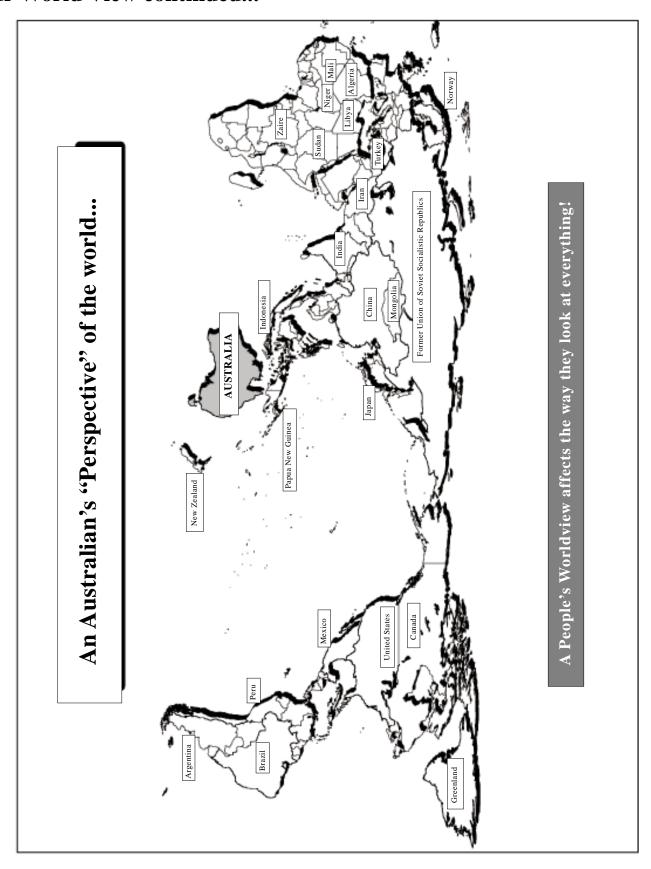
The following diagram illustrates a secular, materialistic world view:



The following diagram illustrates a Christian world view:



Our World View continued...



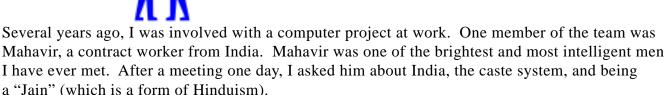
Our World View continued...

When sharing the gospel of the kingdom with those from other cultures, we must seek to understand their world view.

There is saying that goes like this, "People don't care what you know until they know that you care." People from other cultures know that we care when we show a willingness to bridge the gaps of language and culture. The following example illustrates how taking a genuine interest in a person from another culture, by asking questions to understand their world view, can lead to open doors for the gospel.

Sharing the Gospel: Bridging the Cultural Gap

Bread at Work



He openly shared with me what life was like in India as well as his world view. I then asked him what people in India think of Jesus. He said they respect him very much, so I asked if he would like to read the gospel of John once a week at lunch. He agreed.

During one of our lunch get-togethers, we talked about Jesus dying for our sins. He paused and reflectively said, "Jesus died for me." The Holy Spirit had opened his heart to the gospel of the kingdom. He was baptized the next day at our church during the lunch hour.

Several months later, Mahavir returned to Bombay, India to be with his wife, family and friends. I learned later that the Jains of India are one of the least reached people groups of the world. What a privilege to have the opportunity to share the gospel with Mahavir. I pray that he is opening the doors of the kingdom to many in India today.

Have you befriended a person from another culture?	
Oid you have an opportunity to share the gospel with them?	
n what ways did you try to be culturally sensitive?	

Redemptive Analogies

Don Richardson, a former missionary to Irian Jaya, has coined the term "redemptive analogies" to show that God has placed His truth in every culture in ways they can understand. Our job is to find out what they may be. Don Richardson's book, *Peace Child*, describes how Don used two warring tribes' tradition of exchanging a baby for peace, to share the gospel of God sending His Son, Jesus, as a baby for their peace. The two tribes would remain at war until each would give up one of their own babies to the other as the price for peace. Similarly, God gave up Jesus as a baby as the eventual price for our peace.

Sharing the Gospel: Bridging the Cultural Gap continued...

Baseball in the Ukraine

Several years ago, I was part of a baseball team scheduled to visit Simferopol, Ukraine for one week to teach and play baseball and share the gospel. One of the barriers I faced was the language. After learning the importance of overcoming barriers when sharing the gospel, it was on my heart to learn my testimony in the Russian language.

After learning the Russian alphabet, I asked a Russian friend to type a translated copy of my testimony and to record it on tape. Every day for 4 months I would listen to and mimic the sounds I heard coming from the tape, all in an effort to overcome the language barrier.

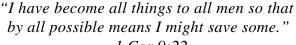
When we arrived in the Ukraine, our first day of baseball went great. Then it was time to share my testimony. As the translator introduced me, I looked up at those 100 or so kids and began to share my testimony in Russian. It got very quiet. They were hearing the gospel in their own language! Afterwards, nearly every ball player wanted more information about Jesus.

God can use whatever talents He has given us to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations, if we take the time to overcome barriers. We need to be creative and sensitive in sharing the gospel with people from other cultures in appropriate ways.



Teaching









Dramatic Arts



Sports

Whether it is teaching English in China, conducting business in Malaysia, performing dramas in Poland, providing (irrigation) in Ethiopia, offering medical help in Bosnia, playing music in France or running (sports) clinics in Russia, we have opportunities to bridge cultural gaps that open wide the doors for the gospel.



Agriculture



Music

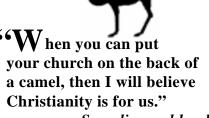


God-given talents can be creatively and effectively used to share the gospel with all nations, when time is taken to overcome language and cultural barriers.

Sharing the Gospel: Bridging the Cultural Gap continued...







- a Somali camel herder

Often the primary barrier in sharing the gospel with those of a different culture is a social barrier rather than a theological one. Many of our Christian traditions and practices hinder the understanding of the meaning of the gospel and the beauty of salvation through Jesus.

Here are some examples of traditions and practices that we need to be sensitive about when talking with people from another culture...

BIRTH CEREMONIES WEDDING TRADITIONS (LIGHTING CANDLES)

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE WESTERN WORSHIP SONGS (HYMNS, CHORUSES)

DAY & STYLE OF WORSHIP DIFFERENT CLOTHING FOR WORSHIP (SUITS, DRESSES)

RELIGIOUS TERMINOLOGY BURIAL TRADITIONS (CASKET)

What can we do to overcome social barriers?

Here are some key points in sharing the gospel of the kingdom with a person from another culture (that may be utilized also in one's own culture):

- · Pray seek God's wisdom on how to approach the person or people group
- · Friendship establish a friendship; see them as a person(s), not a project
- · Learn study their culture and world view by asking them questions and researching their answers
- · Share exchange information about your own culture when appropriate
- · Invite ask them over to your home, dinner, event, church, Bible-study, etc.
- Look find opportunities to share the gospel
- Disciple provide direction, training for them to grow in Christ

Take a look back at a time when you may have had the opportunity to share the gospel with
someone from another culture. What, if anything, would you do differently?

Unit 4 ...Section A Biblical World View Key Thoughts

Once we understand a person's world view, we better understand their beliefs, values and behavior.

Name one person who has a much different world view than you.
Describe how this person sees the world.
What are some of their beliefs?
How do their values differ from yours?
Describe how their values affect their behavior.
Based on what you have written, what would be some effective ways to share the gospel with this person?

My prayer is that you might have the opportunity to be friend this person, get to know them, bridge any cultural gaps and sensitively share your faith in Christ with them.

In closing, read about Philip's obedience in bridging a cultural gap in Acts 8:26-40.

Unit 4...Section B **Joining God**

Jesus said to them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Jesus' last words to the apostles shows the progression of cross-cultural evangelism necessary to "make disciples of all nations." – Matthew 28:19

Cultural evangelism can be expressed in three types: E-1, E-2, and E-3.

E-1 Evangelism

This is when we reach out to people within our own language (Jerusalem, Judea) and culture. It is our "Jerusalem" and "Judea" and might include building a

relationship with a neighbor or inviting a co-worker to church or a Bible-study.

E-2 Evangelism (Samaria)

This is when we reach out to people from a culture somewhat different but with similarities. It is our "Samaria" and may include talking with an employee at an ethnic restaurant or meeting with a co-worker who speaks English but holds to

traditions of another culture.

E-3 Evangelism

This is when we reach out to people from a culture that has (Ends of the Earth) language(s) and cultural intricacies to learn as well as geographical considerations. It is our "Ends of the earth" and may include immigrants. international students, refugees or unreached people groups.

No Unreached People Group will be won until someone undertakes E-2 or E-3 evangelism.

Biblical examples of E-1, E-2, and E-3 evangelism include...

E-1: Jesus speaks with Zacchaeus the tax collector. Luke 19:1-10 E-2: Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman. John 4:1-42

E-3: Jesus challenges His disciples to go to all nations. Matthew 28:19-20



E-1 "STAINED GLASS" BARRIER



E-2 LANGUAGE OR CULTURAL **BARRIER**



E-3 LANGUAGE AND **CULTURAL BARRIERS**

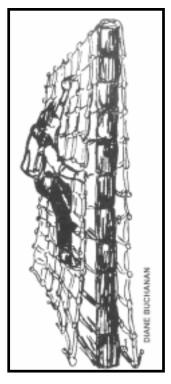
Cultural Evangelism: E-1, E-2, E-3 continued...

The following chart summarizes E-1, E-2, and E-3 evangelism.

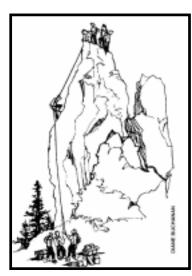
				Examples		
Type	Definition	Barriers	Comments	Biblical	Today	
E-1	Reaching out to people within one's own language	"Stained Glass": make message relevant	Most powerful: messenger understands culture	Jerusalem Judea	Neighbor, co-worker, student	
E-2	Reaching out to a culture somewhat different but with some similarities	Possibly language cultural distinctive		Samaria	Neighbor, co-worker, student from another culture	
E-3	Penetrating and engaging a culture that is distant and very different from that of the messenger	Language(s) and cultural intricacies to learn	Most difficult: takes teamwork, sensitivity, endurance, time, and prayer	Ends of the earth	Unreached People Groups, immigrants, international students,refugees	



E-1 Evangelism Culture, language is the same



E-2 Evangelism Culture, language somewhat different



E-3 Evangelism Culture, language very different

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Cultural Evangelism: E-1. E-2, E-3 continued...

Please check off all of the cultural evangelism types necessary in reaching unreached people groups.
E-1 Evangelism: Reaching out to people within your own culture and language.
E-2 Evangelism: Reaching out to people whose culture and language are somewhat different.
E-3 Evangelism: Reaching out to people whose culture and language are much different.
Read each of the following passages of Scripture. Describe who was involved and how Jesus took part in or encouraged evangelism.
E-1: Luke 19:1-10
E-2: John 4:1-42
E-3: Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus encouraged His followers to reach out to people who were somewhat different than themselves, to speak the truth in love as opportunities arose to join God in sharing the gospel of the kingdom.

God often gives us opportunities right where we are to use our keys to the kingdom to unlock its doors for others to enter who are somewhat different than us. We need to be prayerfully looking for and willing to join God when He gives us these opportunities.

The Major Mechanisms

Overcoming cultural barriers is one of the challenges we have in sharing the gospel with all nations. It is sometimes our unwillingness to share the gospel with all nations, that God must overcome. He does so by employing four major mechanisms to share the riches of His kingdom with all nations.

The four mechanisms operate in two categories:

God's people GO to the nations

The nations COME to God's people

Voluntarily Voluntarily

Involuntarily Involuntarily

For example, Paul voluntarily went to the Gentiles while Jonah involuntarily went to the Ninevites. The Queen of Sheba voluntarily came to Solomon, but refugees involuntarily come to safety, often where God's people can offer help.

The chart below gives some Biblical and modern-day examples of those four mechanisms. The preferred mechanism is for God's people to go voluntarily.

	VOLUNTARILY	INVOLUNTARILY
	Jesus, Philip, Peter, Paul,	Jonah
GO	Barnabas	Christians fleeing
	Short term mission trips	persecution
	Missionaries	
	Queen of Sheba	Roman military
COME	Ruth	Refugees
	International students	
	International employees	

Whenever you come in contact with a person from another culture, one of two things has happened: either you have gone to their culture, or they have come to your culture. This has been done either on a voluntary or involuntary basis. God has used these types of cross-cultural contacts throughout history in keeping His promise to Abraham.

God will keep His promise to Abraham to bless all nations. He is looking for faithful and obedient children to carry it out.

"The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, '...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me'" - Genesis 22:15,18

We see God employing these four mechanisms to bless all nations throughout history and His Treasure Map, the Bible.

God either sends His people out to bless the unreached nations, or God brings the unreached nations in to be blessed by His people.



God's people have either shared the riches of His kingdom obediently or reluctantly, and the nations have either come willingly or involuntarily.

The Major Mechanisms continued...

The chart below outlines those same four mechanisms in more detail. The mechanisms are on the left hand side of the chart, while four time periods and practical examples are shown across the top of the chart.

			Early Church	Modern Era	Examples
	Old Testament	New Testament	to 1800	1800-Present	Today
	Abraham to Canaan.	Jesus in Samaria.	Patrick, a Celt,	William Carey	Short-term
	Hebrew Prophets	Philip to Ethiopian	to Irish Barbarians.	and other	mission trips:
GO	preach & write to	enuch.		missionaries	going and
Voluntarily	nations near Israel.	Peter to Cornelius.	Britain & Europe	of the 1st Era.	supporting
	Pharisees sent out	Christians witness	Friars to China,	Hudson Taylor	missionaries
	"over land and sea"	in Cyprus, Rome,	India, Japan, and	and the 2nd Era	
	to win converts.	Antioch.	America.	missionaries.	
		Paul and Barnabas	Moravians use	Two-Thirds world	
		lead missions teams.	trades to send	developing	
			self-supporting	extensive	
			missionaries.	mission force.	
	Joseph sold into	Persecution forces	Ulfilas and exiled	Christian	Personal or
	slavery, witness in	believers out of the	Arians go to	soldiers in	business
	Egypt.	Holy Land, all over	Goths.	WWII return	travel that
	Naomi witnesses to	the Roman empire	Christian soldiers	to start new	results in
	Ruth due to famine.	and beyond.	sent by Rome	mission agencies.	contact with
GO	Jonah-reluctant	,	to England, Spain.	Ugandan	people from
Involuntarily	to go to Ninevah.		Christians	Christians flee	other
·			captured by	to other parts of	nations.
			Vikings; win them	Africa.	
			to Christ.	N. Korean	
	Hebrews in Babylon		Pilgrims and	believers flee	
	witness to captors.		Puritans forced	to less Christian	
	Esther, Daniel, &		to America;	south.	
	others affect Medes		start reaching		
	& Persians.		Indians.		
	Naaman, the	Magi look for a king	Goths invade	Influx of	International
	Syrian, seeks	in Judea.	Christian Rome,	international	co-workers,
	Elisha.	Greeks seek out	learn more of the	students and	neighbors,
COME	Queen of Sheba	Jesus.	Christian faith.	businessmen to	students.
Voluntarily	comes to	Cornelius sends	Viking raiders	Christian West.	Stadents.
Voluntarily	Solomon's court.	for Peter.	eventually won to	Immigrants in	
	Ruth chooses to	Man of Macedonia	Christ through	former colonies	
	leave Moab for	calls to Paul	their captives.	move to Europe.	
	Judah.	for help.	aion capavos.	move to Europe.	
	Gentiles forcibly	Roman military	Refugees from	Refugees from	Refugees
COME	resettled in Israel	occupation of Judea	famines, wars.	wars, natural	seeking food,
Involuntarily	by the king of	occupation of Judea	rannics, wars.	disasters and	safety,
mvoiuntarily	Assyria (2 Ki 17).			oppressive regimes	medical help,
	1738911a (2 KI 17).			seek freedom, help.	freedom.
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The Major Mechanisms continued...

Review the charts on the previous two pages.
Please check off all of the major mechanisms in which God has given you an opportunity to interact with someone from another nation.
Go Voluntarily: across the street, town, country, world
Go Involuntarily: personal or business travel
Come Voluntarily: international co-workers, neighbors, students
Come Involuntarily: refugees
Sometimes God sends His people to the nations.
Sometimes God brings nations to His people.
Briefly describe a time when God sent you out to build a friendship with someone from another nation across the street, town, country or world.
Briefly describe a time when God brought someone from another nation to you to hear the gospel.
Whether we go or others come, God will faithfully keep His promise to bless all nations. We can bless our Father by choosing to go voluntarily.
Review the "GO Voluntarily" row on the previous page.
Ask God to show you opportunities to join Him in reaching the nations.

The Unreached...



Using the keys to open the doors of the kingdom to all nations...

as an Individual





What are some practical ways that we as individuals can use our time and talents to open the doors of the kingdom to all nations?

• **Bible** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15

Abrahamic Covenant, Great Commission, Fulfillment: Read Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5:9, 7:9.



<u>Top Line</u>, <u>Bottom Line</u>: Take responsibility to bless others.

Nations, Peoples:

There are 716 verses with the words nations and peoples in them: meditate on them as you see them; seek God's wisdom in applying them.

• **Prayer** "...pray continually..." – 1 Thessalonians 5:17



<u>Unreached people groups:</u> Find a prayer resource guide and use it to pray that God would open their hearts to the gospel and establish local churches among them, especially the five major cultural blocs & the 10/40 window: Muslim, Hindu, Tribal, Chinese, Buddhist people groups with over 90% of the world's unreached people groups living in the 10/40 window (p.38).

• Share/Give "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season..."

- 2 Timothy 4:2

Neighbors/Co-workers:

Befriend those from other cultures with whom you live and work. Invest in a relationship that will yield a fruitful harvest.

• World Events "...the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men..."
- Daniel 4:25b



God's sovereignty:

Look at world events from a Biblical worldview that sees God restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory.

Resources



"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." – Romans 12:2

Take the <u>Perspectives course</u> for a more in-depth study.

See the Appendix for a resource guide for <u>Books</u>, <u>Prayer guides</u>, <u>Periodicals</u>, <u>Email Groups</u>, <u>Videos</u> on God's marvelous plan throughout history & our connection to it; Top Line, Bottom Line; Unreached People Groups; Christian world movement; and much more.

What can I do now?

Here are ways that an individual can get involved right now.



<u>Pray.</u> Ask God to show you how you can join Him in using your gifts and talents to reach the unreached people groups of the world.



Read the book, *Unveiled At Last*, by Bob Sjogren. Ask for it at your local Christian bookstore, church library or missions department. (See the Appendix for other books and periodicals.)



<u>Subscribe</u> to *BRIGADA TODAY*, an email group with networks to help reach unreached people groups. *Brigada* itself is free. Send an email to brigada-today-subscribe@egroups.com. The subject is ignored. More details will then be sent in response to your message. (See the Appendix for web sites.)



<u>Study</u> and <u>pray</u> for the unreached people groups of the world in any of these three publications:

- Unreached People Group Prayer Profiles by Bethany World Prayer Center: write to AD 2000 & Beyond Movement, 2860 South Circle Drive, Suite 2112, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- Global Prayer Digest by the U.S. Center for World Mission: write to, Global Prayer Digest, U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104



- Operation World by Patrick Johnstone
 Ask for it at your local Christian bookstore, church library or missions department.
- Take *Perspectives*. Ask about outreach opportunities to the nations in your local church. (See the Appendix for who can send you and train you to go to the unreached.) Go to www.perspectives.org for more information.
- For further information...

Website	www.pathtogodsglory.org
Email	info@pathtogodsglory.org
Write	Southeast Christian Church Attn: Missions Department 920 Blankenbaker Parkway Louisville, KY 40243

Using the keys to open the doors of the kingdom to all nations...

as a Group





Church, Adult Bible Fellowship, Small Group, Youth group, etc.

What are some practical ways that we as a group can use our time and talents to open the doors of the kingdom to all nations?

• Adopt-A-People Plant a church in an Unreached People Group:

To adopt is to voluntarily take into a relationship.

When you adopt an unreached people group, you are committing to a relationship that will consummate in the kingdom of God. (See the glossary for the definition of adopting an unreached people group.)

This has been one of the most effective ways to take the gospel of the kingdom to the Unreached people groups of the world. A commitment by your group to establish a church in an unreached people group may become one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of your Christian life. Here are some steps to take when adopting an unreached people group.

Recommended Steps of Adoption

- Pray for guidance
- Become informed
- Consult with church leadership, missions committee
- Contact a mission agency or parachurch organization
- Pray about your choice
- · Choose an unreached people group
- Pray that this group be reached, that a church be established
- Inform the agency or organization of your decision
- Establish goals
- Write a People Profile (check with Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse)
- Educate the church of your decision
- Raise prayer team, money
- Network with others
- Send your members
- Rejoice in victory with your reached people group

Several Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) classes in our church have already adopted unreached people groups in North Africa, the Middle East and Europe. These classes are forming partnerships with other churches and parachurch organizations to plant churches among the unreached.

What can we do now?

Here are ways your group can get involved now.



Adopt an Unreached People Group

- Follow the steps outlined in the course.
- Contact your church missions department.
- <u>Learn</u> who the least reached people groups are and local mission agencies who can help you get involved.
- <u>Pray</u> to ask God to show you the people group to which He wants you to establish a church.

This is one of the most effective ways a group can advance the kingdom among the nations. (See the Appendix for more information on how to adopt an unreached people group.)

• Use the Adopt-A-People "How To" Manual called:

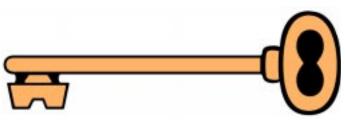
Adoption: A Practical Guide to Successfully Adopting an Unreached People Group

Ask for it at your local Christian bookstore, church library, or missions department.

For further information...

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Unit 4 ...Section B Joining God



Key Thoughts

Briefly describe the concept of E-1, E-2 and E-3 evangelism.				

God's people have either shared the riches of His kingdom obediently or reluctantly and the nations have either come willingly or forcefully.

Draw a line from the following people on the left with the major mechanism by which they came to know or share the riches of God's kingdom.

Jonah Come Voluntarily
Ruth Go Involuntarily
Refugees Go Voluntarily
Paul Come Involuntarily

Jesus said, "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Mt 5:16

The psalmist wrote, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in all the earth." - Ps 46:10

Prayerfully complete the following "Key Commitment" page.

Key Commitment

Please check off the boxes below that indicate your commitment to advance God's kingdom to all nations. Share this with a friend or group who can help you keep your commitment.

	Pray for the unreached people groups of the world, especially the five major cultural blocs: Muslim, Hindu, Tribal, Chinese, Buddhist.	
	Read Bible and live life to obediently seek out Bottom Line responsibilities you can fulfill.	
	Read <i>Unveiled At Last</i> or another book to broaden your vision for God's kingdom among the nations.	
i i	Reach out to neighbors, co-workers and students from other cultures.	
	Study world events in light of God's redemptive plan, and pray for God's kingdom to expand.	
	Pray through Global Prayer Digest or Operation World.	
	Take the Perspectives study course.	
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Unit 4

Path to God's Glory Summary

Opening the Doors of the Kingdom to all Nations for God's Glory

Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." – Matthew 24:14

God has been restoring His kingdom and redeeming the nations throughout history. We are Abraham's seed and Jesus' disciples by faith. We may therefore enjoy the promised Top Line Blessing while sharing in the Bottom Line Responsibility to bless all nations.

God told Abram,

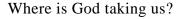
"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

- Genesis 12:2,3b



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20



John tells us,

"...there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." – Revelation 7:9







What will the next millennium hold for the kingdom of God?

What part will you and your church play in God's master plan to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory?

Pray and ask God to show you how He wants you to join Him as a result of this study. Write a prayer of willingness to uphold the commitments you made on the previous page.

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Glossary

Adopt an unreached people group - One or more congregations or fellowship groups work through their chosen mission agency to provide informed, concerted prayer and financial support. It is maintaining a commitment to establish a growing, evangelizing church movement within their adopted unreached people group.

Blessings - That which brings encouragement, comfort or joy.

Bloc - A combination of nations forming a unit with a common interest or purpose. Over 90% of the world's unreached people groups fall within five major cultural blocs: Muslim, Hindu, Tribal, Buddhist and Chinese.

Bottom Line – Our responsibility to bless others.

The Church – The church is the Body of Christ, the community of the Holy Spirit, the people of God. It is the community of the King and His agent in the world for God's plan for the reconciliation of all things.

A Church – A church is a congregation of disciples who obey the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are repentant, baptized believers who celebrate the Lord's Supper, love one another, show compassion to their neighbors, pray, give and evangelize.

Culture – Culture is the patterned way of doing things. It is an integrated system of beliefs, values, customs, and institutions which binds a society together and gives it a sense of identity, dignity, security and continuity.

Evangelism – To evangelize is to spread the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that as the reigning Lord He now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Spirit to all who repent and believe.

- **E-1 Evangelism** The process of sharing the good news with people within a person's own language and culture.
- **E-2 Evangelism** The process of sharing the good news with people from a culture somewhat different than a person's own culture but with some similarities.
- **E-3 Evangelism** The process of sharing the good news with people whose language and culture are much different than a person's own language and culture.

Indigenous Church – A group of believers who live out their life, including their socialized Christian activity, in the patterns of the local society, and for whom any transformation of that society comes out of their felt needs under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures.

Kingdom of God – This refers to God's reign, rule, and sovereignty.

Kingdom Mechanisms – Mechanisms used by God to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations: His people a) go voluntarily; b) go involuntarily; the nations c) come voluntarily; d) come involuntarily.

Glossary continued...

Nation (Biblical concept of) – An ethnic unit or people group (Greek = ethne; Hebrew = mishpahot), rather than a geo-political country, as in *Matthew 28:19* and *Genesis 12:3*.

People Group - A distinct ethnic group of people. The largest group within which the gospel can spread along natural lines without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance due to language and culture.

Reached People Group - A distinct ethnic group of people who have a church within their group capable of evangelizing its own people. A people group among which there is an indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people.

Redeem - To win or buy back; to free from captivity by payment: to release from blame or debt, as when Jesus died for the sins of the world.

Restore - To bring back or to put back into its former or original state.

Top Line - The blessings we receive from God.

Unreached People Group - A distinct ethnic group of people who do not have a church within their group capable of evangelizing its own people. A people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people.

World view - How one sees the world. It is what is real to a person or culture. It answers life's deepest questions.

10/40 Window - It is the area of the world between latitudes 10° and 40° north of the equator covering North Africa, Middle East and Asia, where most of the world's unreached people groups live.

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The Global Thread Through Scripture

God's global plan can be found in every book of the Bible. Read straight through the passages listed here, in one sitting. Watch how this grand theme weaves its way from Genesis through Revelation. See how the theme is compatible with each book in the unfolding of God's master plan for the world.

GENESIS 12:3 "...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." **EXODUS 19:5-6** "Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." "The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love **LEVITICUS 19:34** him as yourself ... " **NUMBERS 24:17-18** "A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel...Edom will be conquered; Seir, his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong." **DEUTERONOMY 28:9-10** "The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you." **JOSHUA 4:23-24** "For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over...so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful.." **JUDGES 2:21-22** "I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord..." "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will **RUTH 1:16** go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." "This day the Lord will hand you over to me...and the whole world will 1 SAMUEL 17:46 know that there is a God in Israel." "Therefore I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises 2 SAMUEL 22:50 to your name." "The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom 1 KINGS 10:24 God had put in his heart." 2 KINGS 19:19 "Now, O Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O Lord, are God." 1 CHRONICLES 16:23-24 "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." **2 CHRONICLES 6:32-33** "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm...then hear from heaven...and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you." **EZRA 1:2** "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah."" "...a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who **NEHEMIAH 6:17** came to us from the surrounding nations." "And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews **ESTHER 8:17** had seized them." JOB 1:7-8 "The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.' Then the

PSALM 67:1-2 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."

Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on

The Global Thread Through Scripture continued...

PROVERBS 8:15-16

ECCLESIASTES 3:14

SONG OF SONGS 8:6 ISAIAH 49:6

JEREMIAH 33:9

LAMENTATIONS 4:20 EZEKIEL 36:23

DANIEL 7:13-14

HOSEA 8:8 JOEL 3:11 AMOS 9:11-12

OBADIAH verse 15

JONAH 3:5

MICAH 4:3

NAHUM 1:5

HABAKKUK 2:14

ZEPHANIAH 3:9

HAGGAI 2:7

ZECHARIAH 14:9

MALACHI 1:11 MATTHEW 28:19 "By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth."

"I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him."

"Place me like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death."

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

"Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it."

"We thought that under his shadow we would live among the nations."
"I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned

among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord...when I show myself holy through you before their eyes." "He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every

language worshiped him."

"Israel is swallowed up; now she is among the nations..."
"Come quickly, all you nations from every side..."

"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name..."

"The day of the Lord is near for all nations."

"The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast..."

"He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for

strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares..."
"The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth

trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it."

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the

Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on

the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder."

"I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this

house with glory..."

"The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord,

and his name the only name."

"My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun."

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

The Global Thread Through Scripture continued...

MARK 13:10 LUKE 24:47 JOHN 10:16

ACTS 1:8

ROMANS 1:5

1 CORINTHIANS 15:24

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

GALATIANS 3:8

EPHESIANS 1:9-10

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

COLOSSIANS 1:6 1 THESSALONIANS 1:8

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

2 TIMOTHY 4:1

TITUS 2:11 PHILEMON verse 6 HEBREWS 9:27 JAMES 1:1 1 PETER 2:9

2 PETER 3:9

1 JOHN 4:14

2 JOHN verse 5 3 JOHN verse 5

JUDE verses 22-23

REVELATION 5:9-10

"And the gospel must first be preached to all nations."

"...repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations..."

"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd."

"...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

"...we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."

"Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power."

"...that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them."

"The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.'"

"And he made known to us the mystery of his will...to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ."

"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..."

"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing..."

"The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia-your faith in God has become known everywhere."

"...pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."

"...He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word..."

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith."

"...Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people."

"...To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations."

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise...He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

"I ask that we love one another."

"...you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you."

"Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear..."

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Bottom Line Scriptures

The following Scriptures highlight our responsibility to bless others.

Gen 3:15	Lev 18: 26-28	Jos 6:17,25,27
Gen 12:1-3	Lev 19: 9,10,33,34	Jos 7: 9
Gen 12:10-20	Lev 20: 2,3	Jos 8: 33,35
Gen 13:7	Lev 22:17,18	Jos 9:1-27
Gen 14:13,18-24	Lev 23: 22	Jos 11: 1-3
Gen 15:1-21	Lev 24:16,22	Jos 13:13
Gen 17:12,13	Lev 25: 23	Jos 15: 63
Gen 17:15,16,27	Lev 26: 45	Jos 16: 10
Gen 18:1-33	Num 9:14	Jos 17:12,13
Gen 20:2-18	Num 10: 29-32	Jos 20: 9
Gen 21: 22,23,25	Num 12:1,2	Jud 1: 16,21,28-36
Gen 22:1-18	Num 14:13-19	Jud 2: 23-3: 5
Gen 23: 3-20	Num 15:14-16,26	Jud 3:13,14
Gen 24:12-14,26,27	Num 19: 10	Jud 5: 24-27
Gen 24: 34-54	Num 22:1-24:25	Rut 1: 1-4:22
Gen 26:2-31	Num 32:3,4	1 Sa 4: 6-9
Gen 28:13-15	Num 35:15	1 Sa 5:1-6: 16
Gen 30: 27	Deu 1: 4	1 Sa 9: 3,6
Gen 34:1-31	Deu 2:24-3: 11	1 Sa 12:22
Gen 35:5,11,12	Deu 4: 6,25-27	1 Sa 17:1-59
Gen 37: 5-30,36	Deu 5: 6-21,32,33	1 Sa 19:8
Gen 39: 1-47: 31	Deu 7:6-9,14	1 Sa 22: 3,4
Exo 2:24	Deu 9:25-29	1 Sa 26:6
Exo 3:6,8,15-22	Deu 10: 14,18,19	2 Sa 7: 22-26
Exo 4:1-17,22	Deu 11: 25	2 Sa 8:1-14
Exo 5:1-3,24	Deu 14:29	2 Sa 10: 1-9
Exo 6: 2-8	Deu 16:14	2 Sa 11: 6-11
Exo 7: 1-11: 10	Deu 23: 7,8	2 Sa 12:29-31
Exo 14:4-31	Deu 24:17-22	2 Sa 15:18-22
Exo 15:14-16,27	Deu 26:11-13	2 Sa 21:1-9
Exo 17:8-15	Deu 27:19	2 Sa 22: 44-46,50
Exo 18:1,8-12	Deu 28:10,11,64	2 Sa 24:16,18-25
Exo 19: 5,6	Deu 29:11,22,24-29	1 Ki 3:1-4,11
Exo 22:21	Deu 30: 1	1 Ki 4: 20,21,29-34
Exo 23: 9	Deu 31:12,16-18	1 Ki 5:1-12
Exo 23: 9,12	Deu 32:7	1 Ki 8:16,18,19,29
Exo 32: 9-13	Jos 2: 1-24	1 Ki 8: 41-43,59-61
Exo 33:1-3,16	Jos 3:13-17	1 Ki 9: 8,9
Lev 16: 29,30	Jos 4: 19-24	1 Ki 10: 1-13,23-25
Lev 17:8-10,13,15	Jos 5: 1,14	1 Ki 11: 1-13
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1 Ki 14:21-24,31	Psa 9: 7-12,15-20	Psa 145: 9-13,21
1 Ki 17:7-18:45	Psa 18: 49,50	Psa 146: 5-1 0
1 Ki 19:15	Psa 23: 27-31	Psa 148:7-14
1 Ki 20:1-34	Psa 24:1-7	Psa 150: 6
2 Ki 1:2	Psa 25: 11	Ecl 3:11,14
2 Ki 3:1-27	Psa 33: 8-14	Ecl 5:1-7
2 Ki 4:8-37	Psa 36:7	Ecl 7:13,14,20
2 Ki 4:42-44	Psa 40: 2,3,16	Ecl 8:13
2 Ki 5:1-20	Psa 44:11,14	Ecl 11: 05
2 Ki 5:1-20 2 Ki 6:8-23	Psa 45:17	Ecl 12:13,14
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2 Ki 13:20,21	Psa 47:1-4,7-9	Isa 6:1-13
2 Ki 15:29,30	Psa 48: 2,1 0	lsa 7:18-25
2 Ki 16:9-12	Psa 49:1-20	Isa 8:17
2 Ki 17:1-6,23-41	Psa 50: 1	Isa 9:1,2
2 Ki 18:10-12,17-37		lsa 10: 20-23
2 Ki 19:10-19,35,36		Isa 11: 9-12
2 Ki 24:10-17	Psa 59:13	lsa 13:2-5
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1 Ch 16:23-31	Psa 69: 34-36	Isa 19:1-25
I Ch 17:20-24	Psa 72:11-15	Isa 21: 9,10
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2 Ch 14:9-15	Psa 86:9,17	Isa 30: 20-22
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2 Ch 10: 1-30	Psa 94: 6,7	Isa 37: 20
2 Ch 16: 1-30 2 Ch 26: 8	Psa 96:1-13	Isa 40: 3-5
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Est 1: 1-10:3	Psa 114: 7,8	Isa 56:1-8
Psa 2: 7-12	Psa 117:1,2	Isa 59:19
Psa 7: 6-8	Psa 126:1-3	Isa 60:1-16
Psa 8:1-9	Psa 137:4-6	Isa 61:1-6,9-11

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Jer 12:14-16	Eze 38:14-23	Mat 5:1-7: 28
Jer 13: 1-11	Eze 39:1-8,21-24	Mat 8: 5-12
Jer 14: 7	Eze 39:27-29	Mat 9: 26,31,35-38
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Jer 26: 6	Hos 7:11-16	Mat 18:1-19
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Jer 32:19-23,27	Hos 14:4-8	Mat 25: 31-46
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Jer 49: 7-22	Amo 2:1-5,9-11	Mar 1: 23-28,38,39
Jer 50: 1 -7,46	Amo 4: 10	Mar 2:15-17
Jer 51: 1 -58	Amo 9: 7,9,11,12	Mar 3: 7-12
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Joh 2:13-17	Rom 1: 13-16,18-32	1 Ti 4: 9,10
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Joh 4:1-54	Rom 3: 6,9-31	1 Tit 2:11-14
Joh 5:19-31	Rom 4: 9-25	Heb 1: 1-3;6
Joh 6: 35-40,44-58	Rom 5:6-21	Heb 5: 8-10
Joh 7: 36	Rom 8:18-23	Heb 6:13-19
Joh 8:12,25	Rom 9:1-33	Heb 7: 23-27
Joh 9: 5	Rom 10: 4,11-20	Heb 8:1-2,6
Joh 10: 1-18	Rom 11: 1-36	Heb 9:11-15,23-28
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Act 4:16,23-25	2 Cor 10:13-16	
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Act 7:1-8:14	Gal 2:1-17	
Act 8:25-9:16	Gal 3:8,9,14,16	
Act 10:1-11:30	Gal 3:21-19	
Act 13:1-4,6-12,16	Gal 6:14	
Act 13:26,40-52	Eph 1:3-23	

Rev 1: 4-8

Rev 2: 26-27

Rev 3: 10

Rev 4:1-7:17

Rev 8: 6-10:11

Rev 11: 15-19

Rev 13:1-15:8

Rev 17:13-18

Rev 18:1-3

Rev 19:1-16

Some of the Unreached Peoples

Abu Sharib of Chad	
Abung of Indonesia	
Afghan Persian of Iran	
Aimaq-Hazara of Afghanistan	
Aji of Indonesia	
Aka Pygmy of Congo	
Alevica Kurdish of Turkey	
Arabized Black of Libya	
Atuentse of China	
Awlad Mana of Sudan	
Bagirmi Fulani of Central African Rep	
Bajau (Sea Gypsy) of Indonesia	
Bajau (Sea Gypsy) of Philippines	40,000
Bajelan (Shabak, Gurani) of Iraq	
Balkan Rom Gypsy of Turkey	55,000
Banjar Melau of Indonesia	
Banjarese (Banjar Melau) of Malaysia	3,000,000
Bateri of Pakistan	
Bazaar Low Malay Creole of Malaysia	20,000
Bazaar Low Malay Creole of Singapore	
Bedouin Arab of Saudi Arabia	3,000,000
Bedouin Arab of Syria	1,000,000
Beja, Beni-Amer of Ethiopia	
Beja, Beni-Amer of Sudan	1,907,000
BeninTogo Fulani of Togo	37,000
Bhilala of India	
Bideyat (Beri) of Chad	
Bilala of Chad	137,000
Binjhwari of India	
Bisharin (Ababdah) of Egypt	58,000
Biyo of China	
Burig (Purig-pa) of Pakistan	368,000
Buryat of China	65,000
Central Asian Jew of Uzbeldstan	30,000
Central Sama (Sinama) of Malaysia	40,000
Chain, Eastern of Vietnam	80,000
Chero, of India	28,000
Choni (Northern Tibetan) of China	24,000
Coast Arab of Tanzania	
Comorian (N@) of Madagascar	
Cyemaican Arab of Libya	
Daju of Dar Dadju of Chad	
Daju of Dar Sila of Chad	33,000
Dar Fur Da . of Sudan	
Dar Sila Daju of Sudan	
Darghinian (Dargwa) of Russia	
Dimili Kurdish of Turkey	
Dungan (Hui, Huizui) of Kazakhstan	
Dungan (Hui, Huizui) of Kyrgyzstan	
Duun (Sarnogho, Duu) of Mali	70,000
Ehim of Indonesia	
Fezzan Bedouin of Libya	
Firozkohi (Char Aimaq) of Afghanistan	
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Fula Toro (Fula Jeeri) of Senegal	350,000
Fulani (Sudanese Fula) of Sudan	130,000
Fur (Furawi) of Sudan	500,000
Gadames Berber of Libya	25,000
Gafsa Bedouin of Tunisia	30,000
Galo (Maiyon) of Pakistan	200,000
Ghomara Berber of Morocco	57,000
Ghorbati Gypsy of Iran	80,000
Ghorbati Gypsy of Iraq	
Gimma of Sudan	99,000
Gosha of Somalia	
Gurani (Bajalani) of Iran	20,000
Gypsy (Balkan) of Yugoslavia	
Halebi Gypsy (Nawari) of Egypt	
Halebi Gypsy (Nawari) of Libya	
Hamar of Sudan	
Harzani of Iran	
Hazara (Berberi) of Afghanistan	1,403,000
Hazara-Berberi (Teymur) of Iran	
Hwla of Togo	
Ingush (Gaigai, Ingush) of Russia	
Ingush of Kazakhstan	
Iranian Arab of Iran	
Jamshidi (Char Aimaq) of Afghanistan	
Jamshidi (Char Aimaq) of Iran	
Jewish of Uruguay	
Jewish Tat (Judeo-Tat) of Iran	
Juba Somali of Ethiopia	
Juba Somali of Somalia	
Judeo-Persian of Iran	
Kaghani of Pakistan	
Kara-Kalpak of Turkey	
Karakalpak of Iran	36,000
Kaur of Indonesia	
Kawar (Kamari) of India	
Kayu Agung of Indonesia	
Kelingi of Indonesia	
Kho (Chitrali, Khowar) of Pakistan	
Khorasani Turk of Iran	
Kimr (Gimr) of Sudan	
Kohistani (Garwi) of Pakistan	
Kolai (Kohistani-Shina) of Pakistan	
Kufra Bedouin of Libya	
Kuka of Chad	
Kulisusu of Indonesia	23,000
Lak (Laki, Kumux) of Russia	
Lampungese (I-ampongerese) of Indonesia	
Larestani (Lari) of Iran	
Lematang of Indonesia	
Lezgian (Lezghi) of Azerbaijan	
Lezgian (Lezghi) of Russia	
Lhoba of India	
Lintang of Indonesia	
Loba (Mustang) of Nepal	

Lodhi (Ludha) of India......44,000

Lubu of Indonesia	39 000
Luri (Lori, Feyli) of Iran	
Luri (Lur) of Iraq	
Maca of Mozambique	
Mahra (Mehri, Mahri) of Yemen	
Mahra of Oman	
Maiwa of Indonesia	
Majhwar of India	
Malay (Javar) of Sri Lanka	
Malay, Negeri Sembili of Malaysia	
Mam, Tajumulco of Guatemala	
Manga Kanuri of Niger	
Manga Kanuri of Nigeria	
Maninka (South Malinka) of Guinea	
Mararit (Abiyi, Ebiri) of Sudan	
Mararit, Abu Sharib of Chad	
Marendje of Mozambique	
Masalit of Sudan	
Melayu, Belide of Indonesia	
Melayu, Berau of Indonesia	
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Melayu, Riau of Indonesia	
Melayu-Jambi of Indonesia	
Men-pa of China	
Middle East Gypsy of Turkey	
Midob (Meidob, Tiddi) of Sudan	
Mima of Sudan	
Mongallese Arab of Sudan	
Mugali of Nepal	
Muko-Muko of Indonesia	
Mussulman Tat of Azerbaijan	
Mussulman Tat of Iran	
Nahuatl, Central of Mexico	
Nangalami (Nigalami) of Afghanistan	
Nefusa Berber of Libya	
Ngolok (Golog) of China	
Ngossi (Gevoko) of Cameroon	
Northern Sinama of Malaysia	
Northern Sinama of Philippines	
Ogan of Indonesia	300,000
Omani Arab of Somalia	
Omani Arab of Yemen	
Palembangese of Indonesia	
Palestinian Arab of Iraq	
Panika of India	
Pashayi (Pashai) of Afghanistan	
Pashayi, Southwestern of Afghanistan	108,000

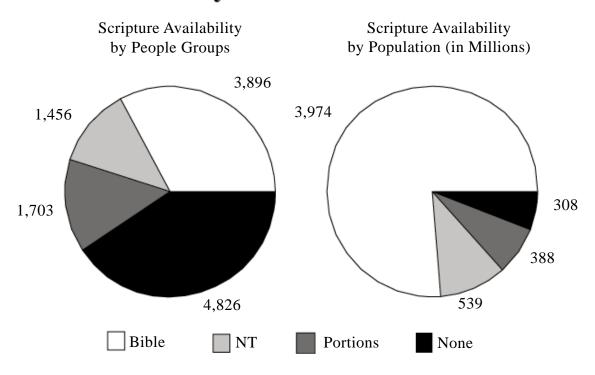
Pekal of Indonesia	
Penesak of Indonesia	
Pubian of Indonesia	. 410,000
Qashqai (Kashkai) of Iran	
Rajkoti of Pakistan	40,000
Ranau of Indonesia	60,000
Rashaida of Sudan	68,000
Rawas of Indonesia	150,000
Riau Malay of Malaysia	80,000
Riyah Bedouin of Libya	28,000
Runga of Chad	22,000
Rutul (Rutal, Mukhad) of Russia	20,000
Sanusi Bedouin of Libya	505,000
Saudi Arab of Oman	50,000
Sehwi of Cote d'Ivoire	150,000
Shahara of Saudi Arabia	34,000
Shawiya (Chaouia) of Algeria	1,700,000
Shikaki of Iran	
Shin (Sina, Dardi) of India	
Shina (Dras, Shin) of Pakistan	
Shukria of Sudan	,
Sikkimese Bhotia of India	
Sirtican Bedouin of Libya	
Socotran (Sokotri) of Yemen	
Southern Sama (Bajau) of Malaysia	
Southern Sama of Philippines	
Sulung of China	
Swahili (Shamba) of Kenya	
Tagale (Taqalawin) of Sudan	
Taimani (Char Aimaq) of Afghanistan	
Tajik (Tadzhik) of China	
Takistani of Iran	
Talysh (Lenkoran) of Azerbaijan	30,000
Talysh of Iran	
Tama (Gimr) of Chad	
Tama (Tamongobo) of Sudan	
Tamiang of Indonesia	
Teda (Tubu) of Niger	
Teymur (Aimaq) of Iran	
Teymur (Timuri) of Afghanistan	
Tougourt Berber of Algeria	
Tripolitanian Arab of Libya	220,000
Tuat Berber of Algeria	229,000
Turkish Gypsy of Turkey Turvali of Pakistan	
Tuvinian (Tannu-Tuva) of Mongolia	
Ulumandak (TJlunda) of Indonesia	
Wargia Berber (Ouargla) of Algeria	
Wawonii of Indonesia	
West Coast Bajau of Malaysia	
Western Baluch of Afghanistan	.290,000
Western Baluch of Iran	
Western Baluch of Turkmenistan	
Yakha of Nepal	
Yemeni Arab of Saudi Arabia	120,000

Zaghawa of Niger	35,000
Zaghawa of Sudan	
Zott Gypsy (Nawar) of Iran	
Zott Gypsy (Nawar) of Iraq	
Zuara (Zwara, Zuraa) of Libya	

Total Population 58,675,000

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STEPS TOWARD ADOPTION

by Bruce K. Camp

The steps indicated below are those commonly taken by congregations in the adoption process. They are outlined here to help your church think through and plan for the commitment it makes as it seeks to adopt an unreached people group.

1. PRAY FOR GUIDANCE:

Adopting an unreached people begins and ends with prayer. Ask God to give you guidance in this endeavor. Does He want your church to adopt a people? Is now the proper time to begin such an emphasis? Petition God to prepare your church for this emphasis. Ask Him to help you and the church to stay committed to the task until the people group is reached.

2. BECOME INFORMED:

You should learn about the Adopt-A-People emphasis before you make a decision to proceed with the adoption. One way to become informed is by subscribing to Mission Frontiers. Another idea would be to look over the list of resources mentioned in the back of this book and consult several of them. The question which needs to be answered is: Why would this endeavor be appropriate for your congregation? If you are to proceed with an adoption, what steps should your church follow in its adoption activities? Think through how this emphasis would relate to your other missions activities.

3.DISCUSS WITH YOUR PASTOR:

After you have become familiar with the basic concepts of adoption, talk with your pastor about the idea. Is he in favor of it? What advice does he have for you? Does he have a particular burden for a people or a part of the world? How does he want to be involved in the process.?

4. DECIDE WITH THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

What are the pros and cons for your church in adopting an unreached people? Why do you collectively believe that God wants you to adopt a people at this time? A key question to answer is: Who will be the champion for this emphasis?

Steps Toward Adoption continued...

5.CONSULT WITH CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

In most churches, the missions committee needs to inform and ask for approval from the church leadership in regard to new major missions commitments. Confer with your leaders about your plans. Do they have any input which you should seek in regard to the selection of a people? Ask them to join you in prayer for the completion of this endeavor. Additionally, double-check to make sure that your pastor is aware of and committed to your plans.

6. CONTACT A MISSION AGENCY:

Your denominational leaders might have some people groups which they would like to suggest to consider for adoption. Ask them if they have such a list. Do any of your church missionaries work with an unreached people? Decide with which agency you want to partner in reaching the unreached.

7. PRAY ABOUT YOUR CHOICE:

As you continue your research on several groups that the agency has recommended, ask God to show you which group He wants you to adopt. Pray that your committee would have unity in this decision.

8. CHOOSE A PEOPLE:

After you have refined and prioritized your church's criteria for selection, which peoples surface as the best candidates for your adoption and why? Once you have made your decision, continue your research.

9. PRAY FOR EVANGELIZATION:

The goal of the adoption endeavor is to see a church planting movement established that is capable of evangelizing the entire people group. Pray that this will happen. Ask God to open the hearts of the unbelievers so that they would come to know Jesus Christ personally. Pray for cross-cultural workers to go to the people. Ask God to restrict any demonic forces which are at work among the people. Additionally, you will want to establish a prayer band for this people group and your activities. You will need to develop a system to inform individuals about the prayer needs of your people group.

10. INFORM THE AGENCY:

Contact the agency regarding your decision. Ask them if they have any helpful materials for you on adoption in general, and specifically in regard to your people group. You will want to request the names of other churches and organizations with which you can network.

Steps Toward Adoption continued...

11. ESTABLISH GOALS:

When should you inform the congregation of your decision? What goals should you set for the first year? What do you want to see happen in the areas of prayer, education, networking and research? What date do you want to set to evaluate your progress? These goals will be specific to your congregation.

12. WRITE A PROFILE:

The Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse might have a profile on your particular group. Contact them to see if they do. Conduct additional research so that you can write an exhaustive profile about your people group. This profile will help you educate your congregation.

13. EDUCATE THE CONGREGATION:

This is an on-going process. Initially, you might want to start with an adoption ceremony in a morning service. As you consider education, what is your strategy to educate your constituency during the morning services, in Bible studies, in adult, youth and children's Sunday School? The U.S. Center for World Mission (Mobilization Division) can help you with suggestions for resources. Also, don't forget to make plans to educate your Adopt-A-People champion, your missions committee and church leaders.

14. RAISE MONEY:

You might want to begin by establishing an account to receive money from your congregation. Determine the most appropriate way to raise money for your people group in your congregation. Does this plan need to be approved by your church leadership? Are there other fund raising strategies that can be applied appropriately?

15. NETWORK WITH OTHERS:

You do not have to go it alone in this venture. Ask the Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse and the U. S. Center (Mobilization Division) for leads as to whom you should contact. As you begin to network with others, share with them what you have learned. Ask advice from others who have been in this process for a longer period of time than you have been.

16. SEND YOUR MEMBERS:

Keeping your church excited about reaching an unreached people is hard work. One of the best ways to motivate your constituency is by sending them to see the unreached people, if possible. Determine what options there are to sending a short term team to the people (i.e. as a study tour). If at all possible, send your pastor. Also, pray that God would raise up individuals from your church to go to the people group as career missionaries and/or tentmakers.

17. REJOICE IN VICTORY:

The last step is to rejoice in God's goodness, that He has brought many individuals to Himself so that a church planning movement has been established.

How to Adopt-A-People

Our God is a missionary God! His heart longs to have a human race restored to fellowship with Himself. We sense His heart for all peoples - and His plan for them- as we see the purpose of the Lord's death in Revelation 5:9 "...you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

His purpose will be completed as we, His Church, obey His command in Matthew Chapter 28 to "...make disciples of all nations." Biblically-defined nations are not the same as countries. "Nations" comes from the Greek word "*ethne*". The closest English translation of **ethne** is "ethnic" or "people groups." In Nigeria alone, for example, there are over 600 "nations" or *ethne*.

The focus of the Adopt-A-People Campaign is to fulfill the purpose of the Lord's death, and obey His final command, by taking the Good News to every "tribe and language and people and nation" and by establishing a strong, evangelizing church movement that will carry out His command to disciple! 'To see this happen, we are encouraging churches and fellowship groups to work together with mission agencies to finish the Great Commission!

HOW CAN WE FINISH THE GREAT COMMISSION?

1. Identify the goal.

Mission agencies and researchers are busy identifying every last tribe, language, and people on earth where a church movement must still be planted. Of the 24,000 people groups worldwide, only 10,000 of them are still unreached - and many of these have missionaries working to reach them! An unreached people is a group in which missionaries have not yet planted a church community that is capable of evangelizing its own people.

2. Use The Resources That God Has Already Provided.

There are over seven million evangelical congregations of believers worldwide. Since there are only 10,000 unreached people groups, the ratio of congregations to people groups is over 600 to one! Think of the potential of just five (or 600) congregations working together to plant a church in a single people group. Once established, this church Community will then be able to evangelize the rest of the group. Never before has Christ's Church been in such a strong position to **Finish** the task!

3. Finish the task in bite-sized pieces.

The world is too big for any one congregation to tackle, and many pastors despair frpm the constant barrage of requests for funds and prayers. But in this final challenge to complete the task, each congregation can adopt and help reach at least one of the remaining 10,000 unreached people groups!

What does it mean to "adopt" an unreached people group?

- It means that one or more congregations or fellowship groups work through their chosen mission agency to provide informed, concerted prayer and financial support for a specified unreached people.
- It means **maintaining** that commitment until a growing, evangelizing church movement is established within their unreached people group.

Who Can Send You to the Unreached?

Twenty-four Non- or Inter-Denominational US Mission Sending Agencies Working with Unreached Peoples

Africa Inland Mission

PO Box 178, Pearl River,NY 10965, 800-254-0010, go@aimint.org. Serving in 17 countries in Africa as well as US urban centers, AIM's primary goal is to establish and develop maturing churches through the evangelization of unreached people groups and the effective preparation of church leaders.

Arab World Ministries

PO Box 96, Upper Darby PA 19082, 800-447-3566, awmusa@aol.com

Sharing the love of Christ with Arab Muslim peoples in North Africa, the Middle East and Europe through church planting, friendship evangelism, literature distribution, relief and development and related ministries. More than 350 short-tem and career workers.

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100 Sunport Lane, Orlando, FL 32809, 407-826-2000, harvest2k@ccci.org

Evangelism and discipleship among students and others through a variety of vocations. Summer, one- year, and a wide variety of long-term opportunities on five continents.

CHRISTAR

PO Box 14866, Reading, PA 19612, 800-755-7955, info@imi.org

Formerly International Missions, Inc. (IMI). CHRISTAR missionaries are working to plant churches among 27 unreached people groups, primarily Hindus, Muslims and East Asians. CHRISTAR has 70 years of experience in India.

Educational Services International

444 E Huntington Dr. Suite 200, Arcadia, CA 91006 800-895-7955. teach@esimail.org. Training and sending people to teach English, business and law in Central Asia, China, Russia, Central Europe, Turkey, and Morocco. Summer and year-long programs available.

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A nonprofit Christian corporation training and sending teachers on a long or short-term basis to China, Mongolia and Vietnam. Small teams of teachers serve their students and build friendships through which they can share faith and values.

Frontiers

325 N Stapley Road, Mesa AZ 85203, 800-GO-2THEM, info@frontiers.org Sending church planting teams to restricted access countries throughout the Islamic world. Currently 20% of all North American Protestant missionaries laboring in the Muslim world serve with Frontiers. Frontiers emphasizes practicality, being flexible and grace-oriented towards one another, apostolic ministry, teams and God-centered rather than man-centered ministry. Go for two weeks to 20 years.

Gospel Missionary Union

10000 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City MO 64155, info@gmu.org Church planting and related ministries on four continents with an emphasis on the unreached and urban centers. Short-term and career opportunities. GMU is marked by three basic convictions: the authority of Scripture, the centrality of the church and the priority of evangelism and church planting.

IFES/InterVarsity

PO Box 7895, Madison WI 53707, 608-274-9001, gp@ivcf.org

The International Fellowship of Evangelical Students is a worldwide fellowship of Christian student groups with the goal of knowing Jesus Christ and making him known through witness to fellow students in more than 130 countries. The US member organization is InterVarsity. For missions, write and ask about Global Projects.

International Missions, Inc.

PO Box 14866, Reading PA 19612-4866, 800-755-7955, info@imi.org

Church planting, correspondence courses, evangelism and literature distribution. More than 300 IMI missionaries plant churches among unreached, primarily Asian peoples, including Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims.

International Teams

411 W River Road, Elgin IL 60123, 800-323-0428, info@itusa.org

A team-based ministry making Jesus Christ known and seeing lives transformed by the power of God through two-year, summer and career opportunities in evangelism, discipleship, church planting and community development.

InterServe

PO Box 418, Upper Darby PA 19082, 610-352-0581, InterserveUSA@xc.org

An international fellowship of Christians committed to serving the peoples of South and Central Asia and the Middle East. Engaged in theological education, medical work, church planting, agriculture, technical services and community development. Use your marketplace skills to serve Hindus, Muslims and Tibetan Buddhists.

LIFE Ministries

PO Box 200, San Dimas CA 91773, 800-543-3678, info@lifejapan.org

LIFE Ministries exists to strengthen and start Japanese churches through innovative evangelism and leadership training, and offers opportunities to work alongside churches and church-planters, including ministry through English, music, sports, and cell-church planting, and career opportunities in leadership development.

OC International

PO Box 36900, Colorado Springs, CO 80936, oci@xc.org

In 22 countries with resident teams on five continents, OC assists national Christian leadership in reaching their own nations and the unreached world for Christ.

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OMF International

10 W. Dry Creek Circle, Littleton CO 80120, 800-422-5330, omf@xc.org

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and his love with the peoples of East Asia for 130 years. Today 1000 OMF members are working among almost 75 unreached or unevangelized people groups throughout East Asia to bring the message to the two billion people who live in the world's most unreached continent.

Operation Mobilization

PO Box 444, Tyrone GA 30290, 770-631-0432, info@omusa.om.org OM employs bold, cutting-edge strategies to mobilize the next generation for world evangelism. Literature distribution, church planting and compassionate ministries worldwide in a variety of short- and long-term opportunities.

Pioneers

12343 Narcoossee Road, Orlando,FL 32837,800-755-7284, info@pioneers.org Mobilizing teams to glorify God by initiating church planting movement among unreached people groups, in partnership with local churches. Pioneers teams target unreached peoples, working among Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, secularists and tribal peoples.

SIM International

PO Box 7900, Charlotte NC 28241, webmaster@sim.org

More than 2,000 SIM missionaries from more than 30 countries serve in 36 countries, following God's leading, to unreached peoples in Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and North America. Engaged in church planting, community development, theological education, medicine, broadcasting and the support of national churches.

The Evangelical Alliance Mission

PO Box 969, Wheaton, IL 60189, 800-343-3144, Bev@TEAMworld.org

TEAM helps churches send missionaries to plant reproducing churches in other nations. 1,100 TEAM missionaries may be found at work in more than 30 places around the world explaining the gospel to new friends, leading Bible studies, baptizing new believers, training local pastors, and providing broadcasting and medicine in the name of Christ, with the purpose of establishing more churches with national leaders.

TEAM

PO Box 969, Wheaton, IL 60189, 800-343-3144, team@teamworld.org

TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) helps churches send missionaries to plant reproducing churches in other nations. 1,000 TEAM missionaries can be found at work in more than 40 places around the world explaining the gospel to new friends, leading Bible studies, baptizing new believers, training local pastors, and doing community development in the name of Christ, with the purpose of starting churches.

Team Expansion

502-297-0006

info@teamexpansion.org

3700 Hopewell Road, Louisville, KY 40299

Team Expansion exists to glorify God by partnering with local churches to send and sustain teams of interdependent missionaries to plant indigenous churches among unreached people groups worldwide.

WEC International

PO Box 1707, Fort Washington PA 19034, 215-646-2322, info@wec-usa.org

WEC ("Worldwide Evangelization for Christ") is a fellowhip of God's people from more than 40 countries working in church planting, evangelism, translation, literacy, medicine, broadcasting, theological education and tentmaking. In the last 80 years WEC's multicultural teams have planted hundreds of churches in Africa, South America, Asia and Europe.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

PO Box 2727, Huntington Beach CA 92647, 714-969-4600, info.usa@wycliffe.org

Wycliffe's mission is to glorify God in obedience to the Great Commission through a unique strategy that integrates Scripture translation, scholarship and service so that all people will have access to God's Word in their own language. Short- and long-term opportunities around the world.

Youth With A Mission

PO Box 26479, Colorado Springs, CO 80936, 719-380-0505, ywam@xc.org

YWAM is an international movement of Christians working to help make a difference in a needy world. Founded in 1960, it is now one of the largest interdenominational Christian ministries, with more than 10,000 volunteer staff based in 650 locations in 130 countries, plus thousands of short-termers of all ages. Training, evangelism, church planting, and relief and development.

Books

The following is a sampling of books which are helpful for those interested in world evangelization. A much larger list may be obtained by writing for the MISSION FRONTIERS RESOURCE CATALOG, 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA, 91104. All of the books listed below, except those that have the publisher listed here, may be obtained at a discount price from William Carey Library, PO Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91104.

Essential

- 1. **A.D. 2000** and Beyond, by Thomas Wang. Contains the presentations given at the 1989 Global Consultation on World Evangelization in Singapore. Discusses the plans of a number of major organizations to complete the basic task of evangelizing the world by the year 2000. A challenging and thought-provoking book.
- 2. *Catch the Vision 2000*, by Bill & Amy Steams. A key book geared to each believer. This book is pulsating with life-a true mobilizer for every follower of Christ.
- 3. *Eternity in their Hearts*, by Don Richardson. The untold tale of how God has placed unrecognized bridges within the cultures of many peoples to bring them to Himself.
- 4. *Mission Mobilizer's Handbook*, U.S. Center for World Mission, for Mission America. Contains an up-to-date, comprehensive list of resources and suggestions, including internet resources. Contains sections on resources, ministries, and has several of the finest articles written to assist mobilization efforts.
- 5a. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, edited by Ralph D. Winter and Steven C. Hawthorne. The best selling textbook on world evangelization, with 95 articles from over 70 authors. Excellent selection of biblical articles. Also comes with a *Study Guide*. A must for every world Christian.
- 5b. *Worldwide Perspectives*, edited by Meg Crossman. An excellent textbook on world evangelization, helping readers to understand God's purposes in the world from Genesis to Revelation.

Recommended

6. Bruchko, by Bruce Olson.

The gripping account of the evangelization of stone-age Indians by a 19-year-old.

7. Countdown to 1900, by Todd M. Johnson.

The blow-by-blow account of how D. L. Moody, A.T. Pierson and others tried to mobilize the church to complete the great commission by 1900. The author is convinced they could have done it, but the church was too caught up in the "pleasures, cares and riches of this world."

- 8. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, by Ruth Tucker. Here's history at its best. Ninety-nine biographical stories of those men and women who set the pace in missions history.
- 9. *History of Christianity* (2 vols.), by Kenneth Scott Latourette. The classic history of Christianity. No other gives such a balanced view.
- 10. *How to Create World Christian Bible Studies*, by David Bryant. (Madison, WI: InterVarsity Missions, 1989). An excellent handbook on how to put an earthshaking dimension back into your personal or small group Bible studies.
- 11. *In the Gap:What It Means To Be A World Christian* by David Bryant. The classic book on how to grow in your world Christian discipleship.
- 12. Living Holiness and Living Sacrifice, by Helen Roseveare.

 Both of these are crucial to growth in grace to be able to endure in pioneer situations overseas. Don't go unless you are willing to read and learn these hard lessons from the hand of our Lord.
- 13. *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*, by Wesley Duewel. One of the best books on teaching how to prevail in prayer to come off the press in a century. A must for every serious Christian.

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- 15. Ministering Cross-culturally: An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships, by Sherwood Lingenfelter & Marvin Mayer. Two missionary anthropologists give time-tested means of improving relationships between people of different cultures. Very valuable!
- 16. Mission Handbook: North American Protestant Ministries Overseas, 14th ed., edited by W. Dayton Roberts and John A. Siewert. Description and statistics on over 700 North American Protestant mission agencies.
- Operation World, by Patrick Johnstone. A handbook for world intercession organized according to the countries of the world.
- 18. *Our Globe and How to Reach It*, by David B. Barrett and Todd M. Johnson. Part of the AD 2000 series of books, loaded with charts and diagrams and all sorts of other valuable resource materials.
- 19. Run with the Vision, by Bob Sjogren, Bill & Amy Steams.
 This book outlines the remarkable breakthroughs taking place in our world. Shows how churches can become active, mobilizing, missionary-sending congregations without abandoning local concerns.
- 20. **Taking Our Cities for God: How to Break Spiritual Strongholds**, by John Dawson This is a very readable, passionate book. It is remarkably informed, the work of the leader of one of the largest urban outreaches, as well as being a profound inspiration.
- 21. *The Confusion Called Conversion*, by Ebenezer SunderRaj. Of tremendous value to anyone working with Hindus.
- 22. *The Great Omission*, by Robertson McQuilkin. Investigates why so few Christians attempt to carry the message of Christ to the many who have never heard of Him.
- 23. *Touch the World Through Prayer*, by Wesley Duewel. An extremely valuable guide in learning to pray for the world.
- 24. *Wanted: World Christians*, by Herbert Kane. A potent, final book from the most prolific teacher/writer among contemporary mission professors. A former missionary, Kane challenges American Christians with the fact that the prime function of the church is witness, not worship, evangelism nor exhortation.

PERIODICALS

Essential

Evangelical Missions Quarterly

25W560 Geneva Road, Box 794 Wheaton, IL 60189

Joint publication of the two largest mission associations in the world, the IFMA and the EFMA. Central publication of the U.S. mission industry (\$19.95 per year).

Global Prayer Digest-Frontier Fellowship

1605 Elizabeth Street

Pasadena, CA 91104

Monthly, publishes a daily devotional focusing on the frontiers in missions through the Bible, biographies, global reports, and unreached peoples stories. (\$6.00 per year, foreign \$11.00 per year).

International Journal of Frontier Missions

7665 Wenda Way

El Paso, TX 79916

Quarterly journal published for student leaders featuring current field and mobilization issues in frontier missions (\$15 per year).

Missiology: an International Review

American Society of Missiology 616 Walnut Ave.

Scottdale, PA 15683-1999

(\$18 per year; students \$13)

Recommended

AD 2000 Movement

2860 S. Circle Drive Suite 2112 Colorado Springs, CO 80906

A new magazine full of challenging articles on ideas of how to complete the task of evangelizing the world by A.D. 2000. Edited by the former executive director of the Lausanne Committee. Free on request.

AD 2020 Global Monitor

P.O. Box 129

Rockville, VA 23146

A monthly trends newletter measuring progress in world evangelization into the 21 st century.

ARAMCO World

Circulation Office

PO Box 3725

Escondido, CA 92025-0925

Marvelous quality, covering Arab world, free on request.

Evangelical Missions Information Service (EMIS)

P.O. Box 794

Wheaton, IL 60187

Evangelical Missions Quarterly, Missionary

News Service, Pulse area newsletters covering

Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin American, Chinese

World, Muslim World (\$40 per year).

Periodicals continued...

Global Report

P.O. Box WEF

Wheaton, IL 60189

A quarterly newsletter published by the World Evangelical Fellowship. Free on request.

International Bulletin of Missionary Research Circulation Department

P.O. Box 821

Farmingdale, NY 11737-0821

A quarterly research bulletin dealing with scholarly issues in missions. Published by the Overseas Ministries Study Center (\$12 per year).

International Review of Mission

475 Riverside Drive, Room 1062 New York, NY 10115

The oldest scholarly journal on missions as defined currently by the World Council of Churches (Commission on World Mission and Evangelism). Carries excellent bibliography by Andrew Walls (\$19.95).

Lausanne Communique

c/o Rev. W. Duncan Rankin, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS 39209 (601) 922-4988

A bimonthly strategy newsletter from the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. Free on request.

MARC Newsletter

800 W. Chestnut, Monrovia, CA 91016, 1-800-777-7752

An information newsletter on missions research from the Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center. Published bi-monthly. Free upon request.

Mission Frontiers

1605 Elizabeth St.

Pasadena, CA 91104

A bi-monthly publication produced by the U.S. Center for World Mission. Key events, leaders and ideas in missions are highlighted. Free on request.

The Wider LOOK

68 Summerleaze Rd., Maidenheal, England SL6 8EP

A quarterly digest published by WEC of news on world evangelization (\$10.00 U.S. per year).

Together

World Vision International, 800 W. Chestnut, Monrovia, CA 91016, 1-800-777-7752

A quarterly journal of World Vision International for Christians involved in ministry to the poor in the two-thirds world (\$25 per year)

Urban Missions

PO Box 27009, Philadelphia, PA 19118

A journal focusing on urban ministry, published five times a year by Westminster Theological Seminary (\$9 per year)

WHEREVER Magazine

PO Box 969

Wheaton, IL 60189-0969

A magazine published by TEAM for young adults. Free upon request to college or seminary graduates under 30.

Web Sites

- 1. Caleb Project http://www.calebproject.org/ One of the most helpful sites for evangelical missions research focused on unreached people groups, least evangelized cities, and the 10/40 Window. Particularly valuable pages: People Group Related Web Sites http://www.goshen.net/calebproject/urls.htm a wealth of links to lists of people group-related sites, search engines to find information on particular cities, news sources related to specific peoples or cities, on-line libraries, web pages for specific countries and specific religions.
- 2. **Brigada** http://www.brigada.org "Your Gateway to Missions Networking" focused on unreached people groups and unreached cities in the 10/40 Window.
- 3. **Mission Resource Directory** http://www.xc.org/helpintl/mrd.htm HELPS International's Roger Johnson is coordinating a cooperative effort to build lists of missions resources on the web, "a place to START your search." Includes lists of evangelical mission agencies and a host of other resources for missions on the web.
- 4. **SIM** http://www.sim.org/other.html-Lists Protestant mission agency websites in four categories:Traditional Missions, Relief Missions, Mission Research and Support and Denominational Missions.
- 5. **Ethnologue** http://www.sil.org/ethnologue/ethnologue.html -A catalog of the world's languages including information on alternate names, number of speakers, location, dialects, linguistic affiliation and other sociolinguistic and demographic information. You can access the language list in several ways at this site: Browse the Ethnologue by Country including Interactive Maps; Browse the Ethnologue by Language Family; Ethnotogue Language Name Index an alphabetical list of all language names, alternate names, and dialect names cited in the Ethnologue (over 38,000 names); and Search the Ethnologue search for any words occurring anywhere in the Ethnologue.
- 6. **AD2000 & Beyond Movement** http://www.ad2000.org Information about the Global Congress on World Evangelization (GCOWE), Joshua Project 2000 (unreached peoples list), 10/40 Window, and plans for the AD2000 movement in every country and in strategic cities.
- 7. Perspectives Study Course information and U.S. locations: 626-398-2125 or www.perspectives.org

Web Sites continued...

- 7. **Summer Institute of Linguistics** http://www.sil.org/ -Extensive helps and links to other websites in the academic areas of linguistics, anthropology, literacy, language learning, translation and computing. Also excellent **Internet Directory and Indexes** http://www.sil.org/internet/guides.html#indexes and SIL's **language**/ **translation-related software** http://www.sil.org/computing/sil_computing.html# silsoftware
- 8. Yale Library http://www.library.yale.edu/Internet/xtian.htm Lists "Selected Internet Resources" in the areas of Christianity, church, Missions, and Religion.
- 9. **CountryStudies/Area Handbooks** http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html -A continuing series of books (currently 71) prepared by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies /Area Handbook Program.
- 10. **Christianity.Net** http://www.christianity.net/search/ Provides a search engine covering Christianity Today's database of 3000 Christian resources.
- 11. **GOSHEN Christian Resource Directory** http://www.goshen.net/- Allows you to search GOSHEN's member organization's web sites as well as read religion news and world news stories. GOSHEN is the acronym for "Global On-line Service Helping to Evangelize Nations."
- 12. Gospel Communications Network http://www.gospelcom. net Host for over 35 Christian ministry organizations' web sites.
- 13. **MAXxc** http://www.xc.org/cgi-bin/serverlist.cgi -Host for a growing number of missions and Christian organizations' web pages as well as individually tailored missions-oriented e-mail conferences.
- 14. **African Missions** http://genesis.acu.edu/chowning/africa/africa5.htm Internet resources related to missions in Africa, hosted by Abilene Christian University.
- 15. **World By 2000** http://www.wb2000.org/ The cooperative effort of missionary radio broadcasters, World By 2000's web site shows the actual status of broadcasts in each language. Also, a list of approximately 90 remaining languages scheduled for development.
- 16. **Global Mapping International** http://www.gmi.org Information about GMI's programs and products, links to dozens of World Wide Web sites for mission research (from which the above was taken), digital mapping resources on the Web, mission databases, on-line library catalogs, and Internet search engines.

Training Opportunities

1.Institute of International Studies (IIS)

1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104

Offers training opportunities through the U.S. Center for World Mission. Most popular is a four-week college study program, "PERSPECTIVES." Conducts a 2-day Coordinator's Workshop in the winter and summer to train alumni to conduct Perspectives program in their own area.

2. Fuller School of World Mission

Fuller Theological Seminary 135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

Offers a two-year MA program in cross-cultural studies for pre-field missionaries. This program can be started by correspondence study. Also offers a variety of ten-day courses through its winter and summer institutes.

3. Missionary Internship (MI) PO Box 50110, Colorado Springs, CO 80949, (719) 594-0687

Offers training programs for new and furloughing missionaries.

4. Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC)

490 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06511

Offers issue-oriented workshops for missionaries, students and church leaders led by mission leaders from around the world.

5.ACMC National Conference

PO Box ACMC, Wheaton, IL 60189-8000, (800) 798-ACMC

Advancing Churches in Mission Commitment conducts a national conference in the summer. Also has area representatives that can conduct leadership training seminars in your church.

6. Columbia Int'l University, Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Mission

PO Box 3122, Columbia, SC 29230, (803) 754-4100

Offers three-year MDiv or one year graduate certificate in Bible with a strong missions emphasis. Studies can be started by correspondence through their BEE program.

7. Wheaton College

Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, IL 60187

Offers MA programs with emphasis in missions. Also conducts short mission courses through the Billy Graham Center in the summer.

8. Biola University

13800 Biola Ave., La Mirada, CA 90639

Offers three-year MA degree in intercultural studies.

9. School of World Mission and Evangelism Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

2045 Half Day Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, (847) 945-8800

Offers three-year MDiv degrees with an emphasis in missions.

10.URBANA InterVarsity Missions

PO Box 7895, Madison, WI 53703

Missions conventions at Urbana, IL every three years. Geared to college age students.

11.Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

S. Hamilton, MA 01982

Offers three-year MDiv degrees with an emphasis in missions.

12. William Carey International University

1539 E. Howard St., Pasadena, CA 91104

Offers courses in International Development, Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a field based MA in Missions, World Christian Foundation and PhD degrees (mainly field based) in International Development and Cultural Studies.

Training Opportunities continued...

13. Destination 2000-Frontiers

325 N. Stapley Dr., Mesa, AZ 85203, (602) 834-1500

A multi-media missions seminar unveiling God's big picture from Genesis to Revelation. A good way to promote an upcoming Perspective course.

14. Global Opportunities

1600 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104

Provides prospective tentmakers with helpful, practical tips.

15. Asbury Seminary

204 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY 40390, (800) 2-ASBURY

Offers MA in World Missions and Evangelism, ThM in Missiology, Doctor of Missiology.