

THE GREAT COMMISSION & UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20

Matthew 28:19 says “Go therefore and make disciples *of all nations*...”. The word “nations” in Matthew 28:19 is translated from the Greek word *ethne* (the Greek plural of *ethnos*), where we get our word *ethnic group*, or people group.

So, most accurately, the Great Commission is “Go therefore and make disciples *of all people groups*.”

“The Great Commission is not a command to make as many disciples as possible. It’s not to make disciples wherever you go. The Great Commission is a very specific command to make disciples in every people group... If [our churches] are not mobilizing our people to go to unreached people groups, we are not fulfilling the Great Commission.”

- David Platt

PEOPLE GROUP

the largest group within which the Gospel can spread without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance

People groups are distinguished by

- language
- location
- religion
- caste

There are 16,595 people groups in the world. Of those, 6,872 are...

UNREACHED (UPG)

A people group where there is not a large enough group of indigenous Christians to evangelize itself, usually less than 2% evangelical Christian.

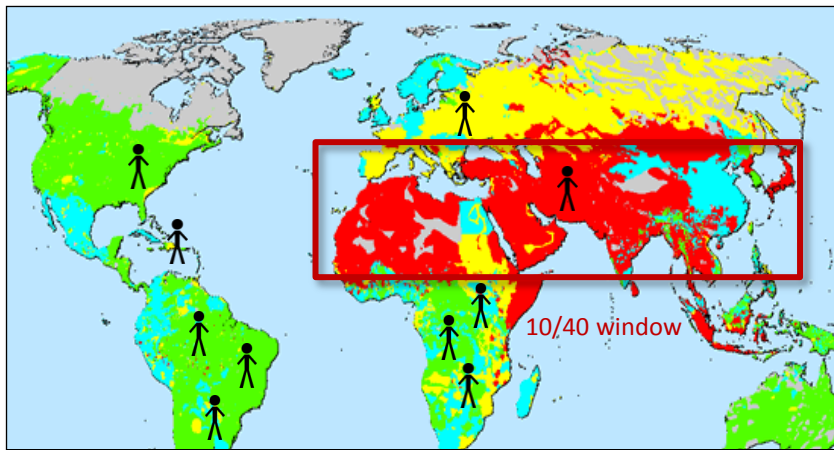
LOST vs UNREACHED

“We’re not talking about the lost who don’t know Jesus, we’re talking about the lost who don’t know Jesus and have no ACCESS to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

10/40 WINDOW

A rectangular area between 10°N and 40°N latitude where the majority of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Animists, and Non-religious live.

THE STATE OF THE GOSPEL TODAY

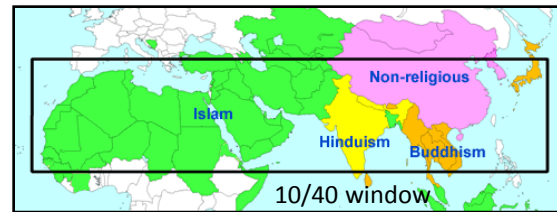


CHURCH IS: ■ Established / Growing ■ Nominal ■ Unreached

Of the 253,000 missionaries in the world today... :



228,700 are working among reached peoples, or 9 out of every 10
24,300 are working among unreached peoples, or 1 out of every 10



Bloc	10/40 Pop.	UPGs
T ribal	160 million	793
H indu	970 million	2,320
U n-religious	43 million	17
M uslim	1.265 billion	2,319
B uddhist	278 million	383
TOTAL	2.716 billion	5,832

The 10/40 Window

- 85% of the world's poorest of the poor
- 43/50 of most dangerous countries for Christians

HOW TO GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED

EDUCATE

- Host Perspectives class
- Host Encountering Islam class
- Host Mission Rev – beg. to adv. missions topics
- Emphasize missions to the unreached in sermons

perspectives.org
encounteringislam.org
missionrev.org

"If every Christian is already considered a missionary, then all can stay put where they are, and nobody needs to get up and go anywhere to preach the gospel.

PRAY

- Unreached People Group of the Day (EMAIL)
- Operation World – prayer guide for the nations (BOOK)
- Prayercast – daily web-based prayer for countries

joshuaproject.net
operationworld.org
prayercast.com

But if our only concern is to witness where we are, how will people in unevangelized areas ever hear the gospel?

REACH INTERNATIONALS

- Reaching Internationals
- International Students Inc.
- TOAG – missional communities engaging Muslims

reachinginternationals.com
isionline.org
toag.net

The present uneven distribution of Christians and opportunities to hear the gospel of Christ will continue on unchanged."

SEND

- Edge – 6 to 10 week summer mission
- Venture – 1 month to 1 year
- Long Term – join one of our 250+ teams or form a new one!

pioneers.org/edge
pioneers.org/venture
pioneers.org/go

- C. Gordon Olson

CONSULT

- Sixteen:Fifteen – church missions coaching

1615.org



PIONEERS CORE VALUES

1. Passion for God
2. Unreached Peoples
3. Church-Planting Movements
4. The Local Church
5. Team-centered
6. Innovation & Flexibility
7. Servant Leadership
8. Ethos of Grace

MISSION STATEMENT

Pioneers mobilizes teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church-planting movements in partnership with local churches.

THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR MISSIONS

GENESIS 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "**Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go** to the land I will show you.

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.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**"

GALATIANS 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us...in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Nations

MATTHEW 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of **all nations**

MATTHEW 24:14

"This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in **all the world** as a testimony to **all nations** (*ethne*), and then the end will come."

ACTS 1: 8

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

REVELATION 7:9

"After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude **from every nation, tribe, people, and language**, which no one could number standing before the throne and before the Lamb."