



**Sunday May 01, 2022**  
**The Church's Final Mission**

**SIGNS OF THE END OF THE AGE**

Towards the latter part of His ministry, there was a time when the disciples asked the Lord regarding the signs of the end of the age. This is what the Lord Jesus said:

**Matthew 24:3-14**

**3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.**

**5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**

**6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

**7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.**

**8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

**9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.**

**10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

**11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

**12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

**13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

**14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

We focus on verse 14.

The word 'nations' in Greek is '*ethnos*' meaning tribe, races or people groups or nations.

**THE GREAT COMMISSION**

Later, before His ascension the Lord Jesus gave, what we commonly refer to as the Great Commission.

**Matthew 28:18-20**



**18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

**19 Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**

In verse 19, it is the same Greek word '*ethnos*' translated nations.

So if we put these passages together, the Gospel has to reach all 'people groups' and we are to make disciples of all 'people groups'.

### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

Evangelism is sharing the Gospel with a person who is not a believer yet.

Missions refers to the work of establishing a viable, self-sustaining Christian community (often called church planting) among a people group who do not already have such a Christian witness, or in some way assisting in this process.

People need Jesus and so both Evangelism and Missions are important. However, in this message we are focusing on missions.

SIDE NOTE: We are very aware that the saints have work to do during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ (Daniel 7, Revelation 20:4-6). However, we are focusing on the Great Commission as the Church's final mission before the end of this age.

### **HOW MUCH IS LEFT TO FINISH IN THE GREAT COMMISSION?**

According to the **Joshua Project** (<https://www.joshuaproject.net/>) (accessed April 28, 2022) there are **17,413 people groups in the world. 7,387 (42.4%) of these are "unreached"** (Unreached groups lack enough followers of Christ and resources to evangelize their own people). Global Population is about **7.83 Billion**, out of which **3.29 Billion**, are unreached, which is about 42% of global population are unreached.

The following church data is a bit dated, from the **January 2013 issue of The International Bulletin of Missionary Research** (vol. 37, no. 1), from Princeton Theological Seminary:



There are **44,000 Christian denominations in the world, about 6 for every unreached people group**. This means even if one in six denominations focuses on one unreached people group, we can complete the task.

There are **700 million evangelical Christians in the world, about 95,000 for every unreached people group**.

There are **4.5 million Christian congregations in the world, about 610 congregations for every unreached people group**. Even if one in every 600 congregations takes on one unreached people group, we will get the work done.

There are **4,900 Christian foreign mission sending agencies in the world, about 0.5 agencies for every unreached people group**. This means that if every mission sending agency focuses on just 2 unreached people groups we can get the work done.

So looking at the numbers, the task is doable. We can get the work done.

**There are two important facts we need to keep in mind, however:**

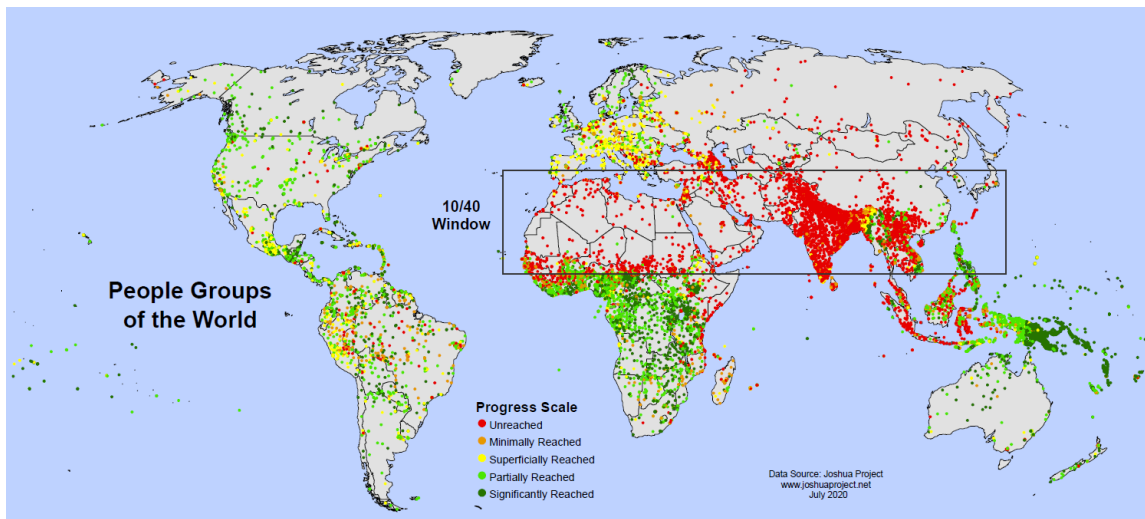
- 1, Majority of the unreached people groups are in India.
- 2, Much of the church's current spending, activity and efforts are on people who have already been reached.

While we must strengthen what we have, we must not lose sight of the unfinished work waiting for us.

So we, the Church in India – the Christians, congregations, churches, denominations in India have a huge role to play in completing the unfinished task.

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Source: <https://www.joshuaproject.net/resources/maps>



## OUR ROLE IN THE CHURCH'S FINAL MISSION

### Romans 10:13-15

**13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

**14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

**15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"**

Three ways we can be involved:

REACH, EQUIP, SUPPORT (pray, send, fund)

### #1, REACH – unreached people groups

We can be directly involved in reaching unreached people groups. If God calls you to engage in some way directly with an unreached people group. Spend some time researching and learning about them. The Joshua Project website is a good place to start. Then pray, plan, prepare and then go.

While some of our Outreach Churches are in urban settings, through some of our **Outreach Churches** - Berhampur (Odisha), Baloda Bazar (Chattisgarh), Charkani (Rajasthan, Santrampur (Gujarat), Sendhwa (Madhya Pradesh) we are able to get closer to some of these unreached people groups. We need to do more.



Interesting urban opportunity – because of the migration of people, primarily for work and improved livelihood, we have people from unreached people groups who travel into towns and cities. When they are exposed to the Gospel, they will definitely be able to communicate it back to

## **#2, EQUIP - those who will be able to go to and reach unreached people groups.**

This is where a lot of our effort is invested. We focus on equipping people, both for urban evangelism and for missions.

- Through our APC Bible College
- Through our missions conferences
- Through our printed resources

## **#3, SUPPORT – those who are involved in missions**

- Pray for the nation.
- From time to time we financially assist those who are involved in missions.

### **SALVATION CALL**

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

### **SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture reference: *Matthew 24:3-14; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, *If possible please visit the Joshua Project website (<https://www.joshuaproject.net/>) and specifically look at the map of India (or your country) and get a sense of the unreached people groups (frontier people groups) that need to be reached. Please keep in mind that this data is approximate, while not exact, close to factual.*

2, *Review the ways in which APC (or your local church) are engaging in missions specifically in these three general ways:*



*#1, REACH – unreached people groups*

*#2, EQUIP - those who will be able to go to and reach unreached people groups.*

*#3, SUPPORT – those who are involved in missions*

*3, What do you feel stirred to do as part of missions through your local church or in other ways? Share it with the group. If you do not feel stirred about anything specific, that is alright. Pray. Plan to go on a missions trip in the near future and let the Lord speak to your heart.*

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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### **SERMON OUTLINE**

The Lord Jesus made it clear that the Gospel will be preached to all nations before the end of the age. We have the task still unfinished, yet very doable. The Great Commission of making disciples of all nations is for us to fulfill. This is the Church's final mission. This message invites each of us to participate meaningfully in missions and working towards reaching unreached people groups.

### **KEYWORDS :**

Great Commission, making disciples, gospel to all nations, reaching unreached people groups

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