

The Unfinished Task

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- Missiologists speak of the “10-40” window often – a huge area consisting of China, India, the Middle East and Northern Africa. Makes up over 40% of the world’s pop.
- The “Great Commission”:
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - Acts 1:8



9 Aspects:

1. **The Great Commission is a command and not a request!**
 - 54 million people die each year
 - 90% die without Christ

Note: When the church does not obey, God does one of two things: 1) Sends persecution to get them moving, or 2) Sidelines the church. So many churches around the world are dying because they look inward.

2. It is multifaceted in terms of scope, functions and roles

- a. Look at Acts regarding the scope/geographical coverage (Acts 1:8)
- b. Roles – front line, support staff, the giver, the prayer warrior etc. (e.g. Ananias in Acts 9)

Note: Some countries are CAN countries (Creative Access Countries).

3. **The Great Commission is the fundamental underpinning of every facet of the church** – in short, it is the DNA of the church and all its disciples...
4. **It is no longer mono-directional.** From the west to the rest, but now it is from “anywhere to everywhere.” Sending countries and receiving countries are no longer as distinct as before.
5. **The mission field is now everywhere.** It is no longer 1000s of miles away anymore, missions can be right at our door steps with globalisation... That is not to mix up local evangelism with missions...

6. **We are building God's kingdom, not ours...** We must have a kingdom mentality which involves cooperation amongst churches etc.
7. **It, more often than not, goes against human logic and thinking.**
 - God uses busy people
 - He takes us out of our comfort zones (e.g. Philip in Samaria, Peter to Cornelius)
 - God never look at maximising resources for the greatest results (e.g. Philip the Ethiopian Eunuch, work amongst Muslims)
 - God doesn't use people according to our strengths (e.g. Paul amongst the Gentiles, *personal testimony*)
8. **It is about disciple-making.** Jesus' call was a call to make disciples of all nations, not only baptising them but teaching them to obey *everything* Jesus has commanded us to obey...
9. **It is about the return of Christ, our Lord and Saviour to earth again.** All of us long for Christ to return but that will only happen when the gospel of the kingdom is preached in the whole world (Matt. 24:14).

Conclusion: Are we longing for Christ's return? As disciples how are we able to live our lives so as to be a part of God's Great Commission? As a church how are we able to better fit into God's Grand Plan and what He is doing in our midst?

Questions:

1. What are some reasons that churches are not involved with missions? (Still too young themselves and have to take care of their own expenses first, not yet ready...)
2. What should be the central purpose for each ministry of the church? Why?
3. KC mentioned that disciple-making was not just taking some classes then offering a certificate of completion to show you're a disciple. What ways did he mention that we disciple others? (Finding someone to pull in close beside, spend time with, and mentor)

Prayer: "Thank you Father for saving us and leaving us with the Great Commission as part of Your salvation plan. Help us to stay focused on the primary purpose of what a church should be. Give me a heart to obey in my own life and adjust my life accordingly to obey Your command. May I seek not only to share Christ and win others, but to also disciple and mentor them to obey all You have commanded. Thank You in Jesus' name, amen!"