

# MOSAIC CULTURAL MINISTRY

Reaching  
Unreached Peoples  
from  
where you live

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Bless the Lord  
Oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name



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# [ session 1: God's Kingdom ]

## 1. God's Word: God's Heart for the World

Does the Bible have a common theme that ties it all together, or is it just a collection of great stories?

**His heart for the knowledge of His glory to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea**  
**Hab 2:14**

**Nations:** in the bible, this word most often refers to ethnic people group. The words “peoples” or “Gentiles” are also used to convey the same idea.

**World Christians:** People who understand God's heart for the world and strategically live their lives in such a way that wherever they are and whatever they do, they are working to see Him glorified among all nations.

### God's global passion and purpose

#### A Foundational Promise:

##### Genesis 12:1~3 and Galatians 3:8

God's promise to Abram (soon to be called Abraham). What God promised to Abram, God's intentions for Abraham, his descendants, and Paul's understanding of the gospel?

#### An Incredible Purpose: Revelation 5:9~10

#### An End Picture: Revelation 7:9~10

- What do these verses reveal about God's overall purpose and passion?
- How do these verses inspire and encourage us?



**Old Testament:** Though the Old Testament primarily deals with Israel, it is also filled with references about God's heart for all nations, and how His desire has always been for all nations.

**1 Samuel 17:45~47, 1 Kings 8:41~43, Daniel 6:25~27, Psalm 67, Isaiah 49:6 (Luke 2:25~32, Acts 13:46~48)**

**New Testament:** Matthew 28:18~20 (Mark 16:15, Luke 24:45~47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)  
The Great Commission – God's global passion

**Acts 17:26~27** – God's actions and desires toward all peoples throughout history

**Romans 15:20~21 (a quote from Isaiah 52:15)**

### Ideas for Living it out

- Memorize three verses from this lesson that really impact you
- See if you can share this biblical basis of missions with another person or a group of people

## 2. God's World: THUMB



Did you know there are more than 7 billion people on the planet today? Who are they? What do they believe? How is the church involved?

**And this gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come – Jesus Christ –**



We know God's promise to bless all ethnic peoples through Abraham and his descendants(us), and we saw the fulfillment of this promise in **Revelation 7:9~10**. Some natural question would be: "How close are we to seeing this promise fulfilled? What is left to do?"

**People Group/Ethnic Group:** The largest group of people within which the gospel can spread as a church planting movement, without hitting barriers of understanding or acceptance (such as language, ethnicity, religion, culture, history etc.) Referred to as "peoples" or "nations" in the Bible.

**Reached Peoples:** People groups with a population of more 2% indigenous (local) evangelical believers to evangelize and disciple the remaining non-believers.

**Unreached peoples:** There is no indigenous community of Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people (less than 2% evangelical Christians)

**Unengaged peoples:** Zero Christians and Zero Known Churches trying to reach them

**10/40 Window:** The vast majority of these unreached people live in an area of the world nicknamed the "10/40 Window". 67% of the world's population, 82% of the world's poor, 97% of the world's unreached people.

Of the more than 2.9 billion unreached people live in the world today, about 97% live in the 10/40 Window. Less than 1% of these unreached people live in North and South America combined.

The Issue is not their "lostness", but their access to the gospel.

In the 10/40 Window, there are about 1.3 billion Muslims, 860 million Hindus, and 275 million Buddhists. Jesus declared that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". The biggest reason this part of the world is so unreached is because there is a lack of believers willing to go to these places.

It is estimated that less than 10% of foreign missionaries today are working to reach these unreached peoples. The other 90% are working in unevangelized, but not unreached areas. According to the World Christian Encyclopedia, of all the money designated for "mission" in the USA, only 2 cents of every dollar is spent on reaching the unreached. The rest goes toward efforts to further evangelize reached people.

## THUMB: Religions of the Unreached

Most of the world's unreached people groups live in the 10/40 Window. An easy way to remember the major blocs of unreached peoples is the acronym THUMB

**T Tribal:** 161 million unreached people in 704 people groups, 60 cross-cultural workers for every 1 million tribal people. Tribal People live mostly in Africa, China, South Asia and Papua New Guinea.

Beliefs of Tribal Peoples:

- They have animistic and superstitious beliefs (everything has a spirit, such as water, rocks, trees, animals)
- They must be careful not to offend these spirits and must appease them with sacrifices
- They often worship idols and ancestors and visit witch doctors

**H Hindu:** 860 million unreached people in 1,843 people groups, 2 workers for every 1 million Hindus. Hindus live mostly in India and Nepal.

Beliefs of Hindu Peoples:

- They believe in millions of gods
- They worship idols of their gods by giving them food, flowers and money
- They believe they are caught in a cycle of birth-death-rebirth called reincarnation



Hinduism OM

**U Unreligious:** 121 million unreached people in 15 people groups, 12 workers for every 1 million unreligious. Unreligious live mostly in China, North Korea, North Asia, and Europe

Beliefs of Unreligious Peoples:

- They are mostly atheistic, meaning they reject the belief or existence of deities.
- Many have communist governments that tell the people there is no God.
- People groups being unreligious or atheistic is a recent development, mostly within the last 200 years

**M Muslims:** 1.3 billion unreached people in 1,344 people groups, 6 workers for every 1 million Muslims. Muslims live mostly in North Africa, the Middle East, and Indonesia

Beliefs of Muslim Peoples:

- They believe in one god, named Allah, and that Muhammad was his final prophet.
- They believe if the good deeds done in life outweigh the bad deeds when they die, they go to paradise.
- They respect Jesus as a good prophet, but do not believe He is God



**B Buddhist:** 275 million unreached people in 227 people groups, 13 workers for every 1 million Buddhists. Buddhists live mostly in Southeast Asia, China, and Japan

Beliefs of Buddhist Peoples:

- They believe that suffering is caused by desire
- To end suffering, they must rid themselves of desire through meditation and multiple reincarnations
- The ultimate goal is to reach out nirvana, where suffering ends and the self ceases to exist.

### **John 4:35 & Matthew 9:37~38 (also reference Luke 10:2)**

- How does God view the world's potential to come to Him? What is His Solution?

### **John 3:16~18, 2 Thessalonians 1:6~10, Romans 6:23 & John 14:6**

- What do these verses say about the reality of people living and dying without turning to Jesus? What will be our response to their situation?

### **Habakkuk 2:14 & Matthew 24:14**

- In light of the previous statistics about the unreached, what hope do these verse give us?

## Ideas for living it out

- Check out website focused on the unreached like:

- [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net)
- [operationworld.org](http://operationworld.org)
- [peoplegroups.org](http://peoplegroups.org)
- [prayercast.com](http://prayercast.com)

Specially look at the THUMB prayer videos at [joshuaproject.net/resources/prayer videos](http://joshuaproject.net/resources/prayer_videos)

- Start including prayer for the unreached as a regular part of your day - perhaps before meals, before bed or 10:40 (10/40 Window) every morning or night.
- Share the THUMB with three of your friends

## 3. God's Work: Praying, Sending, Welcoming, Going, Mobilizing

What is our purpose? How do we fit into God's plan? Does one person really make a difference? How can we start?

### 1. Praying

We are praying to our Abba Father who loves us, who wants a relationship with us.

"The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history."

- Andrew Murray -

**Interceding:** Praying to God on behalf of another person; taking up the cause and joining in the struggle of another by advocating for and pleading on their behalf



Paul truly believed that the prayers of Christians would change the current realities in his ministry. In each passage, what words, phrases, and concepts does Paul use in regard to people praying for him? What is Paul wholeheartedly relying on his supporters' prayers to do?

**Romans 15:30~31, 2 Corinthians 1:8~11, Ephesians 6:18~20, Philippians 1:19, Colossians 4:3~4, 2 Thessalonians 3:1~2**

### Ideas for living it out

- Pray daily for these great needs in reaching the unreached who live as our neighbors and in the mission fields : more laborers going to the field, more resources focused on the unreached, and spiritual strongholds to be torn down among these groups  
**(Luke 10:2. Eph 6:10)**
- Get on or all of these resources and use them to inform and guide you as you pray: Global Prayer Digest, Joshua Project app, prayercast.com videos, Operation World, or Window on the World
- Gather around a world map with photos and information about unreached people groups who live in our city or overseas. Then find their location on the map and start praying

“To know the will of God we need an open Bible and an open map”  
– William Carey –

## 2. Sending

How can they preach unless they are sent?

We should all move to the 10/40 Window, right? Certainly, some should, but not all of us. Goers must have senders, and being a radical sender is just as important as being radical goer.

**Sender:** People who leverage their career, money, skills, and influence to send and support others engaged in cross-cultural ministry.

**Romans 10:14~15, Luke 8:1~3, Matthew 9:37~38 & Romans 15:30, Psalm 24:1  
1 Chronicles 29:14, 3 John 5~8, Philippians 4:15~19, 2 Corinthians 9:6~12**

### Ideas for living it out

- Match whatever you spend on your “extras” (like eating out and entertainment) each month and give it to your church’s cross-cultural goers in local or overseas
- Get on the mailing list of a cross-cultural goers and begin to pray for them daily
- Write an encouraging email or call to an cross-cultural goers & workers once a month

## 3. Welcoming

“Expect Great Things from God, Attempt Great Things for God”  
- William Carey -



God is bringing college students, professionals, and families to Canada (or other country) from people groups with little or no direct access to the gospel. Many of these internationals are the best and brightest from their countries, and many of them are living right in our dorms and neighborhoods. However, some are refugees who have been permanently displaced and relocated to our country, often in need of great help.

In this lesson, we will see God's heart for those who are away from their homelands and how He wants us to extend His love in tangible ways.

**Welcomer:** One who welcomes internationals into the culture by initiating relationships with them, showing hospitality, and sharing the love of Christ

**Internationals:** Students, professionals, refugees and families who are living in a country other than their homeland

International students spend most of their time isolated from their host culture. This is a missed opportunity for the church.

### **Leviticus 19:34 & Deuteronomy 10:18~20**

What do these verses reveal about God's heart for internationals? What would it look like to "love them as yourself"?

### **1 Kings 8:41~43, Isaiah 56:6~7, & Mark 11:17**

How does God feel about the prayers of "foreigners"? How can we see internationals as precious people created in the image of God, and not as projects?

### **Acts 1:8, 8:27~31, 35~39**

In light of Jesus' commands here, how could it be strategic out to internationals who are in our country?

### **Mark 5:14~20, & John 4:39~42**

What can we learn from these passages about Jesus' attitude toward foreigners? How did one person's encounter with Jesus impact the entire community?

### **1 Thessalonians 2:7~8**

What can we learn from Paul's example of sharing not only the gospel with others, but also his life? How might this relate to our outreach to internationals?

## Ideas for living it out

### How will you begin to serve as a welcomer?

- Initiate a conversation with the next internationals you see (this will likely be more awkward for you than for them). Introduce yourself and ask questions about their culture. After your conversation, ask if they would like to get together to talk more. Get their number and you are on your way.
- Go to the university recreation facility, international restaurant, or grocery stores to meet new international friends.
- Invite your new friends into whatever you are doing (laundry, shopping, studying, picnic, sports, going home for a holiday break)

## 4. Going

**Cross-Cultural Goer:** One who is laboring to reach people of a significantly different culture than their own with the truth of Jesus. Most often, this is on a foreign or distant “field”

**Frontier Goer:** Cross-Cultural worker that seek to establish communities of indigenous believers within people groups where the church does not yet exist.

**2 Corinthians 5:18~20, Revelation 5:9, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 15:19b~21, Romans 10:13~15**

## Ideas for living it out

- Visit the cross-cultural church in your city.
- Go on a strategic short-term trip within the next year
- Confess daily to God you will go anywhere, at anytime, to do anything for Him, and then be open to His leading
- Find someone who is or was a long-term cross-cultural goer in local or overseas and ask to hear his/her story

## 5. Mobilizing

Mobilizers help other believers become World Christians. Inviting others to join in living out God's global purpose. You have been blessed, and now it is time to pass on the blessing to others

**Mobilizers:** People who empower others with global vision, passion, and strategy, helping them get personally connected to finding their most strategic role in the Great Commission

**World Christians:** People who understand God's heart for the world and strategically live their lives in such a way that wherever they are and whatever they do, they are working to see Him glorified among all nations.

### Here are three things to remember as you mobilize:

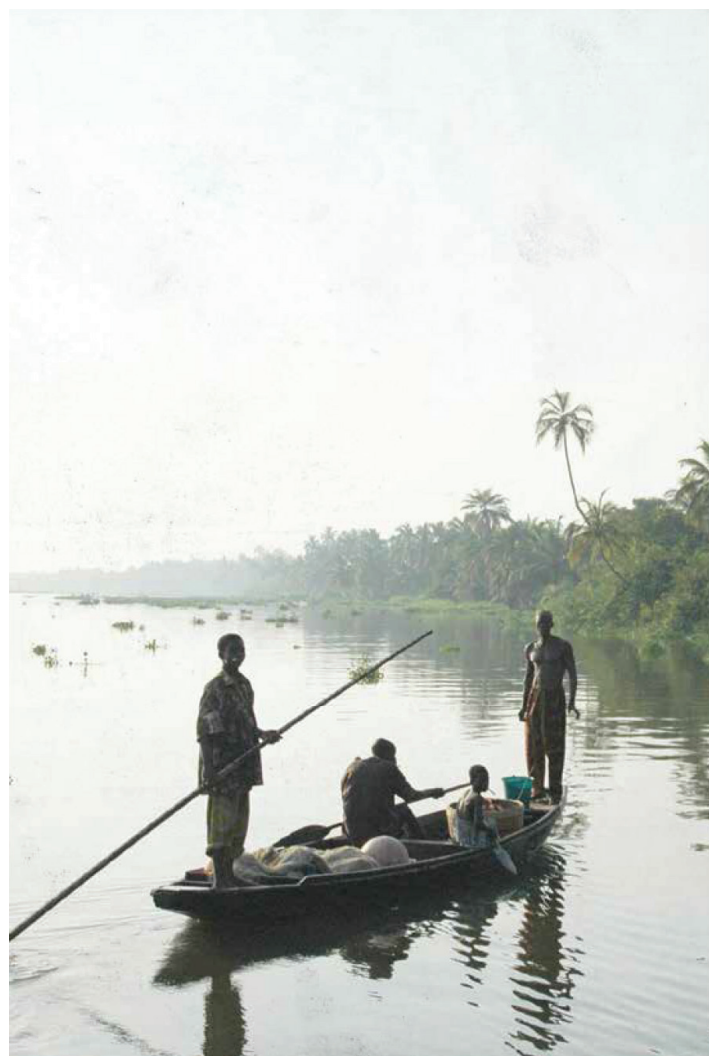
Mobilizers are relational, Mobilizers utilize resources and Mobilizers are humble

**Mathew 4:19 & 1 Corinthians 11:1, Luke 24:45~48, Matthew 9:36~38, Luke 10:1~2, Romans 10:14~15, Revelation 5:9, 7:9~10**

### Ideas for living it out

Remember that while mobilizing can be calling others to God's global purpose, it can begin by simply inviting people to join a World Christian activity you are already doing.

- What group of Christian are you already meeting with that you could begin exposing to the World Christian lifestyle, (i.e. Bible study, Intercessory prayer meeting, to be friend someone of a different culture, to visit community group, ethnic churches)?
- Is there someone in that group you could partner with? Consider sharing your vision and goals, praying together, and working to mobilize that group.





## 4. HERE & NOW : Missional Life

### World Christian Lifestyle Plan (3H)

**Head:** What knowledge, understanding, and convictions have you gained by learning about the biblical basis of mission (GOD's Word) and the status world (GOD's World)?

**Heart:** How have you grown in your love for other people, especially those from other people groups that have never heard the name of Jesus?

**Hand:** How will you integrate what you've learned into your everyday life and put it in action?

**5 habits/actions:** You can live as World Christian (missional life) HERE & NOW

**1. Praying:** List some ways you can consistently pray for the nations and missionaries

**2. Sending:** List some ways you can participate in sending a missionary. If it's an idea other than financial support, are there others that could do that with you?

**3. Welcoming:** List some ways you can befriend or minister to people of other cultures and religious

**4. Going:** Do you feel God may be leading you to serve the cross-cultural people where you live and to go a short term or long term missionary? Who could you talk to about opportunities?

**5. Mobilizing:** What steps will you take to begin to expanding your World Christian influence among others?

**Learning:** It is also good to continue growing in your knowledge about God's Word, World and Work (There are some ideas and resources below)

## **Resources:**

### **Center for Mission Mobilization**

Mobilization.org, WeaveFamily.org, CampusMinistry.org, SupportRaisingSolutions.org, CMMPress.org, Perspectives.org

### **Statistics and Resources**

TheNations.us, ASkAMissionary.com, TheTravelingTeam.org, JoshuaProject.net, lie.org, Gideons.org, Wycliffe.org

### **Prayer Resources**

OperationWorld.org, GlobalPrayerDigest.org, PrayerCast.com

### **Books and Magazines**

CMMPress.org, MissionFrontiers.org, MissionBooks.org

### **Further resources**

Xplore, Second Edition, Eight Imprint, 2016

Go Mobilize, First Edition, Seventh Imprint, 2016

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<p><b>God'S WORD</b></p> <p>Gen 12:1~3 Ps 46:10 Isa 49:6 Matt 28:19~20 Rev 7:9</p> <p>Survey of the Bible in 5</p>	<p><b>God'S WORLD</b> <b>40</b></p> <p>Tribal Hindu Unreligious Muslim Buddhist</p> <p><b>5 THUMB</b> <b>10</b></p>
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### Prayer:

Dear Lord, equip us to be Your missionaries wherever  
You have placed us - near or far, at home or abroad.