

**Xenos Christian Fellowship  
Christian Ministry Light Unit 3  
Practical Issues  
Week 2: Missions & the Poor**



**⇒I. Intro What we *think* we know about missions**

Myth: missions is for super saints

Myth: missions is for the hyperactive

Myth: missions is for weirdos

\*\*We need an answer to this impression/accusation!!

**⇒II. What we should know about missions**

**Q1**

**Q2** Jn 17:4

**Q3** Psalm 46:10

Yearbook Theology

**⇒III. Short Overview of the Whole Bible**

Myth: missions is peripheral

**A. Intro**

Gen 1:28, Gen 11:1

**B. Story**

Gen 12:1-3

Top Line--

Bottom line--

Myth: Missions makes me feel guilty
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◆ **Abraham**

**Q4**

◆ **Promised Land**

Ezek 5:5

◆ **Exodus from Egypt**

Ex 5:1-2, Ex 19:4-6

◆ **Joshua**

**Q5**

Josh 4:19-24

◆ **David and Goliath**

1 Sam 17:45-46

◆ **Psalm 67**

◆ **Solomon's Wisdom**

2 Chron 9:22-23

◆ **Daniel in the Lion's Den**

Dan 6:25-26

◆ **Jesus Christ**

◆ Birth Lk 2:30-32

◆ **Q6**

◆ Lk 24:46-48

**C. Conclusion**

Rev 5:9, 7:9, Psalm 87:4-6

⇒IV. What is missions?

**A. The goal of missions is the evangelization of the world.**

Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8

Myth: I'm a missionary in my own country

**B. Defining our terms: evangelism vs. evangelization**

- a. Evangelism – sharing the gospel & inviting people to accept Christ
- b. Missions – crossing cultural barriers to evangelize & plant churches
- c. Types of Evangelism: E= evangelism; # of barriers

E-1 evangelism

E-2 evangelism

E-3 evangelism

- d. Evangelization

Planting

Propagation

**C. Viewing the world: political countries & people groups**

- a. Nation: *ethnos* – ethnic or people group

Myth: Mission work is almost completed.

- b. People Group: a significantly large sociological grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity for one another because of their shared language, religion, ethnicity, residence, occupation, class or caste, situation or combination of these.
- c. Unreached People Group: a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside (cross-cultural) assistance.

**Q7** There are about \_\_\_\_\_ unreached people groups.

- d. Five major cultural blocks: Muslim, Chinese, Hindu, Buddhist, Tribal

⇒**V. How is the Evangelization of the World Accomplished?**

A. Plant multiplying churches in every people group in the world

B. Four Stages of Church Planting Relationships

Stage 1: Pioneer - First contact with a people group

Stage 2: Parent - Missionary trains national leadership

Stage 3: Partnership - National leaders work as equals with missionaries

Stage 4: Participation - Nationals lead the church, missionaries participate only by invitation

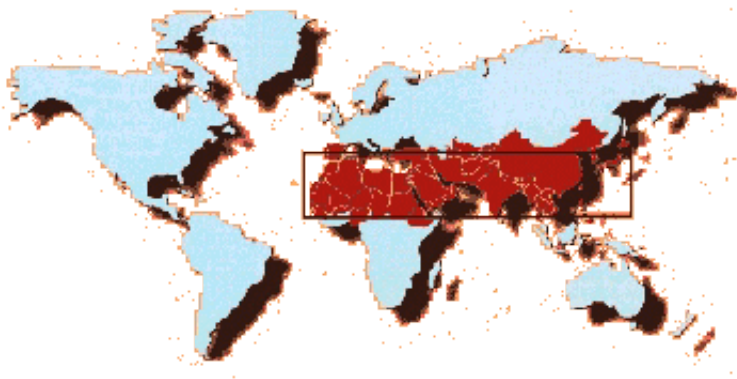
Regular missions:

Frontier missions:

C. Where are the unreached people groups?

**Q8** 10/40 Window

- a. Most of the least evangelized peoples and countries of the world are there.
- b. This is where 3 large religious blocks of unreached peoples are mainly found: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism
- c. The poor are there.



D. Nearly Half the World's Population is Poor

Myth: There's so much need here, I can't go

Today:

- Approximately 35,000 children age four and under will die of hunger & hunger related diseases (& every day) - Pulse, Dec 19, 1997

Each Year:

- 250,000 children will become permanently blinded this year for lack of a 10 cent vitamin A capsule or a daily handful of green vegetables.
- 230,00 children are struck by polio because they do not receive the immunization, which has virtually eliminated polio in the West.

In Our World:

- There are 100 million children living in the streets of the cities around the world.
- There are nearly one billion people who are defined as “the absolute poor,” whose existence is characterized by malnutrition, illiteracy, and disease and is beneath any reasonable definition of human decency.

Myth: Missionaries destroy culture

⇒**VI. The Challenge of Crossing Culture**

- A. Cultural Imperialism – imposing our culture on others
- B. Our Answer

- a. Yes, but missionaries have done greater good
- b. Some elements in culture need to change
- c. Cultures are in a constant state of change

- C. Ethnocentrism
- D. Cultural Sensitivity

- 1. Identification
- 2. Contextualization: Presenting the gospel in ways which consider the world view of the local culture. Adapting the Biblical message into forms that are true to the Scriptures but appropriate to the local culture.

⇒**VII. Missions involves Cross-Cultural Evangelism and Church Planting**

The goal is to see a church planting movement begun in every people group.

“An estimated 75 percent of the world’s non-Christians find themselves in unreached people groups. That means that over two billion individuals for whom Christ died will not hear of His love unless someone follows the call of God, leaves their own culture, learns a new language, eats new food, adjusts to a new lifestyle, loves new peoples who may appear unlovely, and shares the gospel message with them. This is mission, pure and simple. The age of missions is far from over. On the contrary, cross-cultural service for Christ is the most massive & most exciting challenge for Christians today.” Peter Wagner

⇒**VIII. What are we doing about missions?**

**Xenos:**

**Mission** – “Xenos Missions Division exists to advance cross-cultural indigenous Church Planting Movements.”

**Vision** – “...a church accessible to everyone in the people group resulting in changed lives and transformed communities.”

**Humanitarian Aid & Development Fund - \*See brochure!**

Going – 4 fields

Welcoming

Sending

Mobilizing==

Training

Projects

**You**

Missions makes me so excited!!

Missions makes me feel closer to God.

Every believer is called to be involved in world evangelization

**Conclusion**

## **RECOMMENDED READING**

*Evidence Not Seen*, D. Rose

*Bruchko*, B. Olson

*Peace Child*, D. Richardson

*Eternity in their Hearts*, D. Richardson

*Operation World*, P. Johnstone

*The Great Omission*, R. McQuilkin

*A Mind for Missions*, P. Borthwick

*Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*, Howard

## **The Poor**

*Why address social issues if Christ is coming back and we know the world system is doomed?*

1.

**Ezekiel 16:49**

2.

**1 John 3:16-17**

3.

**1 Peter 1:14-19**

**A.**

**Psalm 140:12**

**B.**

**Proverbs 14:31**

### **A. Urban Concern Mission Statement:**

The mission of Urban Concern is to work with individuals in the inner city to break the cycle of poverty and hopelessness. Urban Concern is committed to raising up leaders who will play an active role in restoring their community.

Philosophy For Christian Community Development - see handout

**Jeremiah 22:15-17**

**The 4 D's of Xenos Community Development**

**Structural sin** in our society has developed segregation between the rich and poor (as well as racial).

Lifestyle and friendship evangelism ...

Moving up and out has to be challenged

**Philip. 2:3-8**

We need to consider...

Video

*What can you do? Everyone can do these things*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

**Matthew 25:31-36** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

### **Memory Verses**

**Matt. 24:14\* Jesus will return to establish his kingdom only after the Great Commission is fulfilled.**

**Prov. 14:31\* We honor or reproach God by how we treat the poor.**

**Ps. 140:12\* God is committed to the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor.**

### **Assignment**

Complete the *Principles of Financial Giving Assignment*.