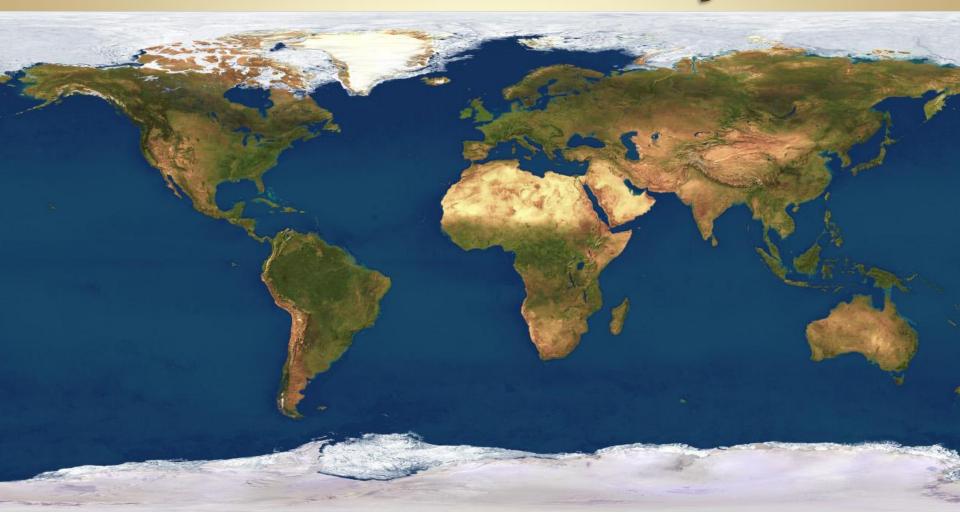
World Evangelisation in the 21st Century



Introduction

- Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism 2010
- Cape Town, South Africa ... 16 24 October 2010



- A. The Great Commission: Tells us <u>what</u> we are to do and <u>where</u>
 - The depth of the Great Commission:
 - "Then Jesus came to them and said, '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, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-19

- A. The Great Commission: Tells us what we are to do and where
 - 2. The **breadth and quantity** of the sowing "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15
 - 3. The **surety** of the Great Commission "He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47

- A. The Great Commission: Tells us what we are to do and where
 - 4. The **model** of the Great Commission "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'" John 20:21
 - 5. The **extent** of the Great Commission "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

- A. The Great Commission: Tells us what we are to do and where
- B. The Great Commandment: Tells us who we are to love and how
 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbour as yourself. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

- A. The Great Commission: Tells us what we are to do and where
- B. The Great Commandment: Tells us who we are to love and how
 - Love God (John 14:15)
 - Love your neighbour (John 13:34)
 - Love strangers (Matthew 25:35, 36)
 - Love your enemies (Luke 6:27)

The Present Situation?





Some Assumptions

- A. The focus is on <u>disciple-making</u>. Evangelism is not enough
 - "... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."
 Matthew 28:19
- B. The priorities concentrate on where the church is NOT
 - 1. Unreached people groups (1974): 16,750
 - 2. Today (2010): 2,365

Some Assumptions

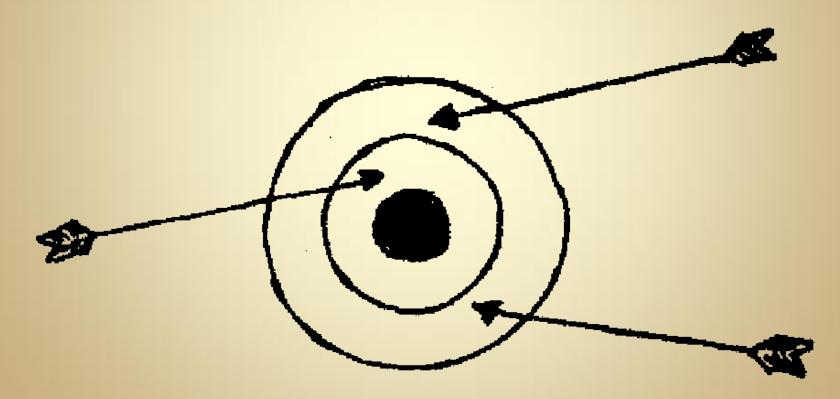
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- B. The priorities concentrate on where the church is NOT
- c. Every part of the world is called to go to every part of the world
- D. Living out our faith is an absolute imperative
- E. Loving one another and working together should be the standard of the church

Missing the Mark

- True life comes from the Word of God (II Timothy. 4:2)
 - Yet, not every people group has the Word of God available.
- God told us to make disciples of all people groups
 - Yet, there are thousands of people groups to whom we have not gone.
- God told us to preach the Gospel to all creation; yet,
 - We have neglected two-thirds (or 70%) of the world who are oral learners
 - We don't prioritize children, even though 64% receive Christ before age
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 - We ignore those who can't see, hear, or walk 10% of the world's population
 - We don't "carry His name" to the "kings" of our society (Acts 9:15)

Missing the Mark

- God told us to love our neighbours as ourselves
 - Yet, we don't invite aliens and immigrants into our homes.

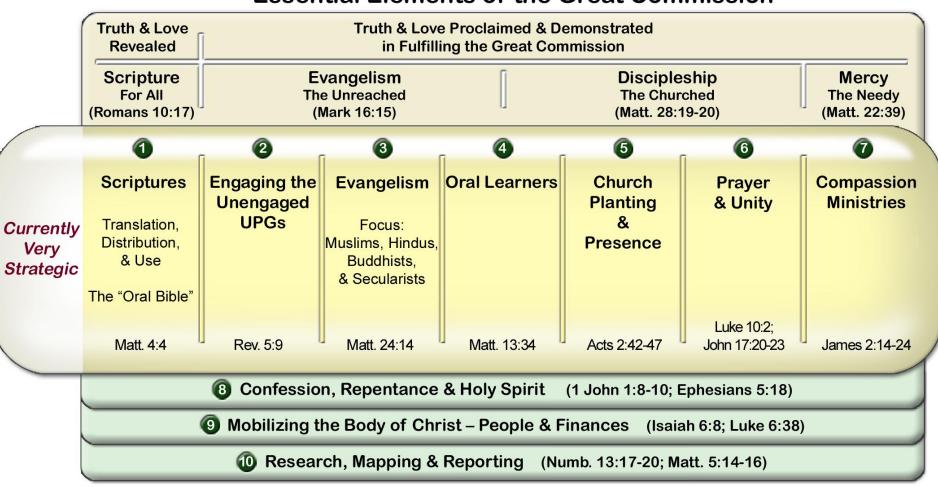


Facts

- 2,252 language groups have no one working on Scripture translations.
- 2,365 people groups with over 5,000 population still have no missionary.
- 95% of the world's countries do not have a current survey showing the villages and barrios where there are no local churches.
- 70% of the world needs to receive the Gospel message orally to really understand it, but we tend to minister with a literate approach.

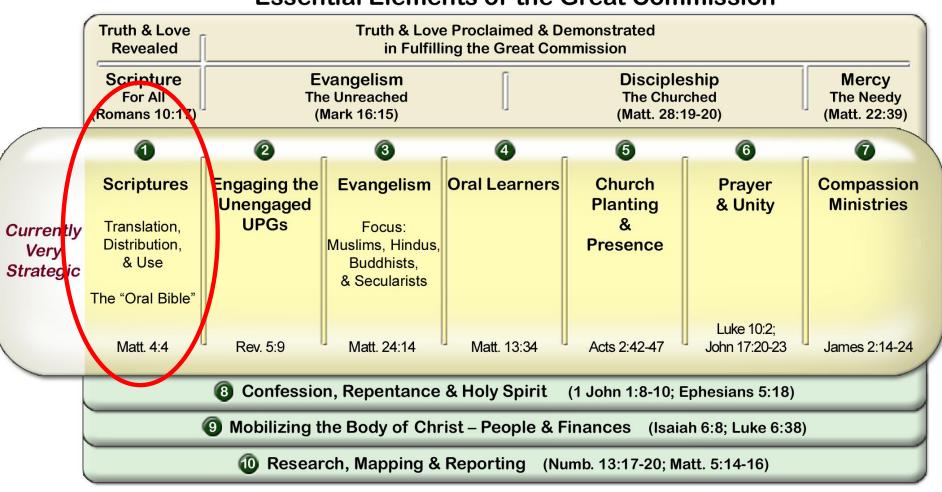
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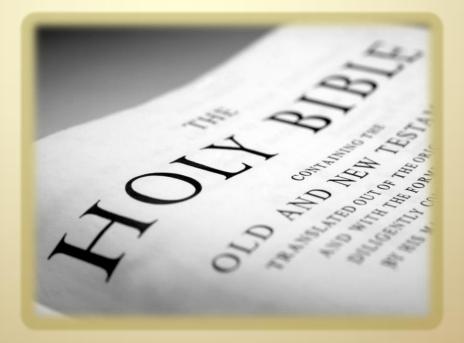
Scriptures: Translation,Distribution and Use

A. What is the need?

- 1. More written translations of the Scripture
- 2. More oral translations of 50-60 Scriptural stories

3. More intentional distribution and use of the

Scripture



Scriptures: Translation,Distribution and Use

B. What is the Scriptural Basis?

- 1. "But he answered and said, 'It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)
- 2. "... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)
- 3. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)
- 4. Additional references: II Timothy 3:14-17; I Timothy 4:13; Psalm 119:105

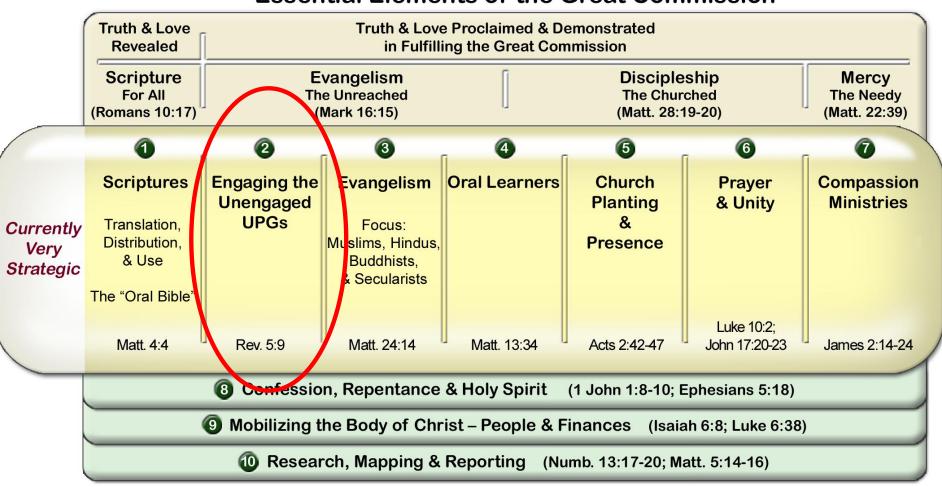
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c. What are some possible goals?

- 1. A written translation begun in every language needed by 2025
- 2. An Oral Story Bible (50-60 stories) produced in 4,000 needed languages by 2019
- All completed written and oral unreached people group translations recorded by 2019
- 4. All available Scripture written, oral or visual internet accessible by 2019
- 5. A comprehensive distribution strategy of scriptures among the unengaged, unreached people groups developed by 2015

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② Engaging the Unengaged, Unreached People Groups

A. What is the need?

- 1. 639 unengaged, unreached people groups with populations over 100,000 total population of 535 million (2005)
- 2. 419 of these groups are currently being engaged by around 4007 full-time and part-time workers
- 3. 20,000 more workers are needed
- 2,365 people groups of over 5,000 are still unengaged total population of 352 million
- 5. Critical need: one (1) full-time worker for every 50,000 people in each group

② Engaging the Unengaged, Unreached People Groups

B. What is the Scriptural basis?

- "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)
- 2. "And they sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." (Revelation 5:9)
- 3. "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." (Psalm 2:8)
- 4. Additional references: Genesis 12:3; Psalm 96:3; Psalm 67:1-7; Luke 15; Acts 8:30-31; Romans 1:5; I Corinthians 1:25-28; Revelation 7:9

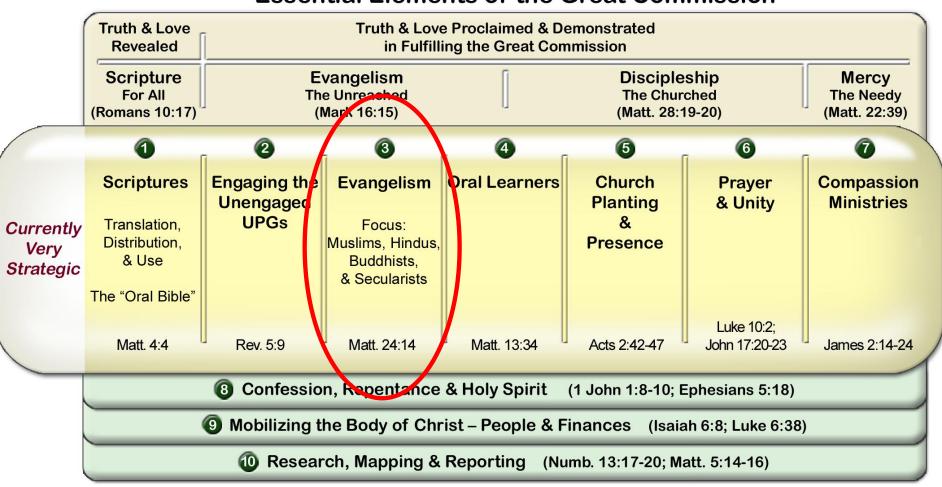
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c. What are some possible goals?

- No unengaged people groups over 100,000 people by December 2012
- 2. No unengaged groups over 10,000 people by 2015
- 3. No unengaged people groups over 1,000 by 2017.
- 4. To recruit one full-time worker who will be engaged in evangelism and church planting for every 50,000 people in each group (an estimated 20-30,000 workers are needed to reach the unengaged and the under-engaged groups)
- To see mission agencies prioritizing unengaged, unreached people groups in their recruiting and planning.

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3 Evangelisation

A. What is the need?

- Go to the most neglected!
- Increase the number of workers to the "least reached"
- 3. Use the best "platforms" for delivering the message
 - a. Personal witness to group and mass evangelism
 - b. Use of media
 - i. Cell phone technology
 - ii. Internet
- 4. We need to believe that people will respond to the message
- 5. We need to reach out to leaders and ordinary people of other faiths

3 Evangelisation

B. What is the Scriptural basis?

- "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)
- "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." (Genesis 12:1-3)
- 3. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)
- 4. Additional references: Romans 10: 14-15; Acts 9:15

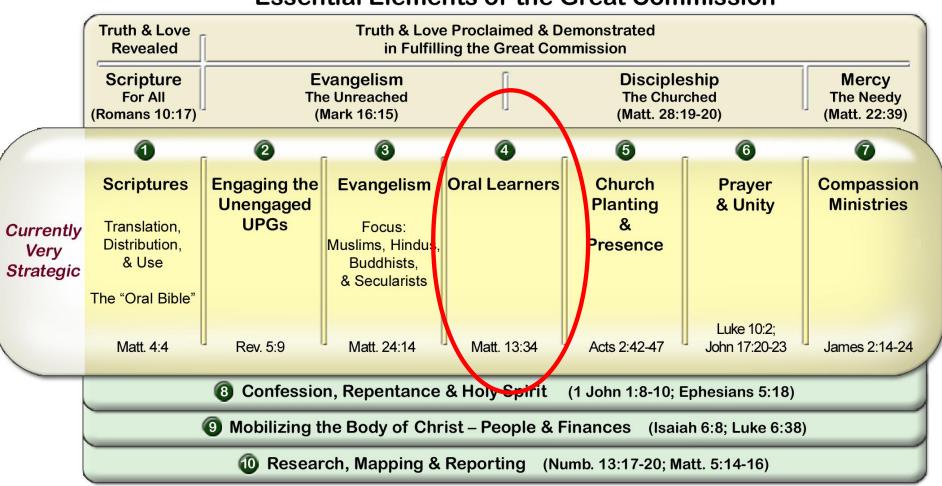
3 Evangelisation

B. What are some possible goals?

- To increase the numbers of evangelistic presentations and demonstration of God's love to Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists
- 2. To engage all people groups by 2017
- 3. To recruit 20,000 additional workers for groups that have been engaged but not yet reached 2% of believers in the group
- 4. To share the Gospel with 500 million people each year through internet and cell phone strategies with appropriate follow-up
- To ensure that a special effort is made to reach 700 million children between the ages of 5 and 15.

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A. What is the need?

- 2/3 of the world are oral learners learn through proverbs, music, poetry, and especially stories
- 2. 58% of high school graduates in the USA will never read a book after they graduate 42% of university graduates
- 3. There are 41,000 denominations and 4,700 mission organisations in the world -- need to begin training them how to teach the Scriptures using stories from the Bible



B. What is the Scriptural basis?

- The Bible was oral before it was written and was preserved that way for years
- Only two times does the Bible say that God wrote, but it says, "Thus saith the Lord" 414 times in the King James Version
- The word "listen" is used 352 times in the Bible, but the word "read," as an imperative or a past tense verb, is used only 77 times
 - a. "Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken." (Isaiah 1:2)
 - b. "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 4:22-23)
 - c. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 2:29)

B. What is the Scriptural basis?

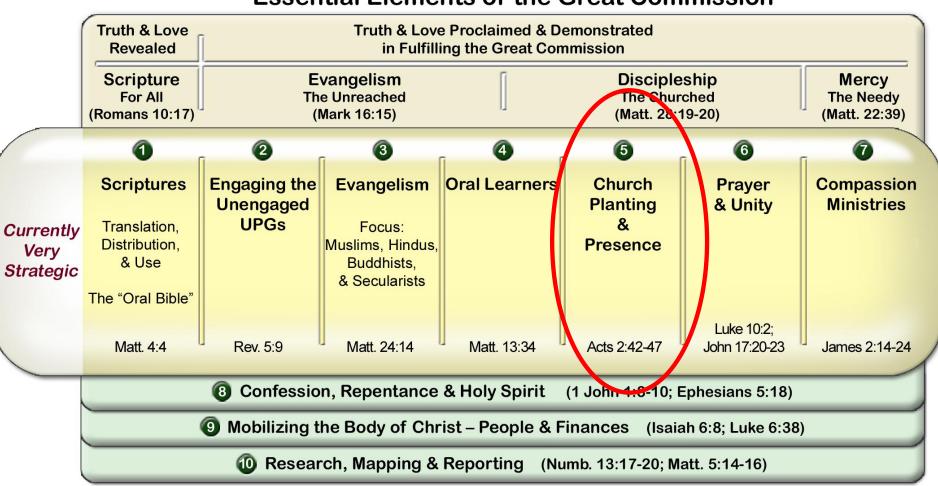
- 4. Jesus always used stories: "With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable." (Mark 4:33, 34a)
- 5. God instructed Moses to write down the words of the Law in a song: "God also instructed him to teach the song to the Israelites so that they would have it in their hearts, and on their lips, and always remember it." (Deuteronomy 31-33)
- 6. Additional references: Matthew 13:34; Psalm 78:2-4

c. What some possible goals?

- To provide consultations to 80% of the Great Commission agencies throughout the world by 2015 so that they will be aware of Orality and the need to communicate with oral methods
- 2. To challenge mission agencies with the following:
 - a. Giving oral learners an Oral Story Bible
 - b. Launching church planting movements in oral cultures
 - Equipping literate and semi-literate pastors in making disciples of oral learners within their congregations
- To ensure that at least 35% of the seminaries and Bible schools of the world are offering courses in Chronological Bible Storying and other oral strategies
- 4. To develop resources in Orality that are available in at least 100 languages.

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5 Church Planting & Presence

A. What is the need?

 We need millions of new house churches to care for the one billion of new converts

2. We need to know every village, barrio, or suburb of a city that





5 Church Planting & Presence

B. What is the Scriptural basis?

- 1. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- 2. "The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you." (Titus 1:5)
- "Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."
 (I Timothy 3:14-15)
- 4. Additional references: Acts 2 and 4; Acts 14:21-23; Acts 2:42, 46-47a

5 Church Planting & Presence

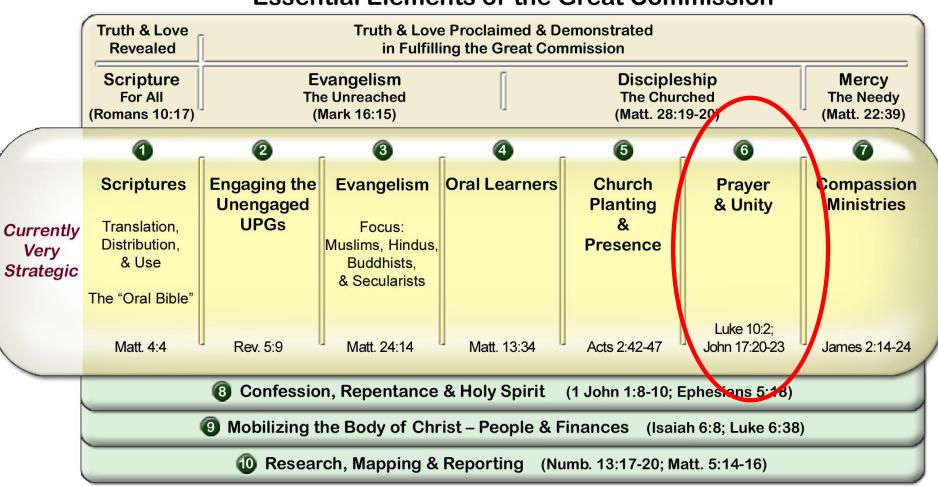
c. What some possible goals?

- To encourage each country to conduct a survey to determine every village and city segment where there is no known church
- 2. To plant 5 million new churches by 2020

To establish church planting movements in all unengaged people groups by 2020

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A. What is the need?

- 1. We are commanded to pray for workers: "Then [Jesus] said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37, 38)
- 2. There is a need for Christians to work together in partnerships, coalitions, networks, and movements



B. What is the Scriptural basis for prayer?

- 1. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."

 (Colossians 4:2-4)
- 2. "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (I Tim. 2:1-4)
- 3. Additional references: Matthew 16:19; I Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 21:13; Isaiah 56:7b

B. What is the Scriptural basis for unity?

- 1. "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me." (John 17:20-23)
- 2. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

B. What is the Scriptural basis for unity?

- 3. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.... for there the Lord commanded the blessing..." (Psalm 133:1-3)
- 4. Additional resources: Philippians 2:1,2,10,11; Ephesians 4:1-3

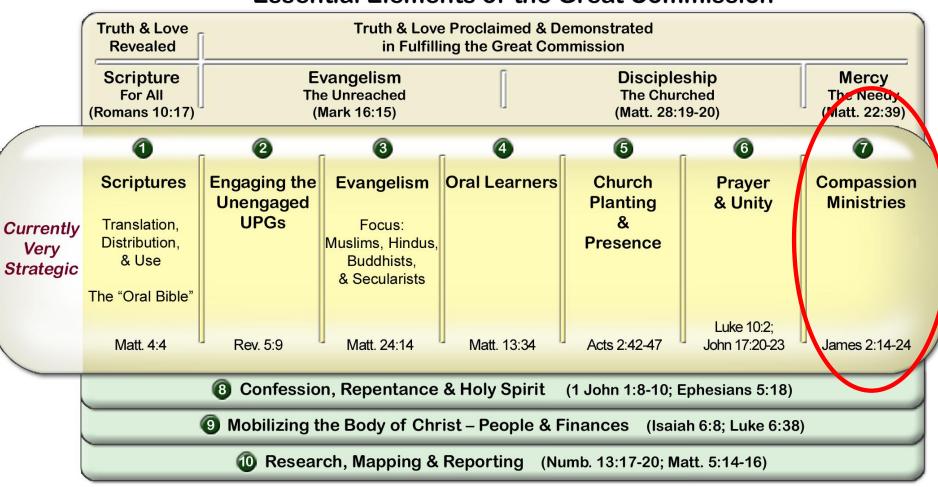


c. What is some possible goals?

- A 24/7 house of prayer in every population segment of 3, 6 or 9 million based on the degree of being reached with the Gospel
- 2. Every pastor and missionary prayed for by name
- One million pastors making their churches houses of prayer for the nations by 2020
- 4. Every church and ministry in a partnership or cooperative effort with another part of the Body of Christ.

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7 Compassion Ministry

A. What is the need?

- We need to do both proclamation and demonstration Word and deed
- 2. 86% of Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists don't personally know a Christian believer

We could do a better job of caring for the poor and bringing justice to the oppressed

7 Compassion Ministry

- 1. We are created in Christ to do good works.
 - "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)
 - b. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)
 - c. "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:12)

7 Compassion Ministry

- 2. We are admonished to love strangers and aliens
 - a. "Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because your were aliens in Egypt." (Exodus 23:9)
 - b. "The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow." (Psalm 146:9)
 - c. "I was a stranger and you invited me in." (Matthew 25:35)
 - d. "Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (Hebrews 13:1-3)

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- 3. Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)
 - a. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)
 - b. "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)
 - c. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

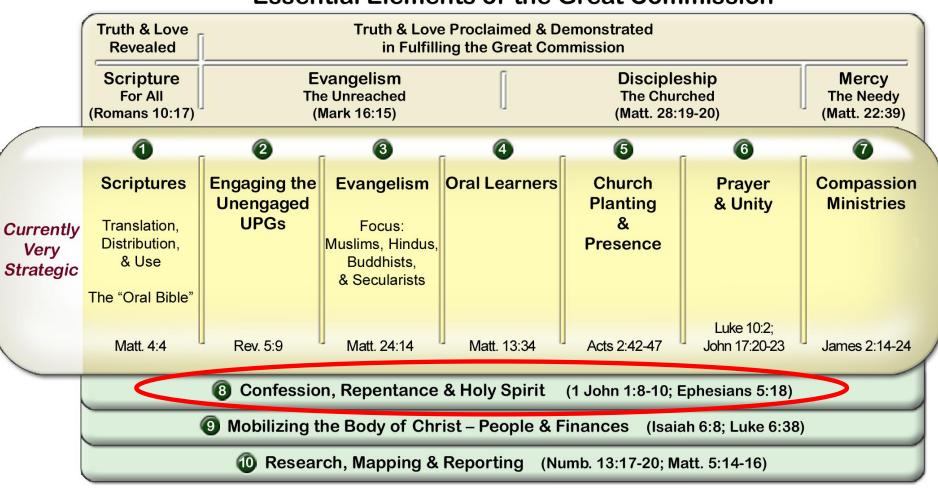
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c. What are some possible goals?

- To have all church members involved in ministries of compassion on a personal basis and through financial contributions
- To care for the poor, the widows, and the orphans while proclaiming the Good News of salvation
- With the compassion of Jesus, reach out to aliens, and people of other castes, cultures, races, and peoples
- 4. To focus our corporate efforts on the most physically and spiritually neglected. We want to be sure that there is a united response to provide relief in the wake of major disasters particularly among unreached people groups.

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A. What is the need?

- We need to pay close attention to the spiritual condition of those who take the Gospel to the unreached people groups
- 2. Many surveys show little difference between the lifestyles of believers and unbelievers
- 3. We need to people of humility who realise that the power to see lives changed does not come from better methods but cleaner vessels
- 4. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit every moment of every day

- A foundational need for holiness
 - a. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - b. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24)
 - c. "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened..." (Psalm 66:18)
 - d. Additional references: Matthew 5:48; 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 2. A foundational need for repentance
 - a. "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)
 - b. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
 - c. "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (II Timothy 2:22)
 - d. Additional references: Hebrews 12:1-3; I John 2:15

- 3. A foundational need for a reliance on the Holy Spirit
 - a. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
 - b. "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)
 - c. "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)
 - d. Additional references: II Corinthians 3:5; Psalm 127:1

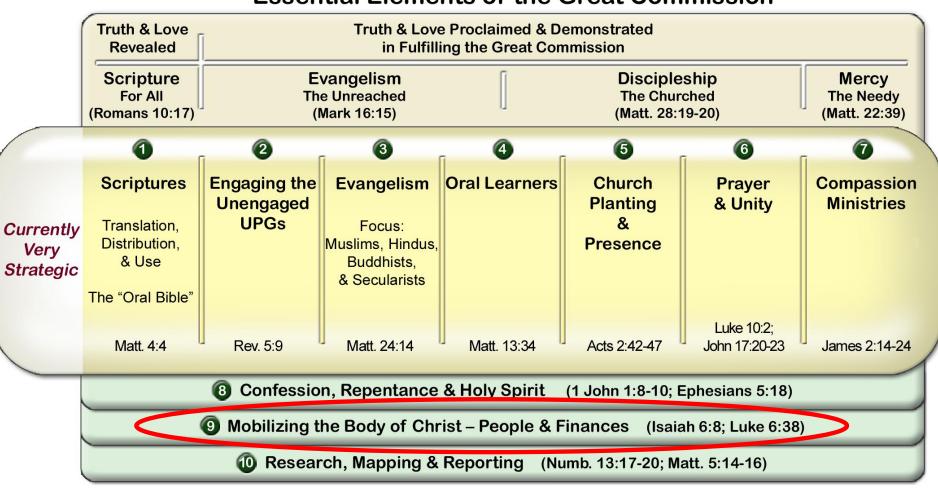
c. What are some possible goals?

- To help churches and agencies focus on the spiritual basis for effective ministry
- To call the Body of Christ to a lifestyle of continual repentance and cleansing
- To emphasize the necessity of being filled with the Holy Spirit to adequately reflect Christ
- 4. To recognize that all ministry for God must be done in the power of the Holy Spirit



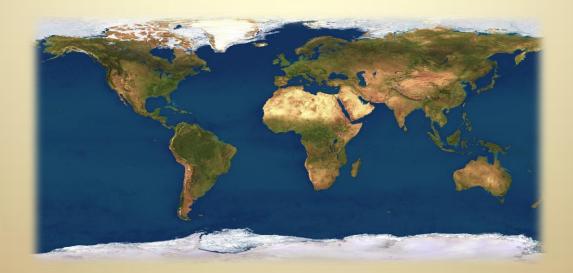
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A. What is the need?

- 1. There is a desperate need for men and women who will provide leadership in the recruiting of workers for the harvest and finances to support the workers
- 2. There is a need to keep the whole church continually aware of the greatest areas of need throughout the world



- For being a mobiliser
 - a. "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)
 - b. "Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations." (Isaiah 62:10)
 - c. "Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike." (I Samuel 30:24)

- 2. For more manpower to complete the task
 - a. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)
 - b. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
 - c. "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." (II Timothy 2:2)

- 3. For more finances to complete the task
 - a) "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." (Deuteronomy 16:17)
 - b) "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (II Corinthians 9:10-11)

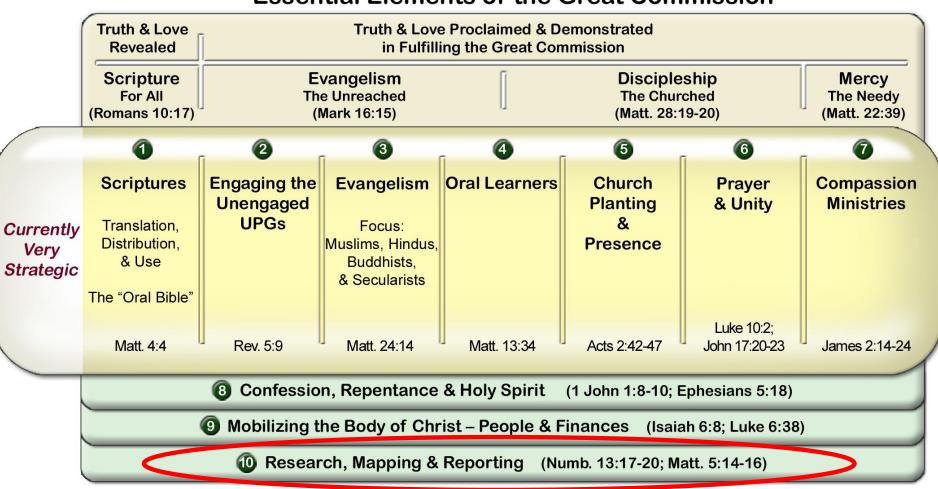
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 - "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (I Timothy 6:17-19)
- 4. Additional references: Philippians 4:10-20; Psalm 37:21; Proverbs 2:9; Acts 20:35; Proverbs 21:26; Proverbs 11:25; Matt. 5:42; Luke 6:38; Romans 12:6-8

c. What are some possible goals?

- To call the Church to train and mobilize 100,000 Christian workers from all the nations of the world who will go wherever they are needed
- 2. To recruit leaders from every sphere of influence throughout the world, including: family, church, education, business, science, government, and media
- To unite networking organizations around common goals related to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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- "Do you not say, Four months more and then the harvest?" I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35)
- 1. Principle #1: Lift up your eyes
- 2. Principle #2: Look at the fields
- 3. Principle # 3: Research helps us get "the lay of the land" (see Numbers 13:17-19)
- 4. Principle # 4: We see what God has already done in preparation (see Judges 7:9-15)

What are some possible goals?

1) Research

- a. To ensure that each element of the Great Commission is tracked continually
- b. To update and present the data for each element annually
- c. To ensure that the various research organizations are resolving their differences in the data. This is essential for monitoring overall progress.
- d. To conduct surveys of church leaders to chart progress in the elements that are more qualitative in nature for example:
 - i. Are organizational and denominational leaders teaching more about repentance, renewal, and the empowering of the Holy Spirit?
 - i. Are we making progress in combining our proclamation and compassion ministries?
 - iii. Are Christian leaders understanding Orality and equipping their workers to reach oral learners?

What are some possible goals?

- 1) Research
- 2) Mapping
 - a. To generate and provide maps for organizations, coalitions, and networks that clarify the unfinished task
 - b. To provide maps for all Great Commission elements so that leaders can make informed decisions about future evangelism and church planting efforts.



What are some possible goals?

- 1) Research
- 2) Mapping
- 3) Reporting
 - a. Which language groups still don't have sufficient scriptures or an Oral Story Bible in order to plant churches?
 - b. Which unengaged, unreached people groups are still unengaged?
 - c. Which people groups still have less than 2% Believers?
 - d. How many Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Secularists are hearing the Gospel each year?
 - e. How are we doing in preparing new pastors and leaders for the growing Church?
 - f. How many people are hearing the Gospel each year, in each sphere of influence?
 - g. Which villages, barrios, and city segments still do not have an indigenous local church?



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