



“To The Ends of the Earth”

Luke 10:2

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The population of Canada & the U.S. is 5-6% of the world’s population. That means that 94% of the population of the world is outside of “us”. The world’s population is growing by 1.1% a year or 83 million a year. Developing countries accounted for 97% of this growth because of the dual effects of high birth rates & young populations. More than 50% of the population of the world is under the age of 25.

What do these stats tell us about being witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth?

Between 2001 and 2015, the percentage of the global population that has access to a mobile data network grew from 58% to 95%. The numbers of global internet use are up more than 80% in the last 5 years. More than half of the world now uses a smartphone; more than half of the world’s web traffic comes from mobile phones.

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Of the 7.6 billion people in the world, it is estimated that 1.6 billion have never heard about Jesus. Wycliffe reports that for approximately 1,700 to 1,800 languages, there exists no Scriptures at all. Even if the Scriptures are translated, an estimated 1 billion adults are considered illiterate. In addition, 60% of the world’s population are considered oral learners. This describes 70% of unreached people.

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II. The Command of Jesus

In Acts 1:8 when Jesus said “to the ends of the earth” what would the people have understood Jesus meaning? What does Jesus as the resurrected Son of God mean?

What is the message about the spreading of the Gospel found in Revelation 7:9?

How does Jesus describe whom we are to reach in our making of disciples in Matthew 28:19? What does this require the church of Jesus Christ to do?

Does becoming one body in Jesus Christ erase our diversity? Explain your answer.

Who all is mentioned in Luke 10:2? Who does the sending according to this verse?

What does it mean to be the *Lord of the harvest*? What does Jesus mean with this?

How is the harvest described? What does Jesus mean with this?

What is the magnitude of the harvest compared to?

Does the Lord of the harvest need to be compelled to send more workers? Who is this message for? Who is being compelled to do something?

How does God want to use you in the harvest?