

Valuing What God Values

Matthew 9:35-38

Introduction

- **Our natural tendency is to place value on temporal possessions and priorities.**
- **God values His harvest because it is eternal, and it should be what we value as well.**

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**God's overarching concern is for His glory
among the nations...**

**through the spread of His glorious
Gospel...**

**seeking lost sinners to convert into true
worshippers.**

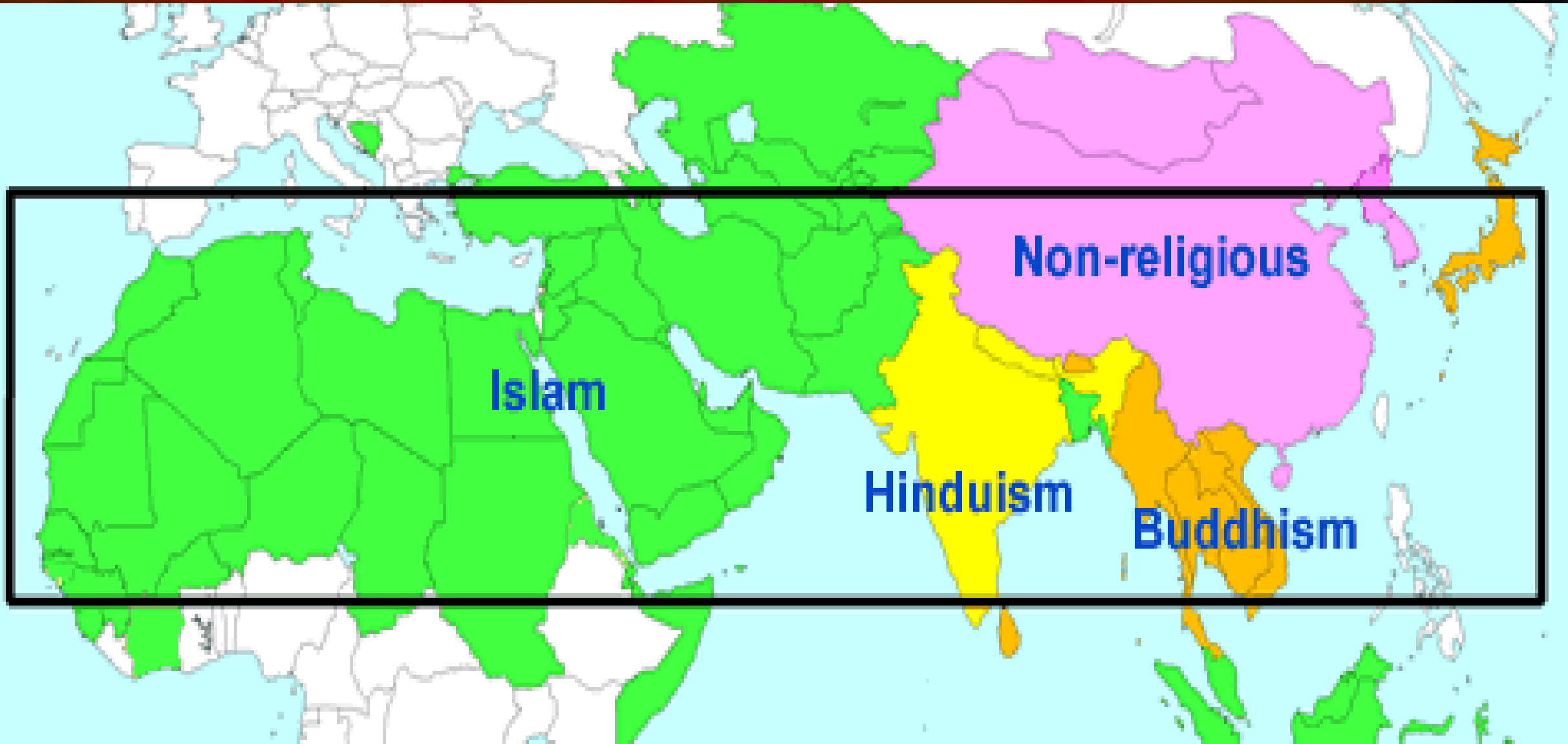
The Great Harvest

- **The Reality of the Harvest (vv. 35-36)**
 - **Jesus' contacts with crowds of people... preaching the Gospel**
 - **Jesus' compassion for hurting people
...Looking...seeing...empathizing**

Facts Regarding the Great Harvest

- **World population growing at rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ million per day—now 7.8 billion people**
- **Fastest growing religion—Islam**
- **7000 different language groups— $\frac{1}{3}$ do not have even part of the Bible available**
- **330,000 churches in the US—less than 10% have global missions program**

Most Gospel Destitute Nations with Highest Levels of Persecution



Gospel's Advance Includes Present Day Realities

**These nations have least
access to the Gospel**

**Over 4,000 Frontier People Groups
(less than 0.1% Christians with
no churches and no Bibles)**

Gospel's Advance Includes Present Day Realities

**With so many people groups and nations
that have limited access to the
Gospel, we need new strategies.**

We must embrace **risk-taking Gospel
advance to reach Frontier people groups
in restricted access nations**

The Great Harvest

- **The Restrictions on the Harvest
(v. 37)**
 - **Not the hearts in the harvest**
 - **Not the power of the Gospel**
 - **Not the funding for the harvest**

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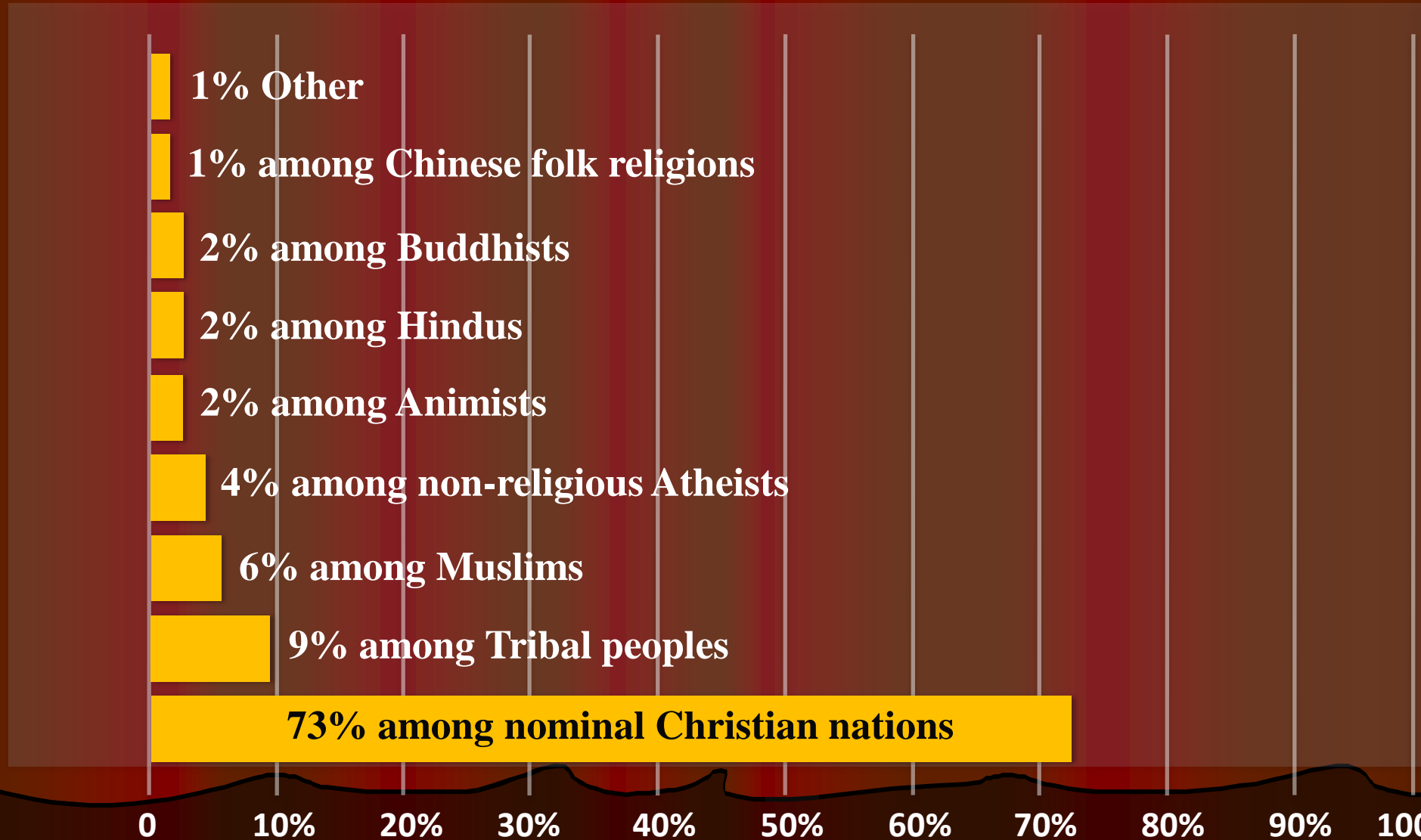
- **The Restrictions on the Harvest
(v. 37)**
 - **The fact of minimal laborers**
 - **Strange paradox**
 - **Serious difficulty**

More than 95% of the graduates of most U.S. and Canadian colleges and seminaries minister to 5% of the world who live in North America.



99% of the unevangelized live outside of the U.S. and Canada.

Distribution of Protestant Missionaries Among Major Blocs



The Great Harvest

- **The Restrictions on the Harvest**
(v. 37)
- **The factors for minimal laborers**
 - **Lack of Spirit-controlled living**
 - **Low view of God**

The Great Request

- **The Biblical Prayer Request**

- **The Priority of Christ – a command**

- **The Pattern often Overlooked**

The Great Request

- **The Biblical Practice**

- **Founded on a Deep Sense of Need**
- **Focused on Thrusting Forth Laborers**

31-Day Prayer Calendar

FRONTLINE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

1. Dwight and Melissa | North Africa
2. Pavlo and Inna | Ukraine
3. Johnson and Susan | South Asia
4. Yura and Olesya | Central Asia
5. Jonathan and Sarah | Southeast Asia
6. Jared and Sharon | Southeast Asia
7. Mark and Rachel | East Asia

8. Morocco | 99% Muslim
Light of Morocco radio outreach
9. Algeria | 99% Muslim
Light of Morocco radio outreach
10. Tunisia | 99.1% Muslim
Frontline Experience interns
11. Ethiopia
Oromo Bible distribution and impact
12. Albania and the Balkans
Church planting and Gospel literature
13. Ukraine
Theological training and camp ministries in Ukraine and neighboring countries

14. Russia
Church planting and theological education
15. Turkey | 99.8% Muslim
Christian literature ministry
16. Azerbaijan | 96.9% Muslim
Christian literature ministry
17. Lebanon
Church planting and Gospel advance
18. Iraq
Church planting and refugee ministry
19. Iran | 99.4% Muslim
Boldness for persecuted Christians

20. United Arab Emirates | 76% Muslim
Church planting in a hostile environment
21. Afghanistan | 99.7% Muslim
Gospel advance
22. Uzbekistan | 88% Muslim
Camp ministries and church planting
23. Kyrgyzstan
Pioneer missions and church planting
24. India | 79.8% Hindu, 14.2% Muslim
Village evangelism, persecuted Christians



Statistics from CIA, World Factbook, 2018

25. Bangladesh | 89.1% Muslim, 10% Hindu
Boldness for persecuted Christians
26. China | Officially atheist
Frontline English teaching team
27. Indonesia | 87.2% Muslim
Church planting among unreached people groups
28. Dispatches from the Front
Impact of telling the big story of Gospel advance
29. Frontline Experience
Equipping Gospel risk-takers
30. Advocacy
Efforts in Washington, DC and abroad on behalf of the persecuted church
31. Home Office
Support team for our worldwide ministry

31 DAYS

This prayer calendar focuses on countries where Frontline Missions International has team members and Gospel projects underway. Thank you for your partnership in praying daily for the Gospel's advance in the world's difficult places. www.frontlinemissions.info

Our Great God

He is the “**Lord of the Harvest**”

- **God’s Names Teach Us His Character**

Old Testament (*El Elyon*)

New Testament (*Christ*)

Our Great God

- **This Name Highlights God's Priority:**
 - The Harvest**
- **His Sovereignty**
 - **He is in Control of His Harvest**
- **His Sympathy**
 - **He Cares for His Harvest**

What Is Needed to Value What God Values

- **A Godward Focus**
 - **His Glory as the Only God Worthy of Worship**
 - **His Great Grace to Us Shown on the Cross**

What is Needed to Value What God Values:

- **An Others Focus**

- **Intercessors**—praying for workers in the Harvest
- **Volunteers**—sharing the Gospel with hurting people around you and willing to be a “goer” to the hard places
- **Investors**—trusting God by faith to give more for global missions

