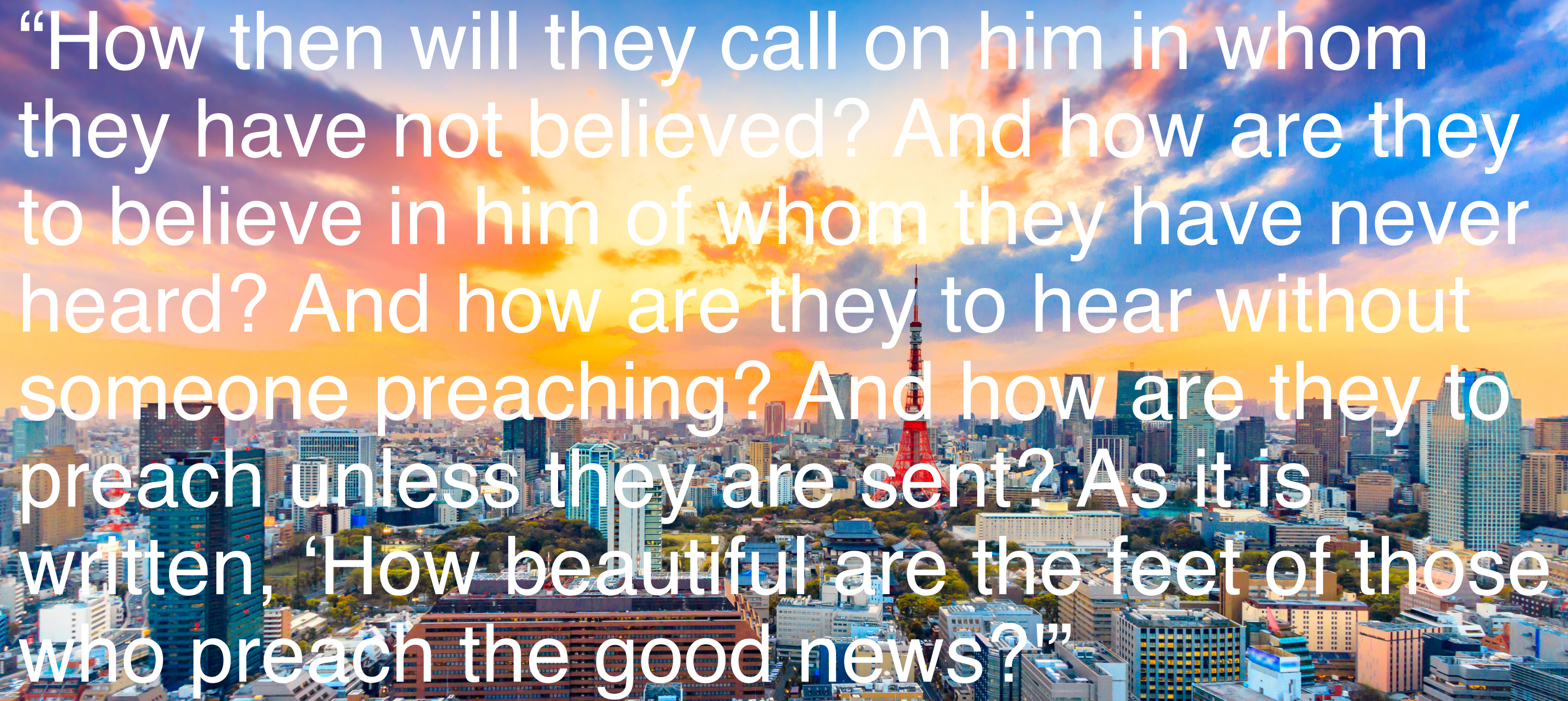


# JAPAN - THE LAND OF THE RISEN SON

SCOUTING TRIP TO JAPAN,  
JUNE 2025





An aerial photograph of a dense urban landscape, likely Tokyo, taken during the 'golden hour' of sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with scattered clouds catching the low light. In the center of the image, the red and white Tokyo Tower stands out prominently against the city skyline. The foreground and middle ground are filled with a variety of buildings, from modern glass skyscrapers to older, more traditional structures. The overall scene conveys a sense of a bustling, modern city at the end of the day.

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”

Romans 10:14-15



# GOAL

*Experience and learn the Japanese culture  
and better understand the spiritual needs of  
Japanese people during visits to 4 churches  
and missionaries in Tokyo, Tsukuba area*

***Thank you for praying for the trip!  
Prayers were felt and were vital to  
Holy Spirit led appointments and  
connections !***





# Our Vision & Mission

Vision: *To live out a gospel centered,  
missional life in Japan as a  
Christian family*

Mission: *Love God and love people  
around the corner and around  
the world*





# Missional Living

Intentionally engaging with the world, both locally and globally, to participate in God's mission of reconciliation and restoration. It's about recognizing that every believer is called to be on mission, not just those who serve as missionaries.

This involves actively seeking opportunities to share the love of Christ through words and actions, building relationships, and demonstrating the Gospel in tangible ways within your everyday life.



# Why Japan?

1. Family and Friends
  - a. Grandfather, neighbors, conv. partner
2. Missionary Internship through CRU
  - a. 6 months, met JooAe while serving (multi-gen missionary family)
3. Japanese Colleagues
4. 2011 Tsunami and Earthquake relief work
5. Japanese Life Group at CMS during the pandemic



**Population**

**123M**

**Missionaries**

**1 for 123k**

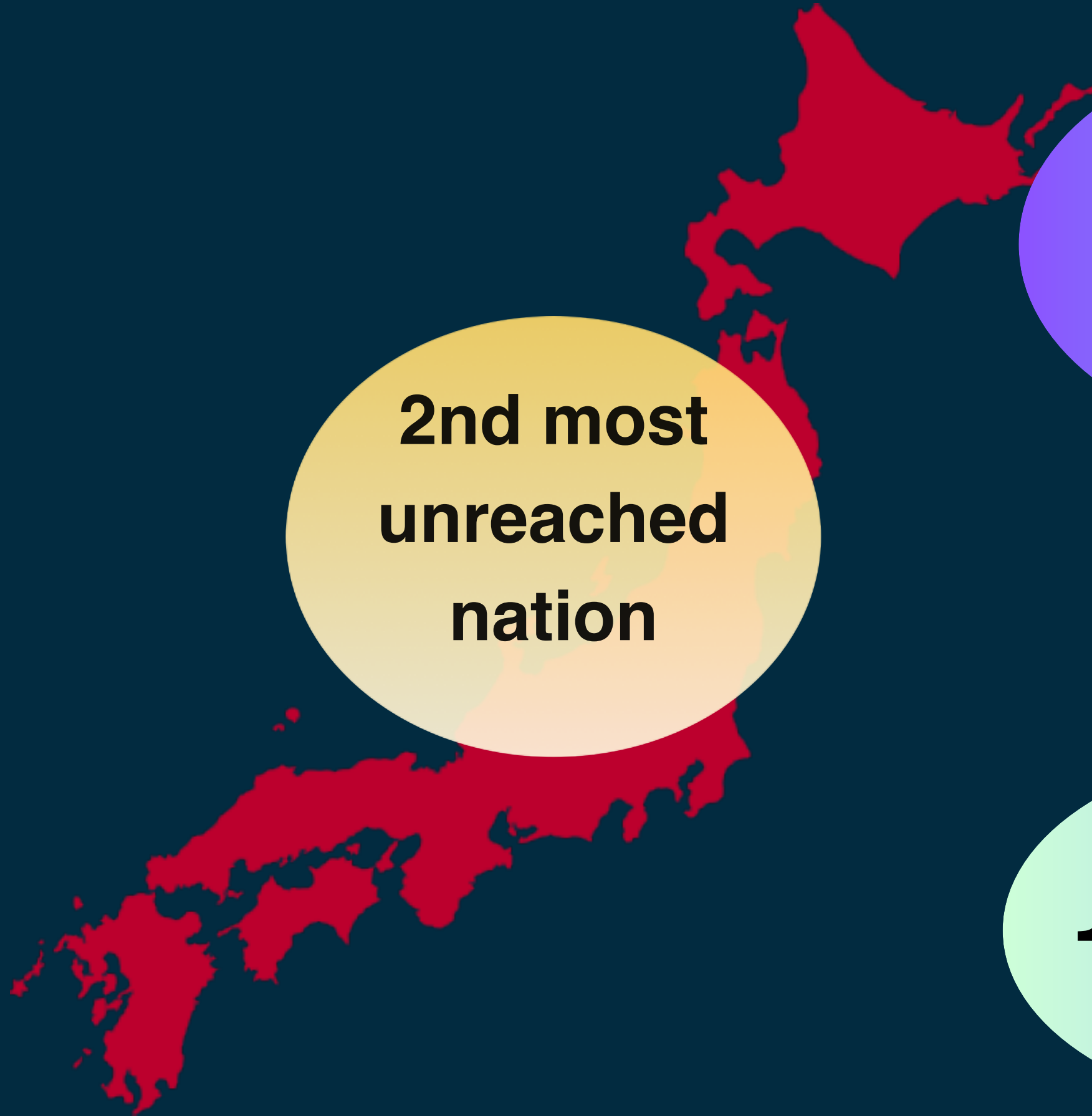
**2nd most  
unreached  
nation**

**Christian  
Population**

**0.3%**

**Protestant Churches**

**1 for 17.5k**





# Why is missions in Japan challenging?

1. To be Japanese is to be a cultural Buddhist and Shintoist
2. Conformity (social harmony), Bushido (code of samurai) honor and shame culture
3. Honne (inner self) vs tatemae (public self)
4. Christianity is a Western religion (which Christian are you?)



# The Fellowship of the Believers - Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe[[a](#)]came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



# Church is the answer

- 1.Devoted to Apostles' teaching
- 2.Fellowship and Community
- 3.Breaking of bread
- 4.Prayer
- 5.Community of Love
- 6.Unity and testimony



# Churches of different sizes and shapes

1. Cafe church in a residential neighborhood
2. Int'l suburban college town church
3. Korean and Japanese blended church
4. Seeker friendly house church



# OR “light” Cafe Church









# Tsukuba Life Church









# Tokyo Oyama Christ Church





# Harvest House Church

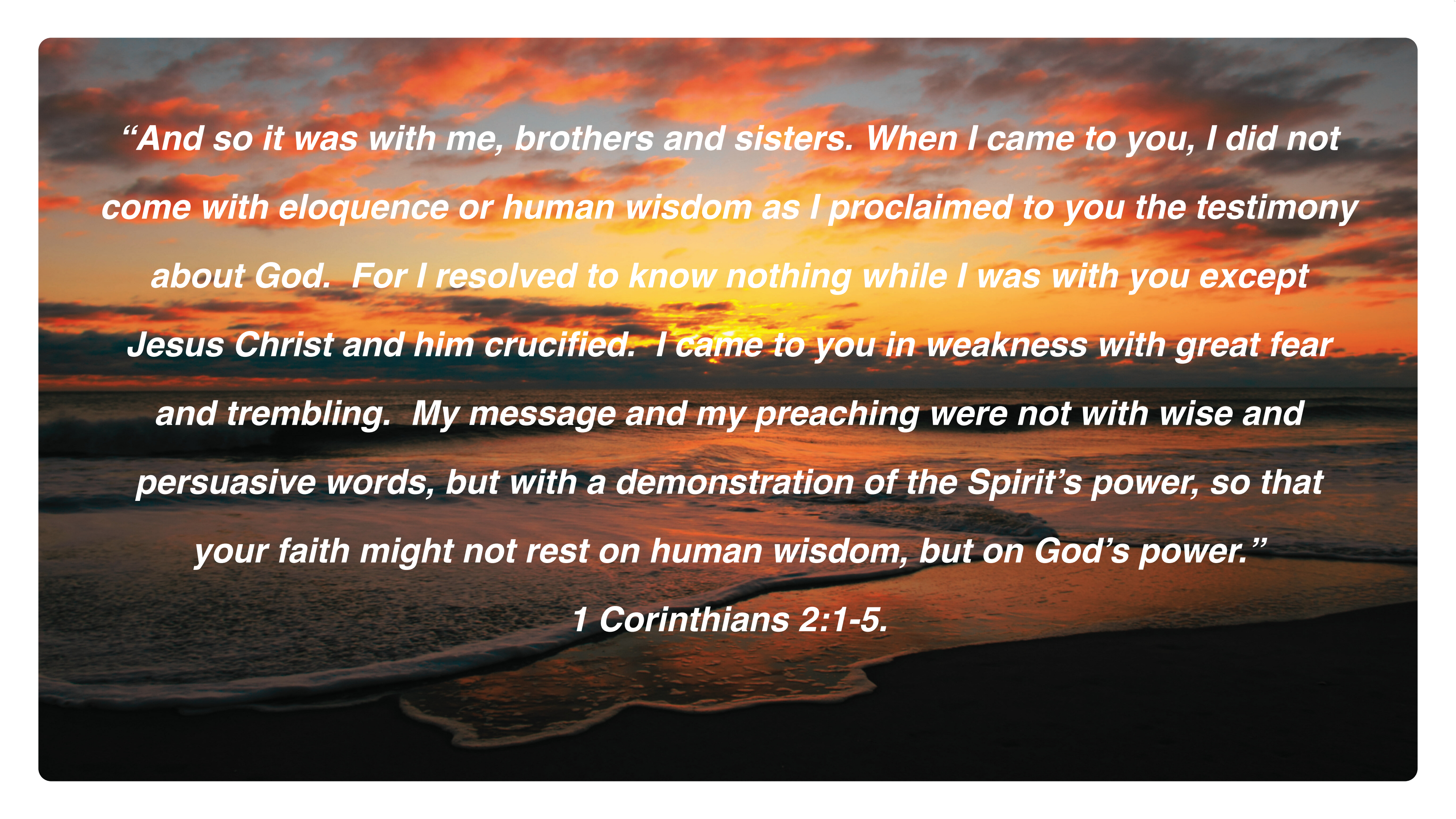




# How can you pray for Japan?

1. Pray for more workers for the harvest
2. Pray for more church leaders and pastors to be raised up
3. Pray for more Japanese Christians to live counter-culturally and boldly share the Gospel





***“And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”***

***1 Corinthians 2:1-5.***