







#### Mentoring Asian Pioneers



**Central Thai** 



Berbers (Morocco)



Western Nepal UPGs



Japanese



Sumba (Indonesia)



Koya (India)



Do We Have Insight for these Times?

• "... Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." (1 Chronicles 12:32)

## "What will be the sign of your coming?"

#### A Challenging Time

- false prophets and teachers (Mt. 24:4)
  The gospel being proclaimed to ever
- "wars, rumors of wars" (Mt. 24:6-7)
- tribulation and persecution (Mt. 24:9-10)

#### A Time of Completion

- The gospel being proclaimed to every ethnic people (Mt. 24:14)
- Many being brought to salvation (Daniel 12:1-3)

## Becoming An 'Issachar Church'

Walking in the Fulness of God's Will for Our Church to Be Making Disciples from Our Home to the Ends of the Earth



1900

there were about 20,000 evangelical Christians

1980

approximately 20 million evangelical Christians

2008

more than 100 million people have become followers of Jesus

... there are more than 80,000 churches.



In 1900 Africa was 3% Christian

by 1990, Africa was 50% Christian

today Africa is over 50% Christian.

25 000 new believers every day

Muslim

Tribal

Christian

Africa's Religions





2002

2003

there were about 75 evangelical Christians

>>> 8,000+ evangelical Christians

>>> 75,000+ evangelical Christians

>>> 150,000+ evangelical Christians

#### The "Global South" Explodes

 The Percentage of Christians in Asia, Africa and Latin America has exploded in the last 60 years

### WHATIN THE WORLD'S LAOS





there were about 15,000 evangelical Christians in Laos when the Communists took power...many Christians fled to other countries

there were about 32,000 evangelical Christians

there were over 80,000 evangelical Christians

there were over 100,000 evangelical Christians

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### WHATIN THE WORLD FOR IN NET PAL



1956 there were 0 known believers

1989 there were over 50,000 believers

1992 there were over 150,000 believers

1996 there were over 250,000 believers

2000 there were over 750,000 believers

there are over 1 million believers

#### MISSIONARIES SENT OUT PER CHRISTIAN

1	Mongolia	1:222	12 Canada	1: 696
2	Lebanon	1: 295	14 New Zealand	1:887
3	Singapore	1:400	15 South Korea	1:918
4	Niger	1: 451	23 Australia	1:1,546
5	Nepal	1:458	30 USA	1:2,148
6	Sri Lanka	1:479	53 Germany	1:7,226

refers to Protestant, Independent, and Anglican missionaries



#### Jesus Final Command

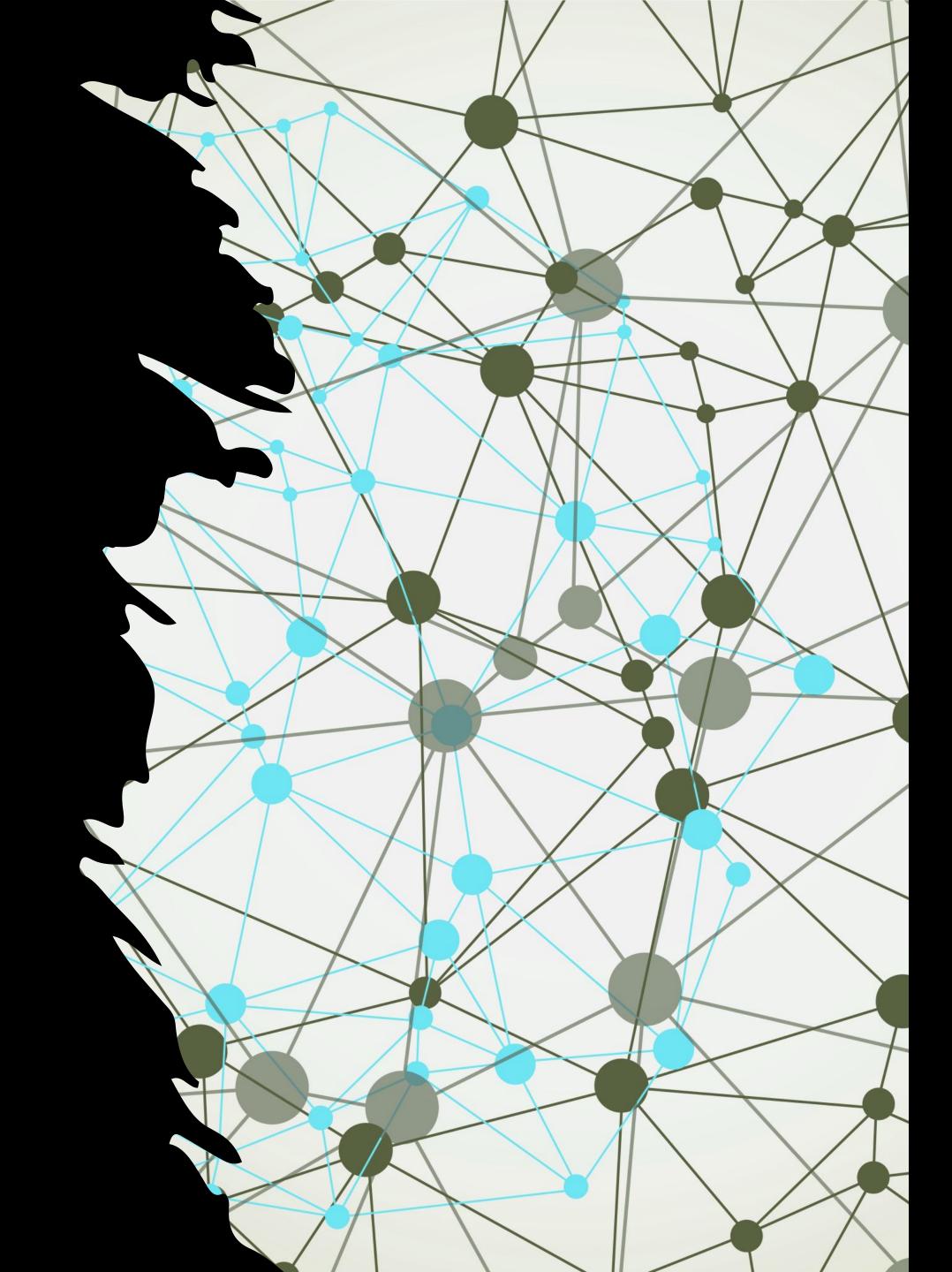
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#### Notice the 4 "Alls"

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'Issachar Churches' Have Insight About What Should Be Done Today

Matthew 28:18-20 reveals four insights Issachar Churches around the world have

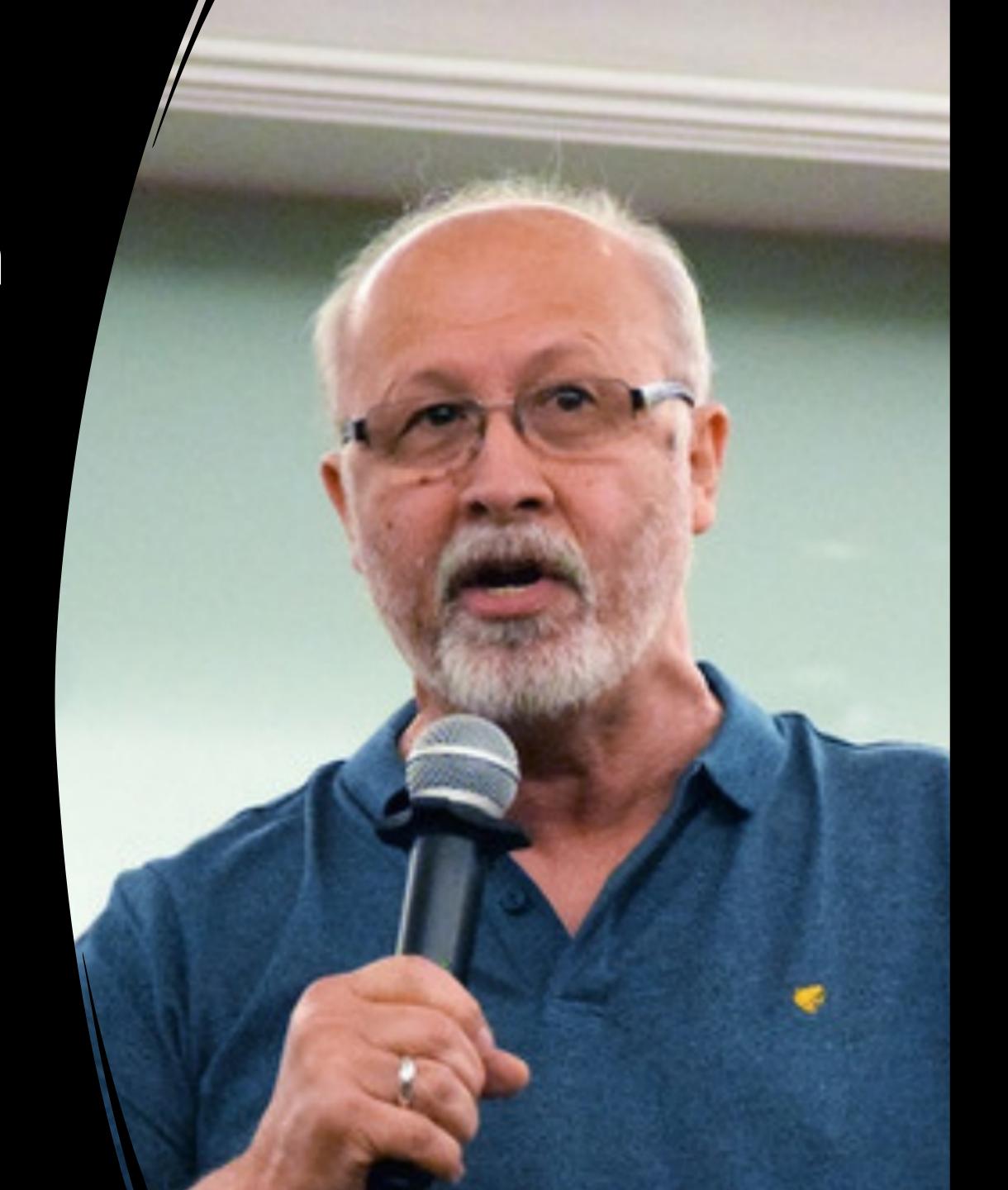


## Insight #1: Our church family overcomes if we don't quit

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

## Power & Authority Still In Jesus' Name

 "You've taken out the one thing that makes our [Teen Challenge] program work," Peter Misso, former director of Teen Challenge Singapore



# Insight #2: Today, missions is less about where you are going and more who you are going to

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19)

#### The Abrahamic Covenant

"Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:1-3)

#### Who are the "nations" today?



#### In Terms Of Religious Blocks

Tribal	629
Hindu	,205
Chinese	. 441
Muslim 3	,430
Buddhist	510
Total "upgs"	,215



## Insight #3: It Takes Every Member to be a Disciple-Making Church

"... teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you," (Matthew 28:19)



## Insight #4: Intimacy with Jesus is both our reward and our priority

"... And surely I am with you always, even until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

#### 'Issachar Churches' Walk with the Holy Spirit Today

- 1. Overcoming by not quitting
- 2. Focusing on peoples who haven't heard
- 3. Helping every member disciple others
- 4. Enjoying & pursuing intimacy with Christ