

Vision

What vision? What do we want to see?

The Lord's vision for the Kingdom

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

-Revelation 7:9-10

The Lord's vision for groups of people living out the "ONE ANOTHER" exhortations from Scripture

- Love one another
- Forgive one another
- Carry one another's burdens
- Submit to one another

Every tongue and tribe and nation redeemed — all unengaged, unreached people groups

Does this stir your heart?

And though we know that this *will happen* (we've all cheated and read the end of the Book) there is a problem. We are not effectively getting the job done. Let's be honest for a moment with ourselves...

- For those of us serving in Unreached fields, how many workers have we seen come and go?
- How much pain have those workers experienced?
- How many millions of Kingdom dollars have been spent that didn't result in any known Kingdom advancement?
- How many centuries will it take for unengaged, unreached people groups to at *least* become unreached people

- groups?
- And how many more decades until unreached people groups become people groups?
 - How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true... (Revelation 6:10)

What is success?

When Revelation 7:9-10 vision is reality.

It's not longevity, language learning, BAM, buildings, clicks, Likes, downloads... As important as all of those things might be, our desire in this course is to be brutally honest with ourselves and to continually hold our metrics of success against our masters' :

making obedient disciples

“And who is equal to such a task?” (2 Corinthians 2:16)

We are NOT, apart from His grace. But we stand firm on the following convictions:

- God did not make more people on earth than He can save
- The Gospel is sufficiently powerful to save every generation; not just the 'easy' places
- The Spirit and the bride say come...

Compass vs. Map

As we seek to obey the Great Commission in frontier missions, we know God has not given us a formula, a clear map. He has given us a compass in His word. A compass that says:

- We can trust Jesus' teaching on missions in Matthew 10 and Luke 10. He is proving that HE still has Cornelius, Lydia, Crispus, Philippian jailer-like People of Peace who engage their *oikoi* (*friends and family*) with the Gospel.

- He continues to give us faith that He will teach them (John 6:44-46), and that although we have a role in that, perhaps we've overestimated our role or underachieved in it
- He shows us that He still changes and uses unschooled, ordinary men who spend time with Jesus (Acts 4:13)
- He shows us that Christianity isn't about curriculum, programs, buildings, or seminaries
- He is revealing to us that maturity is not measured in time, but in obedience

One of the greatest convictions we have come to as we work to develop an approach for media to DMM is that it is essential for every partner to share the overall vision. Every interaction from the top of the funnel (websites, media, social media), to phone calls, private messaging, and face-to-face meetings with church planters and field workers on the ground, must share the vision of multiplying obedient disciples.