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**World Missions Survey**

**Two week class**

# Today- Week one

- **Biblical Basis for World Missions**
- **How are we (universal church) doing in fulfilling the Great Commission?**
  - ☑ **Current State of the World**
  - ☑ **Trends in World Missions**

# Next Sunday-Week two

- **Current Challenges to the Great Commission**
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- **Q & A**

# Biblical Basis for World Missions

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# Biblical Basis for World Missions

- **When you think of the Biblical basis for World Missions, what Bible verses or Bible stories come to mind?**

# Biblical Basis for World Missions

## Gen 1- Purpose of creation

- **Glorify God- Declare the Glory of God**

Ps 8:1, 19:1, Is 43:6-7, Mt 5:16, Rom 1:20, Col 1:16,  
Phil 2:1-12, Jn 12:28, 13:31, 17:4

# Biblical Basis for World Missions

## Gen 1:26-28 Creation of man, Day 6

26 Then God said, “Let us make man *in our image, after our likeness*. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in *his own image, in the image of God* he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and *fill the earth* and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

# Biblical Basis for World Missions

## Gen 12:1-3 Abrahamic Covenant

1 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.

2 And 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.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*”



# Biblical Basis for World Missions

## Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “*In you shall all the nations be blessed.*”

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## Mt 28:18-20 The Great Commission

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

# Biblical Basis for World Missions

## Revelation 7:9

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,

# How are we (universal church) doing in fulfilling the Great Commission?

**Current State of the World**

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# **THE STATE OF THE WORLD**

# The Great Commission?

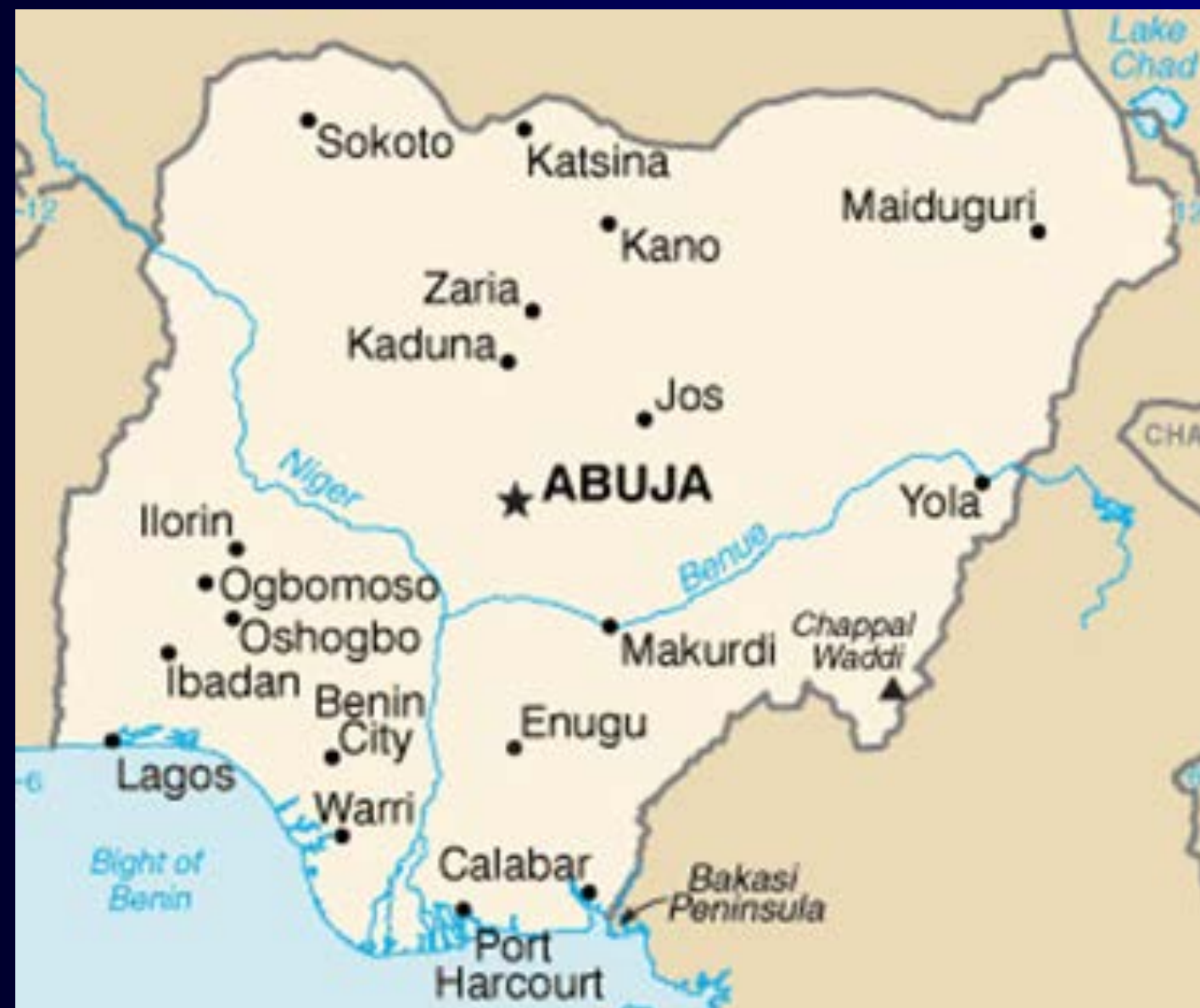
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Matt 28:19

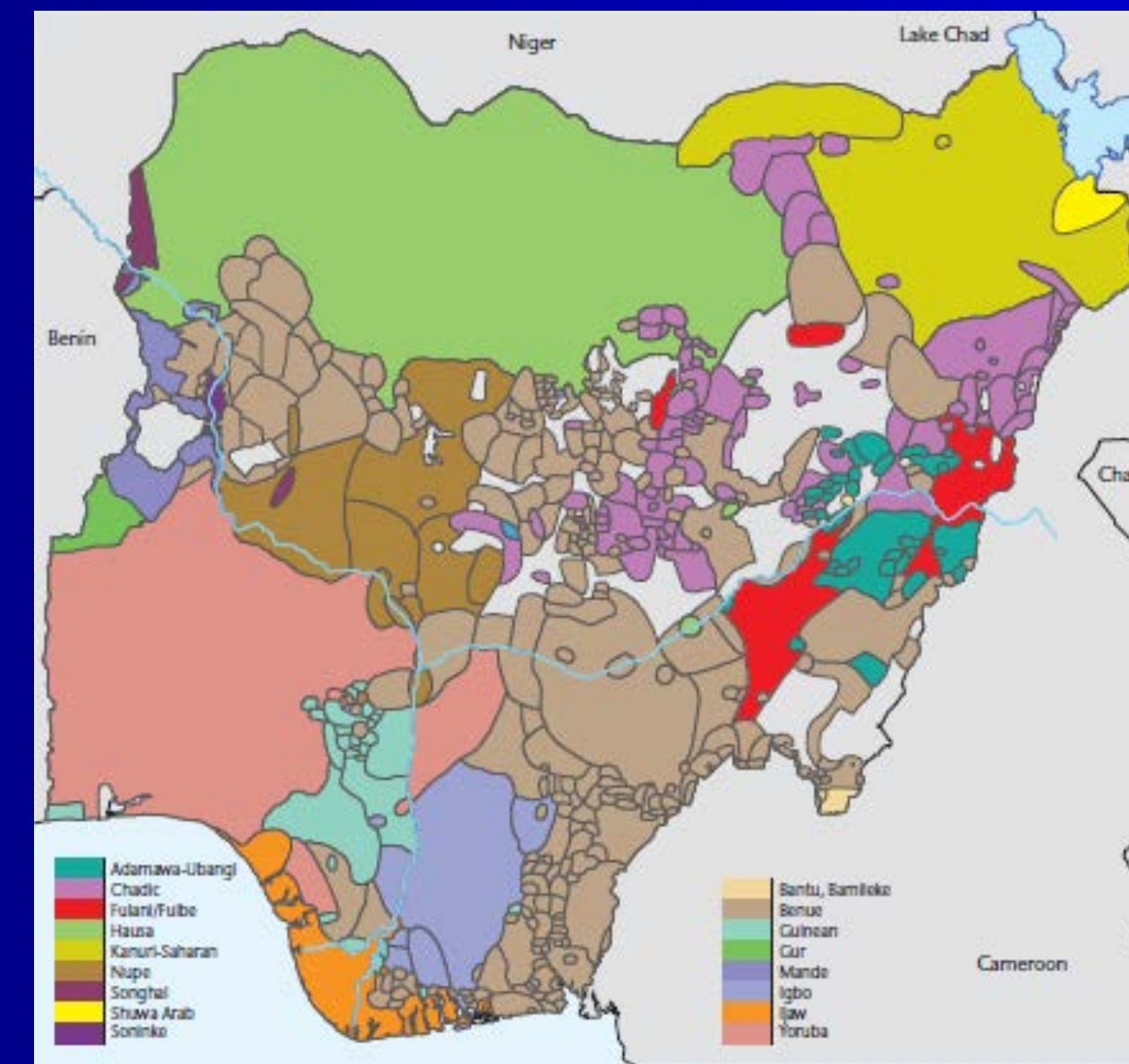
Nations = Ethne = Ethnic people groups



# Countries vs Nations



Nigeria - one country



Nigeria - 544 nations



# How many ethnic people groups are there?

Current Estimate: 17,000



Counts are from Joshua Project data. Other people group datasets may have somewhat different numbers.



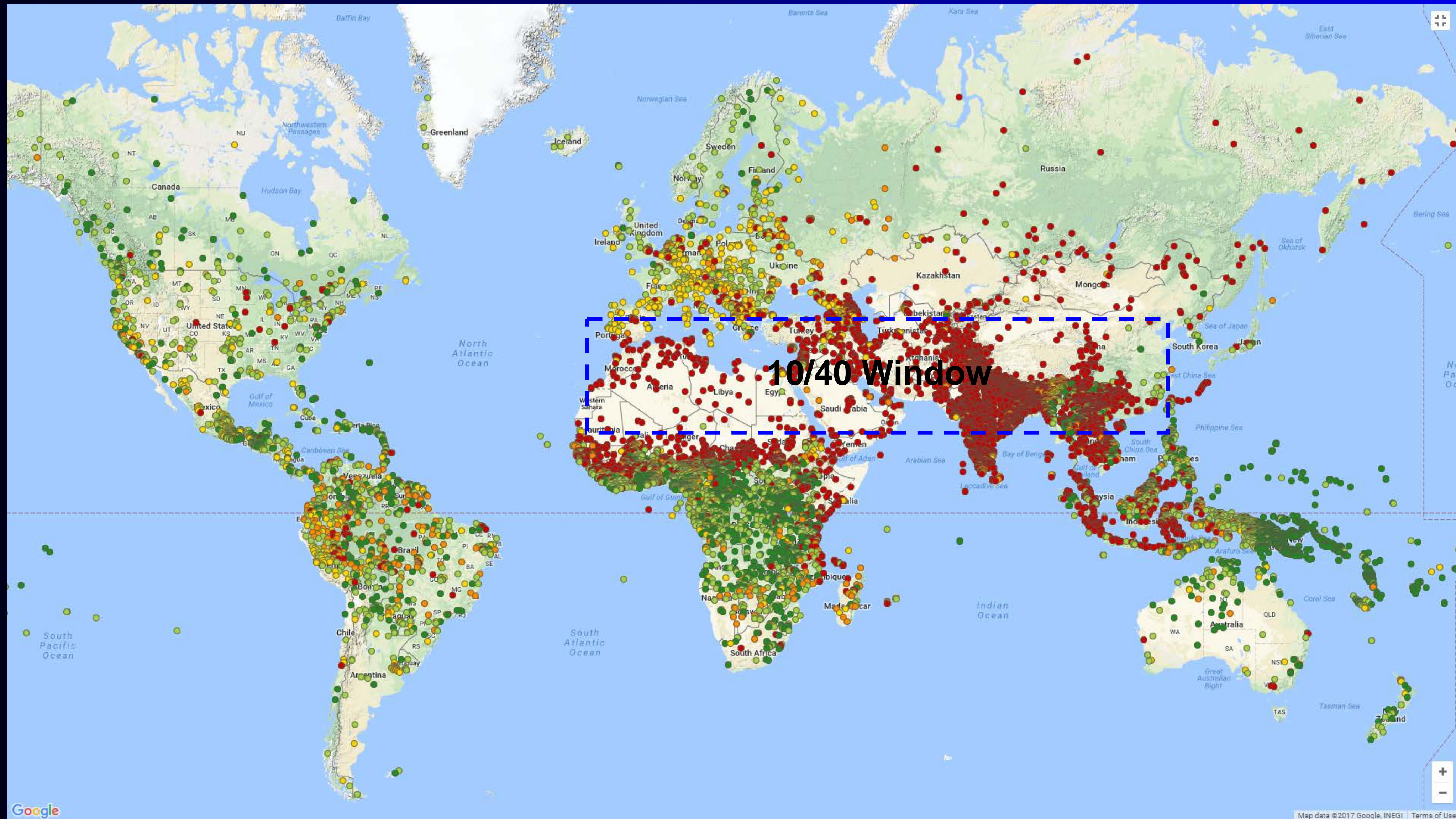
# How many people groups are considered unreached?

Less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5%  
Christian Adherent

Current estimate: 7,000 (41%)



# Where are these unreached peoples?



5 out of 6 unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window

# Countries with the most unreached people groups

Overview

Country	Unreached People Groups
India	2291
China	446
Pakistan	408
Bangladesh	291
Nepal	266

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# How are we (universal church) doing in fulfilling the Great Commission?

- ☑ Positive trends in World Missions

# Global Mission Trends

- Remarkable growth
  - The Great Shift
    - Translation acceleration
      - Wind in the House of Islam

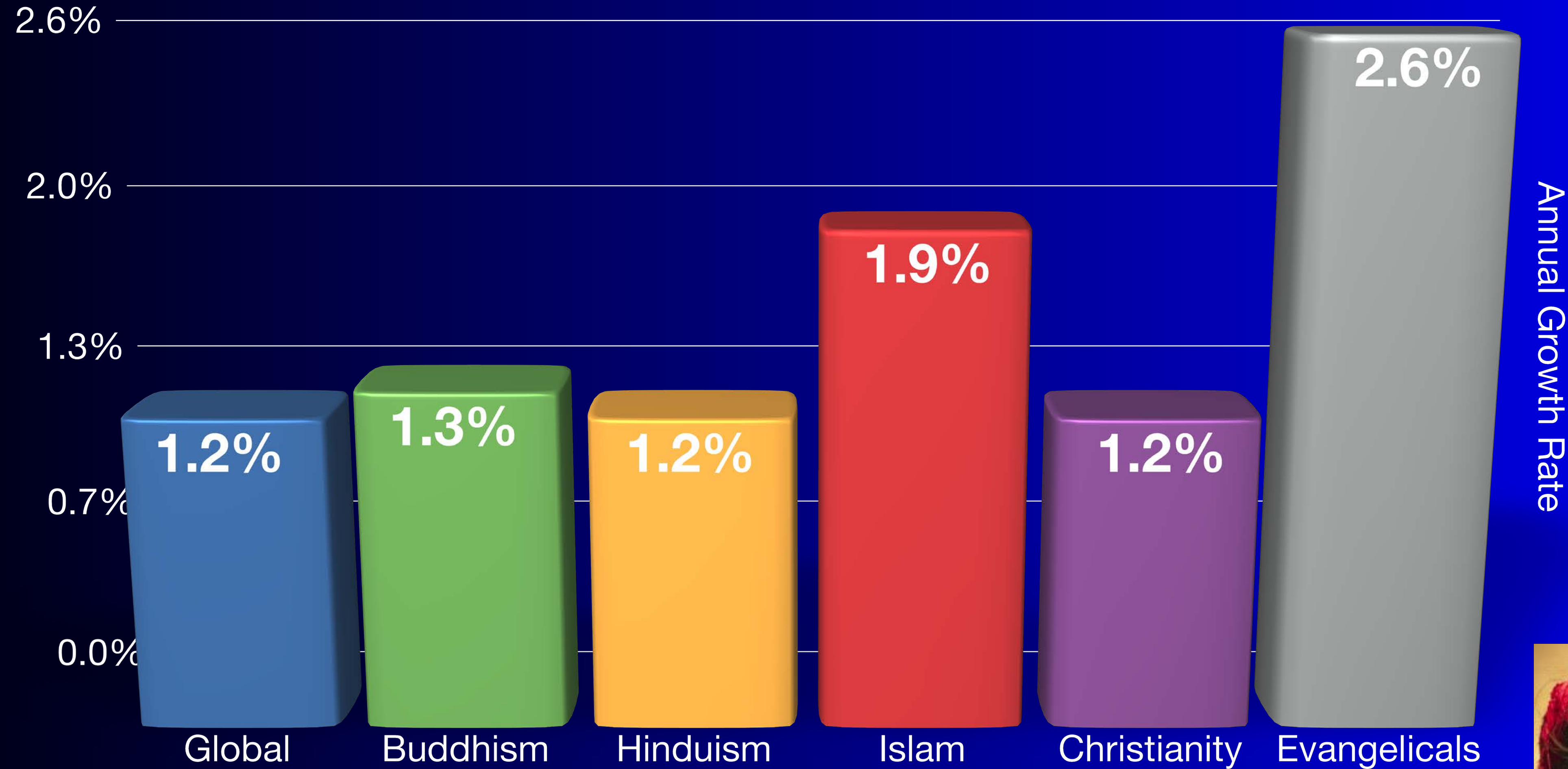


“Islam is growing faster than Christianity.”  
Agree or disagree?



# Major Religions Annual Growth Rates

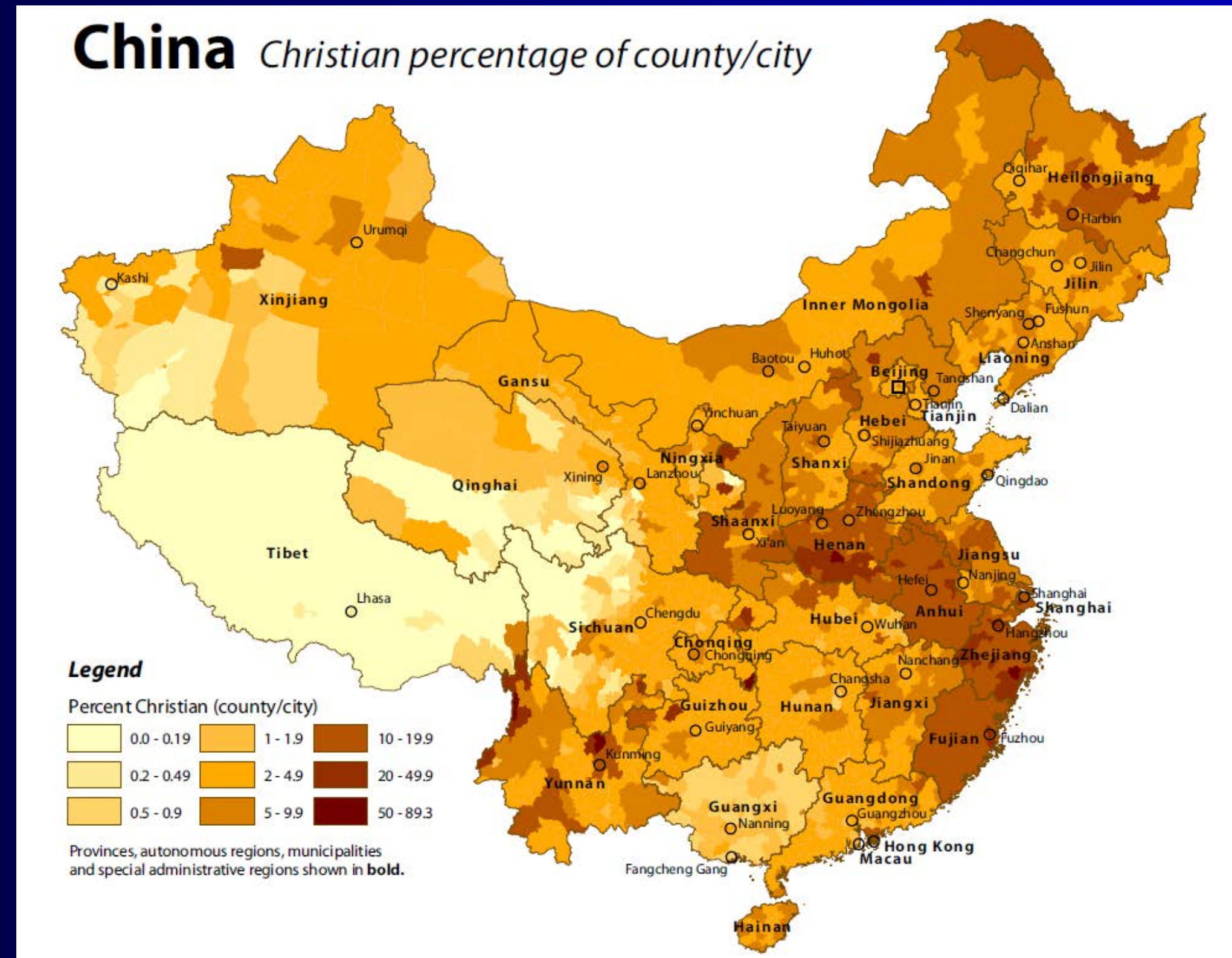
Trends



Evangelicals are growing faster than Islam and two times faster than Buddhism and Hinduism.



# Remarkable Growth - China



1949 - Less than 1 million believers

2019 - Likely over 100 million believers

Thousands of new Christ-followers in China every day!





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# The Great Shift

Year	% Christians in Europe, North America	% Christians in Latin America, Africa, Asia
1800	99%	1%
1900	90%	10%
1979	50%	50%
2018	23%	77%
2050	15%	85%

There are now as many Christ-followers in China as in North America.



# The Great Shift

The new faces of the Body of Christ

From countries like Nigeria, Brazil, India and China



# Rise of Asian, Africa and Latin American missionaries

Trends



Latin Americans

10/40 Window

Nigerians

Indians

Korean

Chinese

Filipinos

Countries once receiving missionaries now send them into the 10/40 Window.

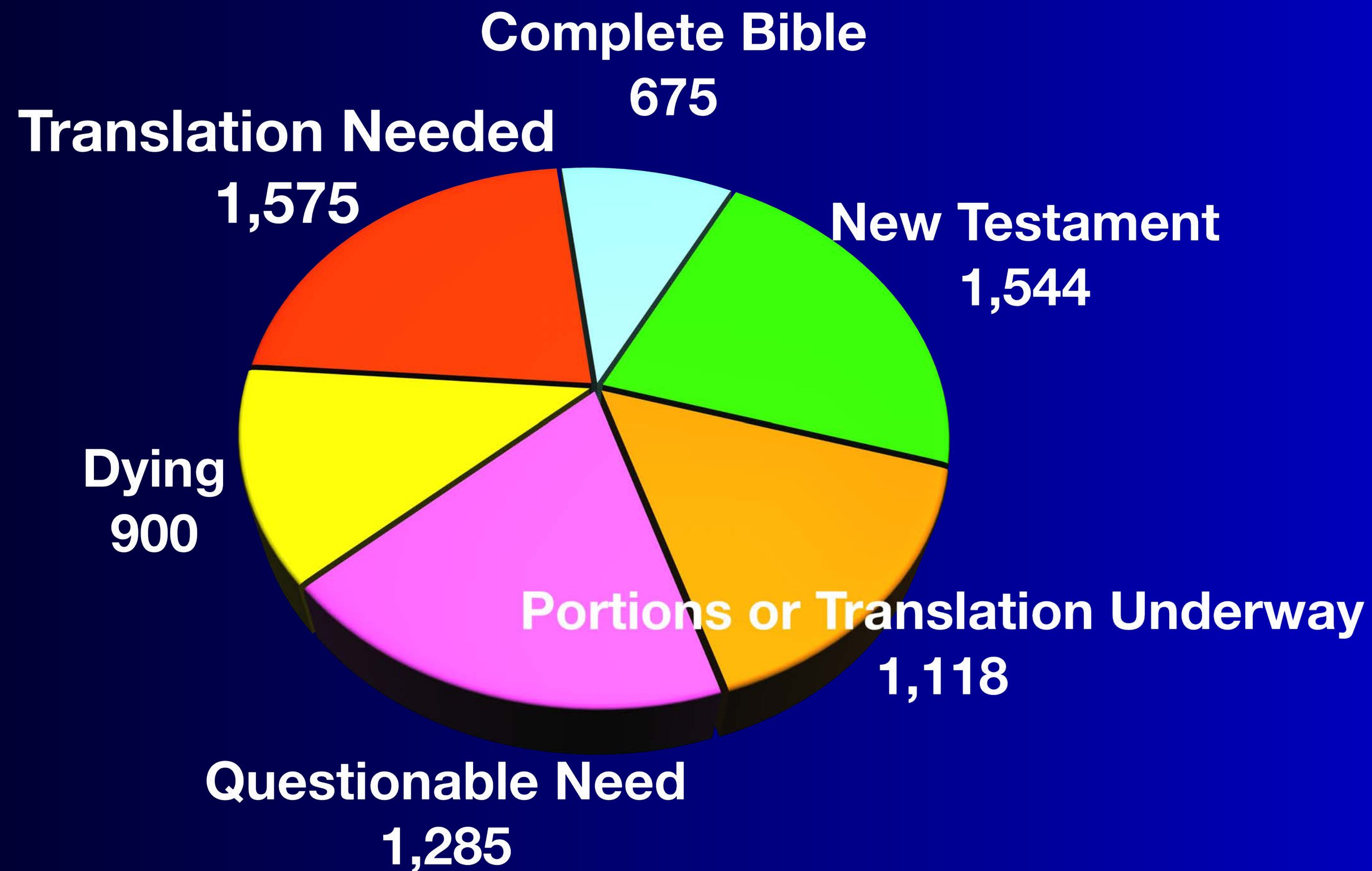
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# Translation Acceleration

7,097 Languages



About **1,575** (22%) languages need Bible translation to begin.



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# "A Wind in the House of Islam"

By David Garrison

## Movements of Muslims to Christ

600-1800	No known movements
1800-1980	2 movements (Indonesia and Ethiopia)
1980-2000	11 movements (Iran, Algeria, Bulgaria, Albania, West Africa, Bangladesh, Central Asia)
2000-2013	69 movements (across the globe)

### Definition of a movement

- At least 1,000 baptized believers  
- OR - 100 new church starts
- Over a two-decade period





# Websites for more information

- [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net)
- [operationworld.org/wrld](http://operationworld.org/wrld)
- [imb.org/research-reports/](http://imb.org/research-reports/)
- [finishingthetask.com](http://finishingthetask.com)
- [missionfrontiers.org](http://missionfrontiers.org)
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- [persecution.com/](http://persecution.com/)
- [gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/research](http://gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/research)
- [https://www.worldchristiandatabase.org/wcd/about/WCD\\_Methodology.pdf](https://www.worldchristiandatabase.org/wcd/about/WCD_Methodology.pdf)

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