

Filling our City with the Gospel: Multiplication (Part Two)

Matthew 24:14 — Nov 1, 2009

Introduction

If there's 950,000 people in San Jose who need Jesus, how is it worth the cost and hassle to go to unreached people groups half-way around the world?

The reason is given by Jesus in Matthew 24:14.

The gospel has not yet been preached to all the nations.

In Jesus' time the word "nations" refers to people groups who share the same culture, language, and ethnicity.

For example, Morocco has at least 4 "nations" — the Moroccan Arabs (16 million), the Jebala (1.8 million), the Tamazight (2.4 million), the Rif Berbers (1.3 million).

There's still 12,000 "nations" who have no access to the good news of Jesus.

The gospel will be preached to every people group.

Since Jesus will certainly come back, and since He won't come back until the gospel has been preached to every people group, that means the gospel certainly will be preached to every people group.

Every believer will be passionate about taking the gospel to every people group.

We have met Jesus — and our longing is to have Him return.
But Jesus will not return until the gospel has been preached to every people group.
So we are passionate about seeing this happen.

What this means for us

Be deeply concerned about the plight of the unreached.

Pray for unreached people groups.

Go on a short-term mission to unreached people groups.

Ask Jesus if He wants you to be a career missionary to an unreached people group.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Does it make sense that the gospel has not yet been preached to all the nations? Why or why not?

How about the idea that the gospel will surely be preached to all the nations — does that make sense? How does that impact you?

How passionate have you been about seeing the gospel preached to unreached people groups? How passionate are you now?

Have you ever considered being a full-time career missionary to an unreached people group? Why or why not? Do you agree that Jesus wants you to consider this? How does this impact you?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

