

INTRODUCTION TO **STRATEGIC MISSIONS**

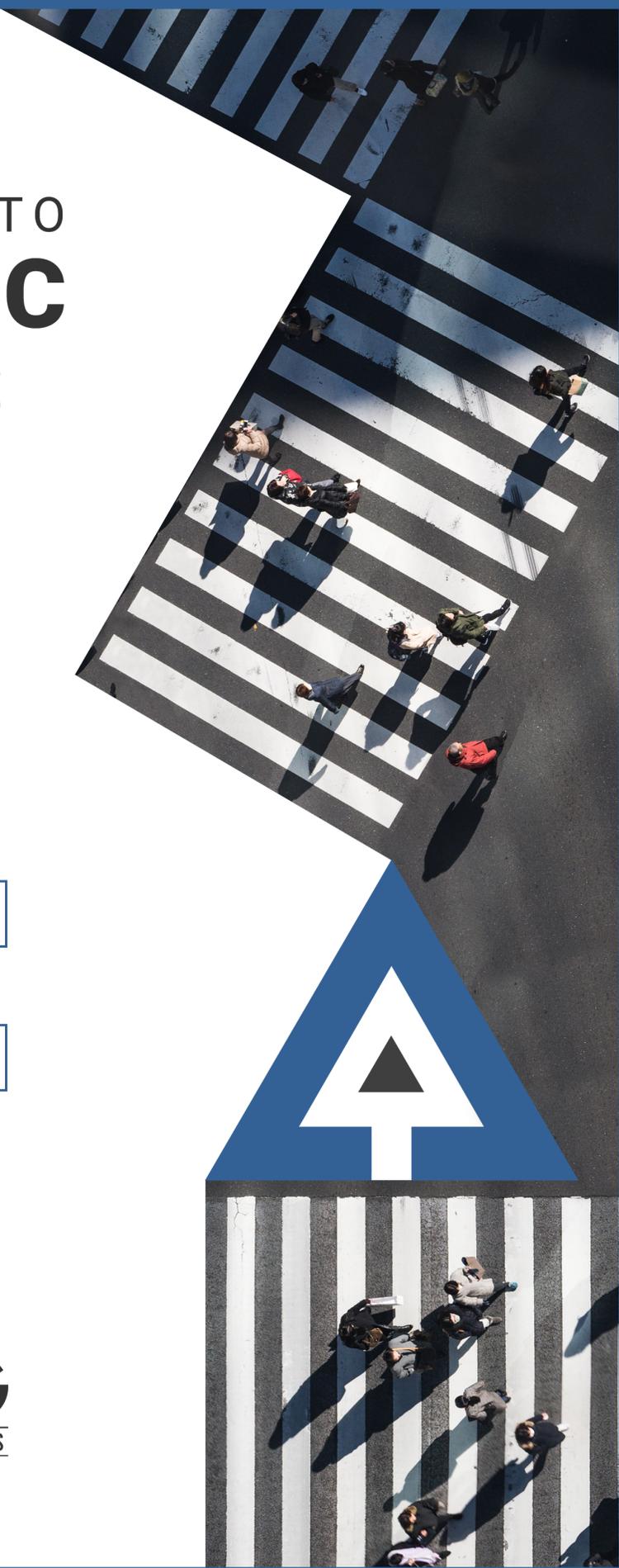
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A Note to Our Participants

We welcome you to our time together in this strategic missions training. We are confident that the Lord will speak to your spirit about His mission and passion. We hope that God's heart for unreached souls (those who are facing an eternity without Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior) has touched your heart as it has ours.

The ***Introduction to Strategic Missions – Live Training Course*** presents 9 important topics of strategic missions. This **Student Outline** is designed to enable you to easily follow the strategic missions concepts and processes presented during this course – with plenty of room to take notes.

We trust that you will take full advantage of this opportunity. Following this training you may contact one of the AIMS Coaches through the AIMS website (www.aims.org) – they will advise you about potential next steps you can take to get more directly involved in the Great Commission and strategic missions to Unreached People Groups (UPGs).

After completing this training, we suggest you consider proceeding to one or more of the following steps:

- Partner with AIMS – prayer, financial support, synergized partnership
- Contact an AIMS Partnership Coach
- Adopt an Unreached People Group – thru the *aims.org* website
- Accept the challenge to engage in Strategic Missions
- Become an AIMS Coordinator, Field Worker, Trainer, Partner Ministry, or Volunteer

** Please be sure to ask questions and provide feedback.

God bless you abundantly!

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Introduction to Strategic Missions – Foundations

Introduction to Strategic Missions: Course Objectives

Course Objectives

Module #:

1. Present a challenge to align our vision and methods with God's purpose, vision, strategy, and methods; and define key missions-related terminology.
2. Discuss the Biblical basis for missions.
3. Describe the current state of the World Missions.
4. Present the steps necessary to personalize the Great Commission and mobilize a church for strategic missions to the Unreached People Groups (UPGs) of the world.
5. Present a step-by-step teaching on how to adopt and engage unreached people groups to establish a church planting movement among them.

Module 1: The Master Plan

OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE 1

- Align our vision and methods with God's purpose, vision, strategy, and methods
- Understand key terms and definitions

1. GOD'S _____

- To call worshippers from every tribe, language, people, and nation.
– **Revelation 5:9-10**

2. GOD'S _____

- To cover the whole earth with His glory.
– **Habakkuk 2:14**

3. GOD'S _____

- To preach the Gospel to all nations (ethne)
– **Matthew 24:14; 28:19**
- Our strategy is to carry God's Kingdom to the four areas of Acts 1:8
(Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Ends of the Earth)

4. GOD'S _____

- Multiply disciples
– **2 Timothy 2:2**

DEFINING KEY TERMS:

- CHURCH
 - A group of believers committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
– **Matthew 18:19-20**
 - Gather for worship, fellowship, sacraments, discipleship, evangelism, and missions
 - Equipping believers through the five-fold ministry – **Ephesians 4:11-13**
- CHURCH PLANTING
 - To initiate a self-sustaining, multiplying movement of churches that plant churches
 - To plant self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating churches

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- MISSION
 - God's redemptive work in building or extending His kingdom

- MISSIONS
 - The cross-cultural application of the mission of God

- MISSIONARY
 - Minister of the gospel who works cross-culturally; one who enters a different culture to do missions

- PEOPLE GROUP
 - A group of individuals who share a common history, heritage, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural traits

- ETHNE
 - The Greek word for "nations"
 - Ethne means "people groups"

- UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP (UPG)
 - A people group without the ability to evangelize its own people without outside assistance
 - No access to hear about Jesus
 - Many have NO CHURCH, NO PASTOR, NO MISSIONARY, NO BIBLE

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STRATEGIC EXERCISE:

1. When you think about *your* purpose, does it currently include a desire to see worshippers from every tribe, language, people, and nation? If your answer is no, take a moment to ask God to increase your desire.

2. Close your eyes. Imagine God's glory covering the entire earth as waters cover the sea... Write a few sentences to describe what you saw.

3. God's strategy to fill the entire earth with His glory involves targeting all people groups. Is there an unreached people group in your region God could use you to impact. Who are they?

4. God's method involves MULTIPLYING disciples. Who are you currently discipling? Are you preparing those you are discipling to disciple others?

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Module 2: The Mission

OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE 2 – GOD IS A GOD OF MISSION

- Understand God’s passion to finish His mission.
- Understand the Biblical foundations for strategic missions.

GOD’S MISSION: TO EXTEND HIS KINGDOM

- Through _____ – **Genesis 1:1, 26; Habakkuk 2:14**

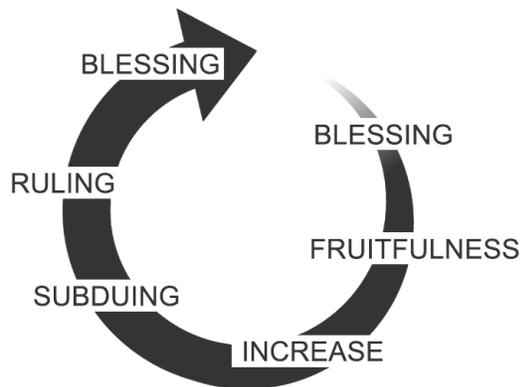
- Through _____ – **Genesis 3:15; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:7-10**

MAN’S MISSION: TO EXTEND GOD’S KINGDOM

- Through stewarding His mission – **Genesis 1:28**

CYCLE OF BLESSING:

- Every cycle brings greater kingdom dominion and increase ability to steward God’s blessing.



HOW MAN STEWARDS GOD’S MISSION:

1. _____ – **Mark 16:15, 20**

2. _____ – **Matthew 28:18-19**

THE FINISH LINE: THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO ALL PEOPLE GROUPS (ETHNE)
– **Matthew 24:14**

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GOD'S PROMISE OF BLESSING:

- **Genesis 12:1-3**

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- **Galatians 3:8-9**

“All nations (ethne) will be blessed through you. So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

GOD'S PROMISE OF POWER:

- **Acts 1:8**

“But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in **JERUSALEM**, and in all **JUDEA**, and **SAMARIA**, and to the **ENDS OF THE EARTH**.”

GOD'S PROPHECY OF FULFILLMENT:

- **Matthew 24:14**

“And this gospel of the kingdom **will be preached** in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

GOD'S PROPHECY OF CELEBRATION:

- **Revelation 7:9-10 (TPT)**

“Behold, right in front of me I saw...an enormous multitude so huge that no one could count—made up of victorious ones from _____ nation, tribe, people group, and language. They were in glistening white robes, standing before the throne and before the lamb with palm branches in their hands, and they shouted out with a passionate voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God seated on the throne and to the Lamb!’”

WE CAN HASTEN THE DAY:

- **2 Peter 3:11-12 (NKJV)**

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and _____ the coming of the day of God...”

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FINISH THE MISSION:

- Jesus was a _____ – **John 4:34**
- Paul was a _____ – **Romans 15:19-20**
- We are not only called to **GO** on mission...
- We are called to **FINISH HIS MISSION!**

STRATEGIC EXERCISE:

- It's time for you to start developing your Acts 1:8 Missions Strategy.
- Identify the people in **your** Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth. Here are some questions to ask yourself:
 - Who are you already praying for?
 - Who do you have the ability to reach?
 - Who do you find yourself gravitating towards?
- **It's time to brainstorm.** Fill in the chart.
 1. Who are they?
 2. Do you have access to them?
 3. How do you plan to reach them with the gospel?

	Who are they?	Do you have access to them?	How do you plan to reach them with the gospel?
Jerusalem			
Judea			
Samaria			
Ends of the Earth			

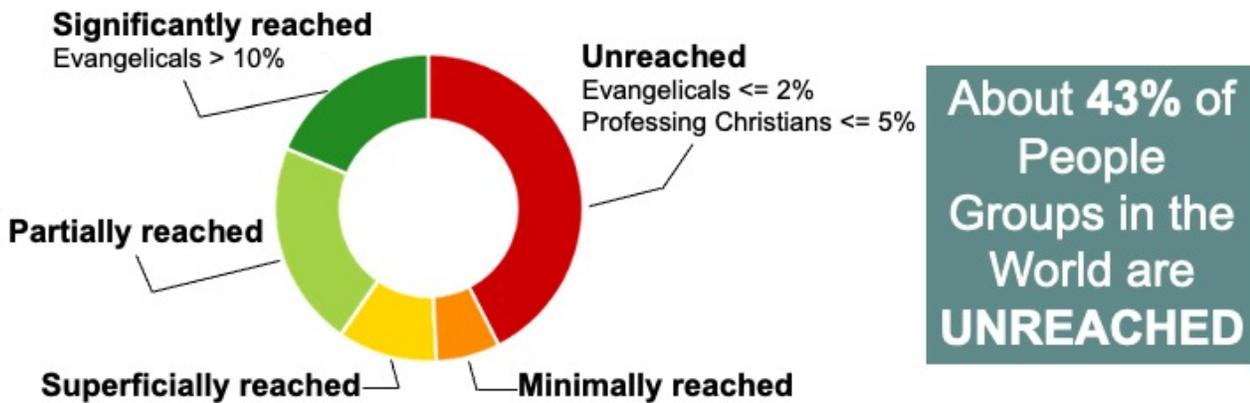
Module 3: The State of Missions in the World

OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE 3

- Recognize current state of God’s mission worldwide
- Identify the barriers and solutions for reaching UPGs
- Understand the good and bad news about strategic missions process

PROGRESS SCALE (joshuaproject.net)

PEOPLE GROUPS IN THE WORLD



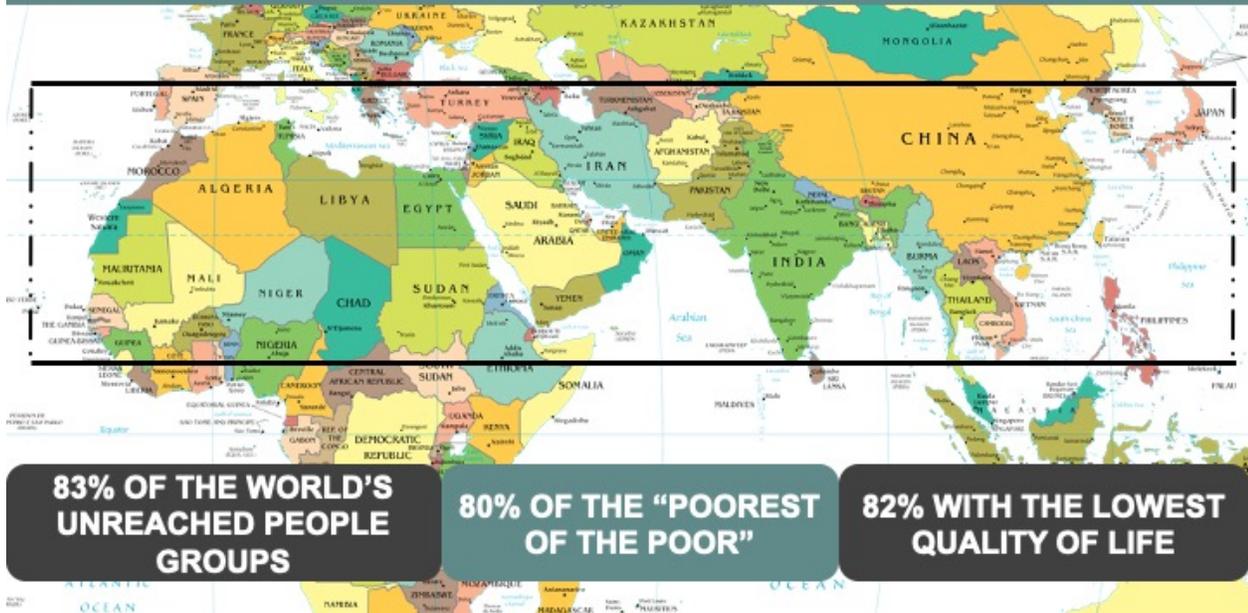
50,000

people die every day
without having had any
contact with a Christian

Over 7 BILLION
people worldwide

Over 3 BILLION
unreached people (42%)

10/40 WINDOW: DESCRIPTION



GOD'S STRATEGY FOCUSES ON EACH PEOPLE GROUP:

- T - _____
- H - _____
- U - _____
- M - _____
- B - _____

THE GLOBAL VILLAGE:

- Reached
 - Committed Christian: 10-11%
 - Nominal Christian ("name only"): 20%
 - Non-Christians Within Reach: 26-27%
- Unreached
 - Population: 3.14 Billion
 - People Groups: 42%

Luke 10:27

"He answered, 'Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.'"

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WHY AREN'T THEY REACHED?

Barriers:	Solutions:
<hr/> Resistance to the Gospel 2 Corinthians 4:4	Mobilization of prayer and other forms of spiritual warfare 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
<hr/> Legal or social restrictions prohibit the proclamation of the Gospel	Mobilization of good works strategies to transform society 1 Peter 3:16
<hr/> Geographical barriers, inhospitable places, places with poor infrastructure, etc.	Mobilization of local church and ministries for strategic missions ministry Acts 13:1-3
<hr/> They misunderstand our message and we misunderstand them	Mobilizing and training for indigenous (local) pastors/missionaries/field workers

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE OUR EFFORTS TO REACH THE UNREACHED:

- Churches
- Finances
- Christian Workers
- Commitment

GOOD NEWS!

- We have an plenty of people and resources
 - Christian churches to UPGs (TODAY) = _____ to _____
 - Christians to non-believers (TODAY) = _____ to _____

THE BAD NEWS!

- Our resources are misallocated
 - 99.5% of all missions money goes to Christian workers in regions which already have the Gospel—**Only 0.5% goes toward workers among Unreached People Groups**
 - 95-98% of all full-time Christian workers are in regions which already have the Gospel—**Only 2-5% minister among Unreached People Groups**

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STRATEGIC EXERCISE:

- **It's time to brainstorm.**
 - Is there a barrier making it difficult for you to see the Gospel spread to your Acts 1:8 targets?
 - List some of the **BARRIERS** you face in each of your areas on the chart.

BARRIERS →	Spiritual	Socio-Political	Logistical	Cultural
Jerusalem				
Judea				
Samaria				
Ends of the Earth				

- What are some methods you could use to overcome these barriers?
- List some **SOLUTIONS** in the chart.

SOLUTIONS →	Spiritual Barriers	Socio-Political Barriers	Logistical Barriers	Cultural Barriers
Jerusalem				
Judea				
Samaria				
Ends of the Earth				

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Module 4: Personalizing the Great Commission

OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE 4

- Understand the steps to personalize the Great Commission as an individual and a community
- Understand the goals and attributes of a missions mobilized church
- Discover eight best practices of churches engaged in strategic missions.

ACTS 1:8 CHRISTIAN

- A believer who is obeying the Great Commission and whose life is integrated around finishing the Great Commission. - **Matthew 22:37-39**

THE ACTIONS OF AN ACTS 1:8 CHRISTIAN

- Everything is based on love and obedience:
 - _____ - **Matthew 9:38**
 - _____ - **John 4**
 - _____ - **2 Corinthians 9:7**
 - _____ - **Acts 13:1-3**
 - _____ - **1 Peter 4:9**
 - _____ - **Matthew 28:19**

ACTS 1:8 CHRISTIAN: OBSTACLES

- Lack of Knowledge - **Proverbs 4:5**
- Fear and Unbelief - **1 John 4:18; 2 Timothy 1:7**
- Hardness of Heart - **Psalms 51:10; Ezekiel 11:19**

LEAD TO DISOBEDIENCE

THE MOBILIZED ACTS 1:8 CHURCH: THREE LEVELS

1. **Supporting** – Praying – Giving
2. **Sending** – Cross-cultural ministry – Releasing
3. **Synergizing** – Assisting – Cooperating

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A MISSIONS CULTURE: EIGHT BEST PRACTICES

1. Prayer and Worship
2. Missions Action Team
3. Written Missions Vision
4. Short-term Missions Outreach
5. Local Missions Events
6. Faith Promise Giving
7. People Group Adoption
8. Missionary Preparation in Local Church

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND GREAT COMMISSION CHRISTIANS!

STRATEGIC EXERCISE:

- Are you beginning to realize that YOU were created by God to play a significant role in reaching the nations? Can you picture Jesus looking directly in your eyes and saying, “You have a part to play in your Jerusalem, even in your Judea, yes in Samaria too, AND even to the Ends of the Earth!”
- **It’s time to discover your role in missions.** Take the assessment on the following page (Appendix 4-1) to understand how you can get involved NOW.
 - Are you gifted to Pray, to Go, or to Send?
 - How can you employ your gifting for the four People Groups you identified in the Module 2-3 exercises?



APPENDIX 4-1

Hey World Changer!

You have an important part to play in missions. This inventory is meant to give YOU an idea of how God may deploy you right now in the task of extending His Kingdom. There are three categories into which you might fall: **I PRAY, I GO, or I SEND**

DEFINITIONS:

I PRAY: A person who is gifted to be involved in prayer and spiritual warfare for the cause of missions. This person will look for opportunities to use his/her gift to do the work in the Spirit that is required to precede and accompany the going of missions.

I GO: A person who enters another culture to do missions. This person will look for opportunities to prepare him/herself to take the Gospel into other cultures.

I SEND: A person who supports both those who are taking the Gospel to other cultures, as well as the missions program of the local church. The one who sends looks for ways to help those who go on mission as well as enabling the vision of missions to move forward.

Although you may have gifting in all three areas, your score below may be an indicator of how God desires to use your life right now. In time, your gifting may change, but this assessment can provide current direction in which to focus your effort for His glory.

Until All Hear,

Joshua Bold
AIMS President

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DISCOVER YOUR ROLE IN MISSIONS

DIRECTIONS: Read each statement and circle one appropriate number which best represents your response (3 = Almost Always, 2 = Sometimes, 1 = Almost Never). Don't think too hard – go with your first gut reaction.

I HAVE A TENDENCY TO ...

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. say, "I'll be praying for you," and then do it. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. trust God for the impossible. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. know that God works through my prayers. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. believe wholeheartedly in God's power. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. believe people in ministry need more of God's Power. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. discern the work of Satan and vanquish it. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. enjoy work in the church that involves prayer. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8. envision God supplying for the needs of others. | 3 | 2 | 1 |

TOTAL: _____

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9. enjoy learning about other languages for fun. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 10. be flexible in fluctuating circumstances. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 11. enjoy meeting and being with foreign people. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 12. prefer adventure to "safe and quiet." | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 13. share Jesus with people from different backgrounds. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 14. imagine living in another country. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 15. adapt easily to new situations. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 16. not fear the risks of sharing the gospel. | 3 | 2 | 1 |

TOTAL: _____

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17. remember people's likes and dislikes. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 18. be content to work without recognition. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 19. give things, money, and time to the Lord's work | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 20. enjoy ministering to the needs of others. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 21. enjoy correspondence with far away people. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 22. use ALL the resources I have to accomplish goals. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 23. freely give of my time. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 24. believe that all my money belongs to God. | 3 | 2 | 1 |

TOTAL: _____

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SO, I'VE DISCOVERED MY ROLE IN MISSIONS — NOW, WHAT?

SCORING KEY TOTAL = _____ **I PRAY -- What In The World Can You Do?**

If you scored highest in “I PRAY,” you may feel the Lord leading you to make some specific commitments in line with your gifting. **TAKE THAT STEP NOW!** Set some goals to use and develop your gift in the next year. Here are some steps you may choose to take alongside your own personal vision and goals.

- Read at least two books on prayer/intercession to develop your gift.
- Read two books about missions or missionaries to develop a prayer focus for missions in your church, or for missionaries you may know.
- “Adopt” an unreached people group (UPG). Learn about them and take time to pray for their salvation. AIMS (www.aims.org) can coach you through this process.
- Go on a short-term mission trip to develop clear vision and focus for prayer.
- Give to missions that are strategically doing work in the areas or among the people you are praying for.
- Partner with people in your church to pray at designated times for missions.

SCORING KEY TOTAL = _____ **I GO -- What In The World Can You Do?**

If you scored highest in “I GO,” you may feel the Lord leading you to make specific commitments in line with your gifting. **TAKE THAT STEP NOW!** Set some goals to use and develop your gift in the next year. Here are some steps you may choose to take alongside your own personal vision and goals.

- Read missionary books such as (Harvest Connection by Howard Foltz) to help inspire and direct you.
- Go on a short-term mission trip to develop a keen sense of what missions truly is.
- Share your desire with your pastor and ask for help in preparation for doing the work of missions.
- Talk to full-time missionaries about what they do and ask questions to help prepare yourself.
- Pray directly for missions and missionaries. Set specific times aside to hear God’s heart.
- Learn about strategic missions from AIMS (www.aims.org).

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SCORING KEY TOTAL = _____ **I SEND -- What In The World Can You Do?**

If you scored highest in “I SEND,” you may feel the Lord leading you to make specific commitments in line with your gifting. **TAKE THAT STEP NOW!** Set some goals to use and develop your gift in the next year. Here are some steps you may choose to take alongside your own personal vision and goals.

- Read books about missions to increase your knowledge of missions in general.
- Find a missionary to correspond with and begin encouraging them monthly through email, social media or personal correspondence.
- Go on a strategic short-term mission trip in order to learn about missions and know how you can be the best sender.
- Set aside finances for missions and give to a strategic missions vision through your local church.
- Request the AIMS training, “Goers and Senders” from aims@aims.org.
- Organize people from different segments of society (medicine, education, arts, government, media, and business) to develop expansive strategy for missions sending. Help train groups of people from within the local church to develop strategic ways for sending missionaries to unreached people groups (UPGs).

This inventory is intended as a tool to help propel you into the work of missions. It is not a “final word from God.” Your pastor, missions leaders, and those who know you well can help confirm results. God considers each of His children to be a critical component of His global plan.

Module 5: Final Focus – Adopting an Unreached People Group (UPG)

OBJECTIVES FOR MODULE 5:

- Learn the steps to adopt and engage with UPGs to establish a church planting movement.
- Understand the steps required to accomplish a UPG Adoption
- Know how to form a UPG Adoption Team

GOD’S ADOPTION OF US:

- **Galatians 4:4-5**
 “God sent his son...in order to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive _____ as children.”
- **Romans 8:15**
- **Ephesians 1:5**

WHAT IS A UPG?

- A people group without the ability to evangelize its own people without outside assistance
- _____ access to hear about Jesus
- Many have NO CHURCH, NO PASTOR, NO MISSIONARY, NO BIBLE

WHAT IS A UPG ADOPTION?

- _____ about the eternity of an unreached people group and _____ them until they know Jesus Christ.

RESULT OF UPG ADOPTION:

- A long-term commitment to establish new churches until they are multiplying on their own and sending missionaries to other peoples.

NEHEMIAH’S APPROACH	OUR APPROACH
WALL-SIZED _____	WORLD-SIZED _____
INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP OF THE WALL TASK	INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP OF THE ADOPTION TASK
FAMILY BY _____	PEOPLE GROUP BY _____
COMPLETION	COMPLETION

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FOUR STEPS OF UPG ADOPTION:

1. _____
 - Prayer is the first work of missions and the ongoing work of missions.
 - Go to: www.joshuaproject.net for Prayer Focus pages

2. _____ Unreached People Group
 - Select a UPG based on greatest need or opportunity:
 - Personal interest
 - Shared language or culture
 - Local access
 - Partnership
 - Missionary
 - Business/Vocational

3. _____ an Unreached People Group
 - Complete the adoption card
 - Email the name and location of your UPG adoption to aims@aims.org OR register your adoption online at <https://aims.org/adoption-registration/>
 - Receive a follow-up contact from the AIMS team
 - Utilize the “Next Steps” worksheet

4. _____ the adoption
 - Church leader support
 - Lead advocate
 - Holistic approach
 - Funding
 - Short-term teams
 - AIMS coaching services

STRATEGIC EXERCISE:

- Are you ready to take the step toward adopting an unreached people group?
 - Complete Appendices 5-1 to 5-3
 - Questions and Answers about your UPG
 - Fill out the UPG Adoption Card
- Complete the Next Steps worksheet.

APPENDIX 5-1

Unreached People Group Strategy Session

The following group strategy is an excellent way for the Final Focus students to apply what they have learned. It can be used as a working lunch if the course is taught in a daylong process. Otherwise it can be utilized at the end of the course as a breakout session.

Select three UPG profiles that would focus on the interests of your group. Print these profiles off from the Joshua Project website. Organize the class into groups of 5-10 people. Choose a spokesperson for your group. Ask each group to do a 1, 2, 3-year strategy on how their church can participate in a partnership plan in reaching their assigned UPG. The group can take 40-45 min. for interaction. Ask them to assign a reporter to share a 5-7 min. report of their 3-year strategy.

Remember, God is the master strategist! All He wants is our commitment, obedience, and faith. We are entering into His end vision and goal. He will help us!

The following are some helpful hints on how to have a successful group strategy session:

1. Divide into groups of 5-10 people. Choose a spokesperson for your group.
2. You will receive one people group profile to review.
3. Divide your plan into first, second, and third year sequences.
4. Each of you should have your own copy of your group's profile.
5. Read over the profile and then begin as a group to answer the questions asked on it.
6. During the appropriate time in the seminar your spokesperson will read your findings.
7. You do not need to read each question before reading the answer. Just say, "Our answer to #1 is..."
8. No more than a few groups will report.

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Questions to Answer for Your People Group

What are the people's lives like?

What are their beliefs?

What are their needs?

How could our church make an impact on this people group?

What resources do we have?

Can we partner with any other churches and organizations? How?

What resources do these potential partners have?

What steps should we take to begin to reach this group?

First Year -

Second Year -

Third Year -

APPENDIX 5-2

Guidelines for UPG Adoption

		UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP ADOPTION CARD	
Name of Unreached People Group _____			
Country of Unreached People Group _____			
Lead Contact Name _____		E-Mail _____	
Phone (____) _____		WhatsApp _____	
Country of Residence _____		Organization or Church Name _____	
Secondary Contact Name _____		E-Mail _____	
Phone (____) _____		WhatsApp _____	
Country of Residence _____		Organization or Church Name _____	

Names of those in this partnership: (if applicable)

- 1. _____ Phone _____
- 2. _____ Phone _____
- 3. _____ Phone _____
- 4. _____ Phone _____
- 5. _____ Phone _____
- 6. _____ Phone _____
- 7. _____ Phone _____
- 8. _____ Phone _____
- 9. _____ Phone _____
- 10. _____ Phone _____

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Group Networking Session #2

Use the information from these assignments to help plan your strategy.

Assignments: _____ **Name of Team Member(s) Assigned**

1. How many villages have no churches? _____
2. Locate them or draw a map on the reverse side and show where they are located. _____
3. What people groups are there? _____
4. How many churches have already been planted among these peoples or geographical region? _____
5. What organizations are already working in the area that you can partner with? _____

Assignments 6, 7, 8 to be done together as the Partnership:

1. List three specific objectives to be accomplished in the next 12 months
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Develop an action plan for each objective
3. Develop a timetable for each action plan

This report needs to be prepared and sent by the Partnership Team Leader:

- Report your work and plan to the Coordinator and/or AIMS office in writing/email

NEXT STEPS

WHAT TO DO AFTER ADOPTING A UPG

A FOLLOW-UP RESOURCE TO AIMS ITSM TRAINING

Congratulations! You have completed the AIMS ITSM Training. Now it's time to put this training to work. Below is a strategy checklist to outline your "Next Steps" in reaching your Unreached People Group(s).

The AIMS team is always here to answer questions, offer coaching, pray through solutions, and partner with you as you move forward in strategic missions.

Place a checkmark in the box as you complete each task:

- Complete all ITSM Foundations & ITSM Missions Tools Strategy Exercises. (Modules 1-9)
 - Identify the UPG(s) God is giving you vision and access to target.
 - Research the UPG(s) on www.joshuaproject.net.

- Based upon the results from "Discover Your Role in Missions" (Module 4 Strategy Exercise), develop partnership teams of Goers, Senders, and Intercessors around your UPG focus.

- Establish communication with AIMS to ensure that you are registered in the LIGHT3500 database as an AIMS Partner Coordinator, Field Worker, Partner Ministry, or Adopting Partner.
 - An AIMS Partner Coordinator must be identified for each UPG Adoption.
 - In each UPG adoption, a Field Worker (Missionary) must be identified and trained to go to the UPG.

- Share the vision of the UPG adoption with your local church or churches within your region.

- Mobilize strategic prayer for your UPG.

- Send someone to conduct field research about your UPG.
 - Where do they live?
 - What is their religion?
 - How can you access them?
 - Is there any history of Christianity with this people group?
 - What language do they speak?
 - What are their beliefs about Jesus?
 - What are their lives like? What do they eat? What types of jobs do they have?
 - Identify any obstacles to evangelism and discipleship that may exist.
 - Ask God for His vision about how to overcome these obstacles. You may refer to the Student and Presenter's notes of Module 3 - State of the World, Module 4 - Personalizing the Great Commission.
 - Which type of obstacles exist: Spiritual, Socio-Political, Logistical, or Cultural?
 - What resources, ideas, or vision do you have to overcome these obstacles?

- Find a “person of peace” within your UPG.
 - Ask the “person of peace” about their people group, culture, customs, and religion. This person is a gateway into this UPG.

- Write your strategy to reach the UPG.
 - State specific goals based on what you have learned through field research and what God has spoken to you.
 - Each goal should have a timeline. (When will the goal be completed?)
 - The results of each goal should be observable and measurable. (for example: one church within 3 months, 200 salvations within 6 months, etc...)

- Deploy short-term evangelism teams who have an understanding of the culture, religion, and obstacles of the UPG.
 - Ensure that the evangelism teams are ready to preach the gospel, minister by the power of the Holy Spirit, and are culturally adept. Refer to Module 5 - Goers and Senders to prepare the team.
 - Establish prayer teams who will pray as the short-term teams are deployed.

- Identify a long-term indigenous leader from within the UPG who will work with the short-term teams to evangelize and plant churches.
 - Short-term teams may result in the initial launch of home groups that can grow into church plants.

- Cooperate with the field worker (Missionary) or the long-term indigenous leader from within the UPG who has been established among this group:
 - to plant churches and
 - disciple indigenous leaders
 - with a vision to multiply and plant more churches.

- Assist the church-planting effort through ongoing prayer, short-term mission team support, humanitarian or holistic support, and sending other long-term church planters to cooperate.

- Cooperate with indigenous leaders who have been disciplined until they are able to establish a multiplying movement on their own.

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ITSM Course Conclusion

1. Congratulations – You have completed the ***Introduction To Strategic Missions - Foundations*** Course – but this is just your starting point!
2. **Next steps for you:** We recommend that you proceed to one or more of the following steps by contacting the AIMS office or through the AIMS website (www.aims.org):
 - **Partner** with AIMS – prayer, financial support, synergized partnerships.
 - **Contact** an AIMS Coach – seek advice and direction in actively engaging in the Great Commission and Strategic Missions.
 - **Adopt** an Unreached People Group – contact an AIMS Coach or go to our website www.aims.org.
 - **Accept** the challenge to engage in Strategic Missions.
 - **Become** an AIMS Coordinator, Field Worker, Trainer, Partner Ministry, or Volunteer – if you are called, experienced, and spiritually attracted to pursuing this assignment – speak with our AIMS central office.
3. Will You help us improve? We need and want your constructive feedback:
 - Will you complete and submit the ***Training Conference Feedback Form*** on the final page of this Student Manual (**page 35**)?
 - What can we do to improve this training – specifically, what can we add or remove to better meet your needs?

Glossary of Terms

TERMS	DEFINITION
10/40 Window	An imaginary line extending from 10 degrees north to 40 degrees north of the equator, and from the west coast of Africa to the east coast of Japan
Church	A group of believers committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in a regular and ongoing gathering for the purpose of worship, fellowship, discipleship and evangelism / missions. And they also equip believers through the five-fold ministry.
Church Planting	To initiate a self-sustaining, multiplying movement of churches that plant new churches. The vision is that each church would become self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating, then resolve to plant new churches to the fourth generation.
Church Planting Movement	Continuous, even exponential, movement of churches planting self-governing, self-propagating, and self-supporting churches within their region and beyond.
Cross-Cultural	Ministry to peoples and people groups of a different worldview, belief system, values, and attitudinal set, and possible behavior and the biblical messenger. In Acts 1:8 terminology, this is ministry to Samaria and the ends of the earth.
Ethne - Greek	A group of <u>people</u> who may vary in size or geographic location but are the same ethnically, socially, culturally, and linguistically
Indigenous	Originating in and characteristic of a particular region or country; native; coming naturally from the soil.
Jerusalem	People of the same culture. In this context, it means people just like us socially, culturally, linguistically. Our “neighborhood” or “city.”
Judea	People of a different but very similar culture. In this context, it means people who are very similar to us, but just different enough to have their own identity – they consider themselves to be different or separate.
Mission	God's redemptive work in building or extending His Kingdom.
Missions	The cross-cultural application of the mission of God.
Missionary	Minister of the Gospel who works cross-culturally – one who enters a <u>different culture</u> to do missions.
Missions Mobilization	Training, equipping, and empowering church and mission forces (assets or groups) to establish church-planting movements within their own communities and adjacent UPGs – engaging in finishing the Great Commission.
Mobilization	To prepare for war; to make ready the resources and personnel needed to complete or accomplish a task; to provide the logistical supply lines for adequate resources to go to front line workers.
Mono - Cultural	Jerusalem and Judea – People who are the same in their society, culture, and language – would “blend in” to be of the same worldview
People Group	A group of individuals who share a common history and heritage, and that share ethnic, linguistic, and cultural traits
Samaria	People of a different but a bit similar culture – socially, linguistically, ethnically. In the New Testament, the Samaritans were ethnically half Jew and half Greek.
Synergize/ Synergizing	A combining or working together to reinforce one another – effectively multiplying energy and resources
Unreached People Group (UPG)	People group within which there is no viable indigenous church that can disciple and reach its own people, no real access to hear about Jesus in any media or format

Training Conference Feedback Form

Please respond to the following four questions: (Add additional comments on the back)

1. The most impactful parts of this training conference for me?
2. How was your experience in the breakout groups?
3. What could we do to enhance the effectiveness of this training conference?
4. What will be the immediate steps you will take to implement this material?

Please rate your responses to the following statements on a scale of 1 to 4 according to the following description: (Please add specific comments on the back)

- 1 = exceptional (exceeded expectations)**
- 2 = satisfactory (met expectations)**
- 3 = fair (met expectations but room for much improvement)**
- 4 = poor (unsatisfactory, below expectations)**

The facility used for this conference _____

The training handouts and take-away items _____

The training content _____

The presenters' leadership and communications _____

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