



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Hope for the Unreached (Part 1)

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Mr Chean opened with Isa 65:1 - I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' Our God is proactive and longs for a relationship with every unbeliever, and does not wait for them to call on him.

During this season of the Celebration of Hope, it is important to remember the Great Commission that was outlined in Matthew 28: 19-20 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

FINISH LINE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

As we keep our eyes on the Great Commission, Mr Chean shared 5 'Finish Lines' of the Great Commission for all of us to keep in mind and to aim towards. The 5 Finish Lines are (1) Tell Every One of the Good News, (2) All People Groups Reached, (3) The Bible for Every One, (4) Church in Every Neighbourhood, (5) Compassion and Justice in Every Nation.

Mr Chean covered the first 3 this weekend and will cover the remaining 2 next weekend.

1) **TELL EVERY ONE OF THE GOOD NEWS**

Mark 16:15 - He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". All men are made in the image of God, hence every human being deserves the right to hear and understand the Good News of Salvation, so that they will come to know Christ. In our enthusiasm in reaching out to unbelievers, we need wisdom in doing so, in order that they would not be stumbled.

2) **ALL PEOPLE GROUPS REACHED**

A people group is an ethno-linguistic group with a common self-identity that is shared by the various members. There are 11,757 people groups (comprising 7.6 billion people). Of this, there are 7089 unreached people groups (4.5 billion people). A people group is considered unreached (UPG) when there is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to engage this people group with church planting. Technically speaking, it is less than 2 percent of evangelical Christians. In addition, there are 3161 unengaged unreached people groups. Unreached people groups are unengaged

(UUPG) when there is no church planting & outreach strategy. A map of these UUPG shows that many of these are all around Singapore. Mr Chean encouraged us to reach out to them to fulfil Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations (ethnos), and then the end will come.”

3) THE BIBLE FOR EVERY ONE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. The Word of God has the power to transform our lives, families, communities, nation and our world. There are 6860 known languages in the world. It is essential that people connect with the Word of God in their heart language for real encounter and transformation to occur. There are 2883 languages (42%) with some or all translations for the Bible. There are another 2,195 Languages (31%) with translations in progress. However, there are a further 1,860 languages (27%) that have no active translation going on.

CONCLUSION

The real meaning of baptise in Matthew 28: 19-20 is to immerse and soak. It is likened to the process of making kimchi where the texture of the vegetables are completely changed after the soaking process.

We are to go out to where we have been placed and change the environment which does not display the glory of God and teach them to obey everything that God have commanded -Matt 28:19.

An example is William Carey: the man who discipled & baptized India through the word of God. The word of God can also be distributed in many forms. An example is how in Kyrgyzstan, the word of God was written on toilet rolls and this led people to Christ.

We are encouraged to labour in prayer for walls to be broken down and for unbelievers to come to know God. It could be our relatives, friends, or colleagues but we are to press on in prayer and commit them to the Lord especially during this season of Celebration of Hope.

QUESTIONS

1. Share with the group on how you have seen the gospel transform lives.

2. Which endpoints of the Great Commission can you help to contribute? How can you help to change the environment that you have been placed in?

3. Commit your oikos in a time of prayer as you intercede for each other's oikos. Share how you will commit to pray for them strategically and specifically until there is a breakthrough.