

# PACIFIC2NATIONS – Mission Training

## THE HISTORY OF MISSIONS - 'HIS-STORY' *Reaching the NATIONS with the Gospel*

### Central Purpose of Mission

God's bottom-line purpose of mission is to:

- Re-establish His rule (*sovereign proof for all principalities and powers*)
- Redeem mankind

### Jesus' Job Description

*"You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth". Isaiah 49:6*

**Greek: *shuwb* = restore:** to turn back, convert, deliver (again), fetch home again, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to or make to) return

### Our Job Description

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19*

### Expansion of Christianity

#### 10 Clear Epochs

- Each period approx. 400 years
- 5 Eras - Old Testament
- 5 Eras - New Testament
- Each period had distinct agents of change and impact
- 4 Styles or Mechanisms

### Jesus modelled Cross Cultural Ministry

#### Dual Roles

- Jesus Targeted Jews.
- ALSO GENTILE NATIONS
- His Disciples were sent out IMMEDIATELY i.e. the 12 and 72
- **The disciples still struggled to comprehend Cross Cultural Ministry**

#### Ten Epochs

#### Mission Agents

1. PATRIARCHS	ABRAHAM
2. EGYPTIAN CAPTIVITY	JACOB
3. JUDGES	ISRAEL
4. KINGS	EXILES
5. POST-EXILE	DISPERSED JEWS
6. ROME	EARLY CHURCH
7. BARBARIANS	CELTS/MONKS
8. VIKINGS	SLAVES
9. SARACENS	(CRUSADERS), FRIARS
10. ENDS OF THE EARTH	MODERN MISSIONS

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### 10/40 Window Reality

- **The Majority of the world's "unevangelized" people**  
*Minimal knowledge of the gospel – with no valid opportunity to respond*
- Most (but not all) of the world's unreached people groups  
*About 85% of the unreached people groups*
- The majority of the world's Buddhists, Hindus & Muslims  
*An estimated 1.1 billion Muslims, 1 billion Hindus & 600 million Buddhists*
- More than 8 out of 10 of the poorest of the world's poor
- All 50 of the world's least evangelized mega-cities
- The most formidable strongholds of Satan.  
*Which keeps 2/3rds of the world in spiritual, physical & material poverty*
- Very few missionaries working amongst the unreached  
*Only about 8% of the world's missionary force*