



Topic: Cross-Cultural Missions

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5-Week Cross-Cultural Missions Course: Week 1

Video Title: You, Your Church, The Great Commission, and the Great Imbalance

Speaker: David Platt

Video Time: 30 minutes, Part 1 of 2

Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 18:18-24, Revelations 7:9-10

Video Summary of Part 1:

FOUR TRUTHS:

1. The ultimate purpose of God is to bring people from all nations to enjoy and exalt Him in all of His glory.
2. The ultimate purpose of every Christian and church is to enjoy and exalt God in all of His glory among all nations.
3. God's plan for accomplishing this purpose is the Great Commission: disciples of Jesus making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations.
4. The Great Commission is not a general command to make disciples among as many people as possible; the Great Commission is a specific command to make disciples among all the nations.

Instructions: Start from the beginning of the video and watch the video until the 29:40 time marker. Then, stop, split into groups of 3-4, and answer the discussion questions below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Great Commission and the Great Imbalance?
2. What is the purpose of your life and your church?
3. How can the church and you fulfill the Great Commission and make the glory of God known among all the nations?
4. How can the church and you take the gospel to new places like Paul did in the Bible?
5. How do the four truths affect the way you see the Great Commission, the Great Imbalance, and your purpose in your life?



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5-Week Cross-Cultural Missions Mobilization Course: Week 2

Video Title: You, Your Church, The Great Commission, and the Great Imbalance

Speaker: David Platt

Video Time: 18 minutes, Part 2 of 2

Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 18:18-24, Revelations 7:9-10

Video Summary of Part 2:

THREE PROBLEMS:

1. Over 3 billion people are currently unreached by the gospel and on a road that leads to an eternal hell without even hearing how they can go to heaven.
2. Churches are spending approximately 99% of our missions resources in places that are already reached with the gospel and only 1% of our missions resources among the 7,000 people groups who haven't heard the gospel.
3. The number of unreached people is higher now than ever before and will continue to increase until Christians and churches decide to change how we use our resources.

TWO CONCLUSIONS:

1. If we are going to obey the Great Commission, we must rectify the Great Imbalance.
2. You and your church have a unique and significant part to play in achieving the ultimate purpose of God in the world.

ONE PRAYER:

God, please use our individual lives and our local churches to rectify this Great Imbalance, obey the Great Commission, and play our part in achieving Your ultimate purpose in the world.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be unreached and why is it important to share the gospel with the unreached?
2. How can the church and you use our resources effectively and bring the gospel to the 7,000 unreached people groups?
3. How can God help the church and you to open our eyes to rectify the Great Imbalance, obey the Great Commission, and achieve God's ultimate purpose in the world?
4. How is God inviting your church and you to be a part of the Great Commission?
5. What is God calling your church and you to do to make His glory known in the world?
6. How can we pray and ask God to use the church and you to rectify the Great Imbalance, obey the Great Commission, and play our part in achieving God's ultimate purpose in the world?