REACHING THE LEAST REACHED LAB

Teamwork

Your team will work together to plan for the completion of the great commission. You'll need to think strategically and ask the question, "*What's it going to take?*" You'll have ten minutes to discuss how best to reach the nations and come up with your plan.

Materials

You have the following materials:

- Stadiums graphics (3 yellow, 4 green, 3 black)(link to stadiums)
- 100 pennies
- 100 "gems"
- Sticky note pad
- Pen
- Your imagination
- Strategic thinking

Set Up

Set the pictures of the stadiums on the table. Group them by their color, the three yellow stadiums separate but together to your right, the three green in front of you and the three dark stadiums to your left. Imagine that each stadium is filled to capacity with 100,000 people each and everyone is wearing either a gold, a yellow, a green or a dark blue T-shirt.

These stadiums represent the world's 8.3 billion people. The color of the t-shirts represents where the people in those stadiums are at concerning the good news of Jesus.

Gold T-Shirts - The gold t-shirts represent the people who identify as Christians and are working to intentionally proclaim the gospel and make disciples. They are sharing their faith and believe that God wants to use them as his witnesses and ambassadors in a broken world. They make up about 10% of the world's population.

Yellow T-Shirts - The yellow t-shirts represent the cultural or nominal Christians in the world. If asked, they would identify as Christians but it may just be a cultural identification because they were born in a majority Christian country or into a historically Christian ethnic group. They may attend church and have some basic knowledge of the Christian faith but they are not regularly sharing with others. They make up about 23% of the world's population.

Green T-Shirts - The green t-shirts represent people who have access to the gospel - there are Bibles in their language, Christians and churches nearby - but they have not chosen to become followers of Jesus. If they wanted to learn more about Jesus, they would be able to find someone to tell them more in their neighborhood. They make up about 38% of the world's population.

Dark Blue T-Shirts - The dark blue t-shirts represent the unreached people of our world. They have no access to the gospel - no Bibles, no churches, no Christians. There are fewer than 2% of their own people group who are Christians and so if they did want to learn about Jesus, there would be no one near them with whom they could talk. They make up about 29% of the world's population.

The Stadiums

These ten stadiums represent the spiritual reality of our world. Read the description of each stadium. Pause after reading each description to imagine in your mind's eye what the stadium must look like.

Group C: To your right, three of the stadiums are brightly lit by the stadium lights. Roughly 10,000 of the people in each of those stadiums are wearing bright gold t-shirts. As you scan the crowds, these gold t-shirts are scattered among a sea of other people wearing yellow or green t-shirts. The yellow t-shirts make up about 30,000 people and the green make up another 59,000 people in each stadium. A final 1,000 people wearing dark blue t-shirts are huddled in small clumps, mostly near the exits.

Group B: in front of you are four more stadiums which are also filled to capacity. The security lights are on but not the stadium lights. The majority of those sitting in the dim light of each stadium are wearing green t-shirts. Let's say roughly 60,0000. There are about 30,000 yellow t-shirts, another 9,000 dark blue t-shirts and only 1,000 gold t-shirts scattered throughout the crowd. The stadium is dominated by green with some yellow, a hint of dark blue and a barely perceptible touch of gold.

Group A: Finally, On your left, the three remaining stadiums sit shrouded in darkness. Neither the main lights nor the security lights are on. These stadiums are filled to capacity as well. Each stadium is filled from corner to corner with an expanse of dark blue t-shirts. The vast majority, 99,950 people are wearing them. A mere 50 people in gold shirts which you can hardly see are spread all around each of these stadiums, mostly near the exits.

Start the Clock

You now have ten minutes to decide how you will reach the least reached. You have a missionary force and you have money. How will you deploy each?

Get Started!

The Missionary Force--100 Gems - You have 100 gems. Each gem represents 1% (or 4,000) of the world's 400,000 missionaries who are serving cross culturally from World C.

Talk as a team. How will you mobilize your missionaries? Where will you send them? Place the gems on the stadiums in a way that you believe would be the most faithful strategy to partner with God to complete the great commission. Write the # of gems you chose to place on Yellow, Green and Dark Blue stadiums on sticky notes for each.

The Money--100 Pennies - You have 100 pennies to spend toward reaching the least reached. Each penny represents 1% of spending toward missionary endeavors. All the Christians in World C earn a total of about $42 Trillion. Of that, they give about $700 billion to Christian causes - this includes everything: non-profits, churches, Christian schools, and missions. This is less than 2% of the total earnings of Christians. Of that giving, about $45 billion is given to cross cultural missions endeavors. Each penny represents 1% (or $450,000) of this $45 billion. How will you allocate the money? What do you believe would be the most faithful strategy to partner with God to complete the great commission? As a team decide where you will send the money. Distribute the pennies on the stadium papers, and write amounts on sticky notes as above.

What did you do? (record your numbers here as well)

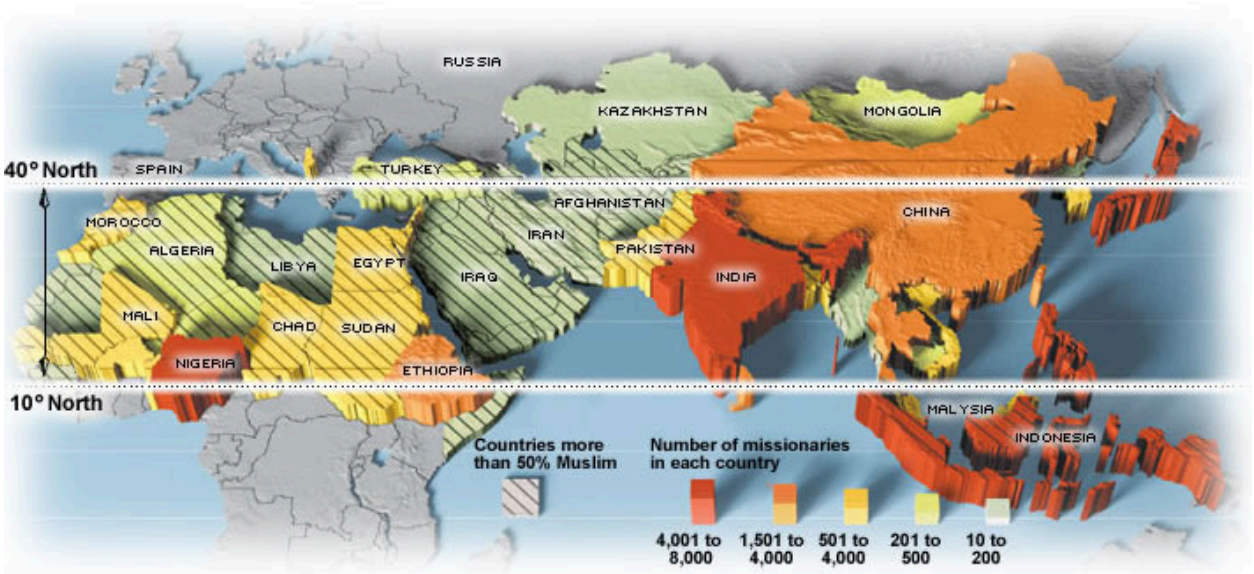
Missionaries to Group C	
Missionaries to Group B	
Missionaries to Group A	
Money to Group C	
Money to Group B	
Money to Group A	

How does your strategy compare to the reality of the church today?

Here is the reality!

Missionaries to Group C	72%
Missionaries to Group B	25%
Missionaries to Group A	3%
Money to Group C	$39 Billion - 87%
Money to Group B	$5.4 Billion - 12%
Money to Group A	$450 Million - 1% (Americans spend more money on halloween costumes for their pets than gets spent on world A.)

*Statistics from Global Frontier Missions - https://youtu.be/WrHC7hXNoV8



"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."

— John Piper

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