

State of the World Demonstration

This activity is based on the following video:

<https://youtu.be/WrHC7hXNoV8>

Script:

Begin the activity by reading the Great Commission - Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

So the question we want to explore today is: How are we doing?

Reaching the Unreached Activity

Get ten volunteers to come up front. **They represent the population of the world... 8 billion people.**

- 33% are reached...3 people...set them aside. (to your right) They identify as Christian. They have churches, Bibles, Christian media. Give them a sign that says **World C**

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- 38% have access to the gospel, believers, bibles, churches, but so far have chosen not to believe...4 people...set them aside. (in the middle) Give them a sign that says **World B**
- 29% are unreached...no chance of hearing...no access to the Gospel...no Bibles...no churches...no believers nearby...3 people...set them aside. (to your left) This group represents just over 3 billion people from 4,000 distinct people groups. Most live in the 10/40 Window. Give them a sign that says **World A**

Missionary distribution...

1 out of every 1,800 Christians becomes a cross cultural missionary. That means that 400,000 missionaries come out of the first group...Get ten more people (Or bring [ten toy people](#) or something else to represent ten people) from the crowd to come up front to represent those missionaries...put them in a group on one end.

Choose two people from the crowd to be the acting “generals”. Have them decide how the ten missionaries should be deployed based on the population groupings. Naturally, people bias the numbers toward the least-reached.

Once they’re done, ask if the crowd would make any adjustments.

Lastly, move “their” missionary distribution around to reflect what the numbers actually are:

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- 71% are going to the reached group (7 people...to people that are already reached...have sufficient believers to evangelize and disciple their own people! - World C)
- 25% are going to the middle group (“2.5” people...that have access already, but have chosen not to believe yet - World B)
- 3% are going to the least-reached (1 person)...it’s actually just a part of a person (less than 10%)...would be ideal to have a manikin arm or leg or something to use as a prop. “If you are part of this group, you’re more likely to be struck by lightning than to hear the name of Jesus in your lifetime.” - World A)

Have the “missionaries” re-take their seats.

Money distribution...

Have 100 “dollars” ready as a prop ([Buy Here](#)). Would be cool to have some pretend larger physical sized “bills” made up...or monopoly money as a prop. It’s good to have something “big” to use so they can see the disparity.

Some basics:

- The reached group (World C) earns 47 trillion dollars.
- 700 billion of that is given to Christian causes (< 2%)
 - (That’s all Christian causes: Christian non-profits, churches, youth programs, schools and missions)
- The 100 dollars you have represent the 700 billion

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As before, have your “generals” from the crowd tell you how it should be deployed. Give the money to each of the groups.

As before, ask the crowd if they would make any adjustments. Then, redistribute the money according to the actual statistics:

- 87 “dollars” (or %) to the reached group. Most of the \$ is going where there are already committed believers who could reach their own people”!
- 12 “dollars” to the middle group.
- 1 dollars to the unreached group.

So 3% of the missionary workforce, with 1% of missions giving is trying to reach 2 billion people.

North Americans spend more on Halloween costumes for their pets than is given to missions each year!

I think it’s good to give the crowd some time to talk about how they can respond to the information.

(What kinds of things can we do personally and in our churches to help shift these resources to where they are needed?)

What can you do to help change that?

Assignment:

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1. Think about all that you heard today. Think about one thing that really stuck out to you. (If time - Share that with your neighbor right now)
2. Now that you have practiced sharing that one thing, think about one other person who is not here right now that you can tell. A parent? A brother or sister? A friend who's not here? A Sunday school teacher? One person.
3. Now tell your neighbor who that person is.

Commit to telling that person in the next two days. Share what you learned. Start a conversation. Start learning more about unreached people groups. Start praying for unreached people groups.

Pray.