

Why bother
with the
**Global
Church?**



1.1

THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF ENCOUNTER.



1.2

THE EMBODIED
CHURCH



1.3

VULNERABLE RESILIENCE



1.4

EXPOSURE TO THE GLOBAL CHURCH



8 LARGEST GLOBAL CITIES

2025		2050		2075		2100	
CITY	POPULATION (millions)	CITY	POPULATION (millions)	CITY	POPULATION (millions)	CITY	POPULATION (millions)
1 Tokyo	36 400	Mumbai	42 404	Kinshasa	58 424	Lagos	88 345
2 Mumbai	26 385	Delhi	36 157	Mumbai	57 862	Kinshasa	83 494
3 Delhi	22 498	Dhaka	35 193	Lagos	57 195	Dar es Salaam	73 678
4 Dhaka	22 015	Kinshasa	35 000	Delhi	49 338	Mumbai	67 240
5 Sao Paulo	21 428	Kolkata	33 042	Dhaka	46 219	Delhi	57 334
6 Mexico	21 009	Lagos	32 630	Kolkata	45 088	Khartoum	56 594
7 New York	20 628	Tokyo	32 622	Karachi	43 374	Niamey	56 149
8 Kolkata	20 560	Karachi	31 696	Dar Es Salaam	37 485	Dhaka	54 250

 CITY to CITY
AFRICA



Philippians 2:5-18 (ESV)

5 Have **this mind** among yourselves, **WHICH IS YOURS** in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the **form of God [IN VERY NATURE]**, did not count equality with God **a thing to be grasped**, 7 but **EMPTIED HIMSELF**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he **HUMBLED HIMSELF** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **every knee** should bow, in **heaven** and on **earth** and **under** the **earth**, 11 and **every tongue** confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.** 12 **THEREFORE,** my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your OWN salvation with fear and trembling,** 13 **FOR IT IS GOD** who works in you,



both to **WILL** and to **WORK** for **HIS** good pleasure. 14
Do **all things** without **grumbling** or **disputing**, 15
that you may be **blameless and innocent**, children
of **God without blemish** in the midst of
a **crooked** and **twisted** generation, among whom
you **shine as lights in the world**, 16 **HOLDING FAST** to
the word of life, so that in the day of Christ **I may be
proud** that I did not **run** in vain or **labor in vain**. 17
Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering



upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.



The cross is not a defeat reversed by the resurrection; it is a victory proclaimed (to chosen witnesses) by the resurrection. . . . The center of the revealed mystery of the reign of God is the Cross. There the power of God is revealed—but it is revealed as weakness. The glory of God is revealed—but it is revealed as humiliation. The victory of God is revealed—but it is revealed as defeat.”

— Leslie Newbigin



THE 2 FRONTIERS OF THE GOSPEL

1. The Innermost Part Of My Heart
2. The Uttermost Parts Of The World



1.

THE INNERMOST
PART OF MY HEART



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Gordon Fee: In ALL of Paul's writings:
the **PRINCIPLE IS LOVE**,
the **PATTERN** is **CHRIST**, the **POWER** is
the **SPIRIT** and the ultimate **PURPOSE** is
the **GLORY OF GOD.**



2.

THE UTTERMOST
PARTS OF THE EARTH



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*“The Gospel is the truth, and therefore it is **true for all men**. It is the unveiling of the face of Him who makes all things, from whom every man comes, & to whom every man goes. It is the revealing of the meaning of human history, of the origin & destiny of mankind. Jesus is not only my Saviour, He is the Lord of all things, the cause & cornerstone of the universe. If I think I can keep it to myself, then I do not in any real sense believe it. Global missions are not an extra; they’re the acid test of whether or not the Church believes the Gospel.”*

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2.1

WE NEED A GENUINE RECAPTURING OF THE GREAT COMMISSION



Martin Luther: History is like a drunk man on a horse. No sooner does he fall off on the left side, does he mount again and fall off on the right.

