



CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:

Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.

Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.

FULL SESSION SUMMARY – PRIORITIES: Discerning the Will of Christ for the 21st Century World of Evangelization

DATE OF SESSION: 22 October 2010

SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY: Connie Potter (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)

PRESENTER(S): Paul Eshleman, David Yoo, Alex Abraham

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE/ PROBLEM: Where is the church not present? What are we going to do about it? After 2,000 years there are still people who don't have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. That's wrong!

KEY POINTS:

*Assumptions in setting global priorities:

- *1) All elements must have scriptural foundation
- *2) Taking the gospel to all nations is the only part of the our task with a completable dimension
- *3) The gospel must go where churches are not
- *4) No country of the world is exempt from the sending or the receiving of the gospel
- *5) Faith must be demonstrated or it is hollow

Dr. Paul Eshleman stated that Scripture translation is our number one priority. It is impossible to do ministry without a Biblical foundation. Many statistics were presented to Congress participants regarding the number of people groups with no or limited printed Scripture. Two young ladies involved in Oral Story Bible teams in sensitive areas told of their experiences of evangelizing via story-telling. Eshleman also reminded Congress participants that evangelism must remain a priority in ministry. It must not be pushed aside. It must be delivered with the right platform in order to be received. Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists make up half the population of the world. We must reach out to these people with acts of love and prayer. Two gentlemen gave testimony of their witness to Muslim scholars, mullahs, imams and sheiks resulting in converts.

Eshleman's final point was to present information and hand-outs identifying the UUPGs— Unengaged & Unreached People Groups. He asked Congress participants two questions: 1) Why haven't these groups been reached with the gospel? 2) How could your church or organization work with a local partner to launch an effort toward one of these people groups? Eshleman reported that the Number One answer to his first question is, "I didn't know." "Now you know," he responded! Fortunately, much progress has been made in that area in the last five years. A call for written commitment was issued. Eshleman said the four minutes allowed for the response may be the four most important minutes for millions of unreached people concerning their eternal destiny.



1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Priorities
SEGMENT TITLE: Unreached Peoples Video: Tears of the Saints
SEGMENT DATE: 22 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 GlobaLink Team)

This video shows the brokenness and need of many people in the world. It shows people's homes being savagely destroyed, like their hopes. It shows Muslims prostrating themselves in prayer, people searching through garbage dumps for food and struggling to find the means of making a living. Also shown are fishermen casting their nets, children, and destructive fires.

These people need the gospel. This means that three hundred fifty million people have no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only three percent of missionaries in the world work among unreached peoples. Eighty six percent of the Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists of the world do not know a single person who is a Christian. Persecution is increasing and is a daily reality for many people

Study questions:

1. What can you in your church or fellowship do to increase awareness of the millions of people unreached by the gospel?
2. How can you challenge churches and mission agencies to make unreached peoples a priority in sending out missionaries?
3. What can you do personally to help reach these people groups for the Lord Jesus?



2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Unengaged and Unreached People Groups
SEGMENT TITLE: Essential Elements of Global Evangelization – Paul Eshleman
SEGMENT DATE: 22 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 Globalink Team)

This presentation focuses on highlighting the need to engage with all unreached people groups. Dr Paul Eshleman gives both information as to the magnitude of the task and some practical information about possible approaches which can be taken by churches and organizations worldwide. The unengaged and unreached people groups represent more than two hundred sixteen million people. He suggests that our mission strategy should be to identify where the church is NOT and decide what we are going to do about it.

Broken down into categories, a strategy to provide Scripture for all could begin by preparing an Oral Bible with stories representing the great themes of all Scripture. Another strategy is engaging the Unengaged with a focus on Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Secularists. No country is exempt from sending or receiving missionaries.

Priorities should be getting Scripture translated into every people group's language. We should send what Paul called "Scripture servers" to develop relationships within groups and through relationships tell stories which can be repeated to the oral culture. We must keep evangelization a priority and increasingly deliver our message through the media people use (cell phones are the source of twenty five percent of converts today).

Study questions:

1. Why do you think these people groups have not been reached after 2,000 years of the gospel being preached?
2. What could your church/fellowship group/organization do to help mount an effort to reach the remaining people groups?



3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Priorities
SEGMENT TITLE: Unreached People Groups of India – Alex Abraham
SEGMENT DATE: 22 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Dr Alex Abraham of India spoke about finishing the evangelization in his country. With a population of one billion two hundred thousand, 4000 people groups, 400 languages, 5000 urban units and 600,000 villages, the challenge is great. With 310 unreached peoples groups, India has the largest number in the world. Significant progress has been made and 307 of these have been adopted by Indian Christian organizations. He cited two unreached people groups, one in Orissa and the other in Rajasthan, where results are encouraging. The work follows the PREM principle: Pray, Research, Equip, and Mobilize. A research center gathers information, and regional conferences are held and indigenous workers trained.

Study questions:

1. How would you define an unreached people group in your country? Are there any?
2. Discuss ways in which the church can be motivated to pray for and minister to the unreached.
3. What research would help your church be more strategic in evangelizing the unreached?
4. Share ways in which Christians can be mobilized for outreach: is it information or consecration we need as Christians to get on with the task?