

20221127 The message concerning faith that we proclaim and the mission of the church

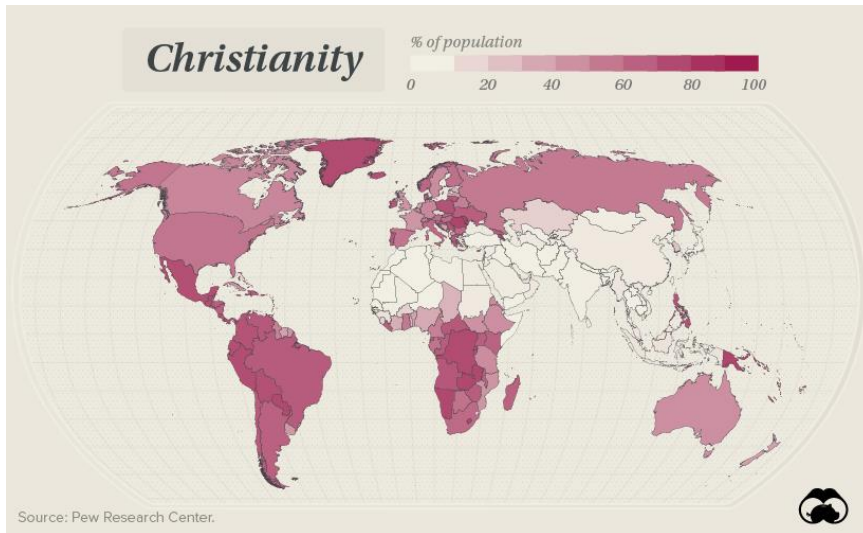
Romans 10:8-15

The status of world religions

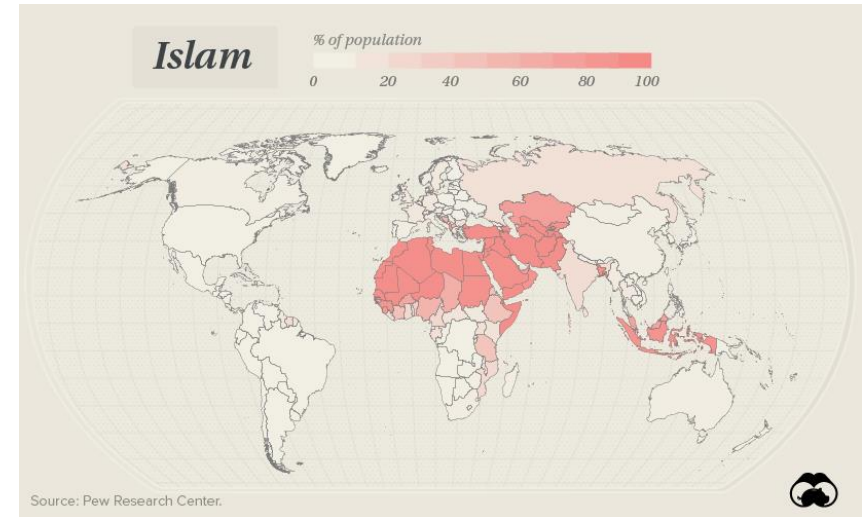
Region	Christians	Muslims	Unaffiliated	Hindus	Jews	Buddhists	Folk
North America	74.6%	1.3%	19.2%	0.8%	1.6%	1.2%	0.4%
Latin America-Caribbean	89.7%	0.1%	8.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.8%
Europe	72.2%	6.8%	20.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Middle East-North Africa	3.6%	93.1%	0.6%	0.6%	1.6%	0.2%	0.3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	62.0%	31.4%	3.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	3.2%
Asia-Pacific	7.2%	25.7%	20.0%	26.0%	0.1%	11.3%	8.6%
World	31.0%	25.0%	15.6%	15.2%	0.2%	6.6%	5.6%

(Report from Visual Capitalist on February 11, 2022. Data from Pew Research Center)

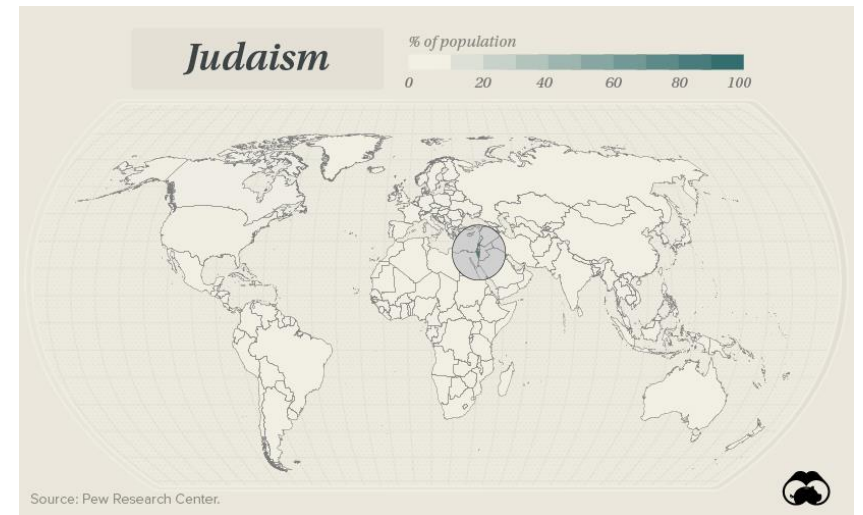
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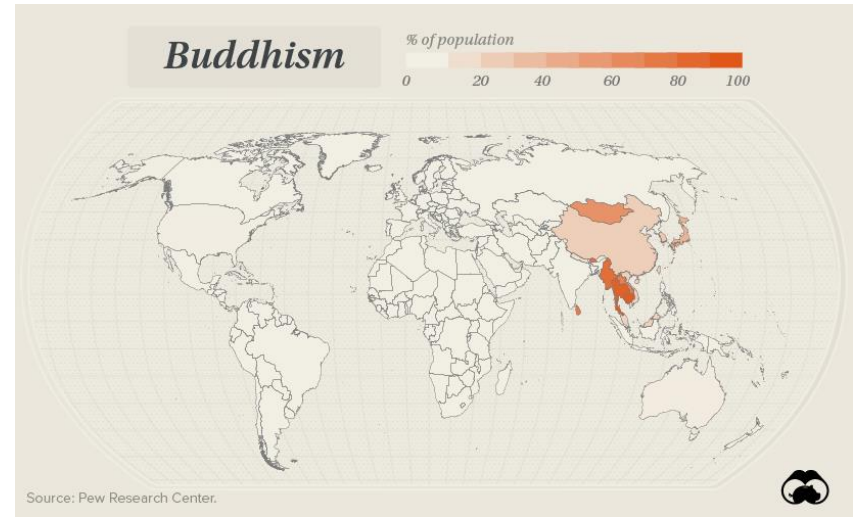
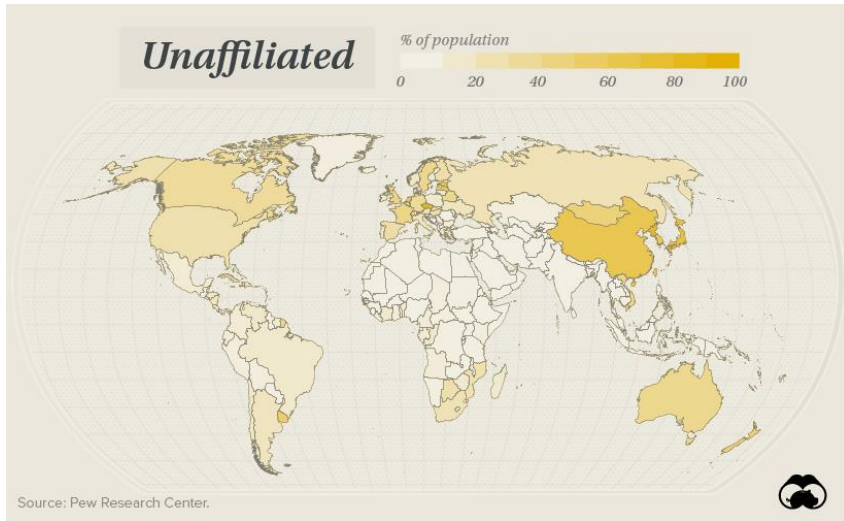
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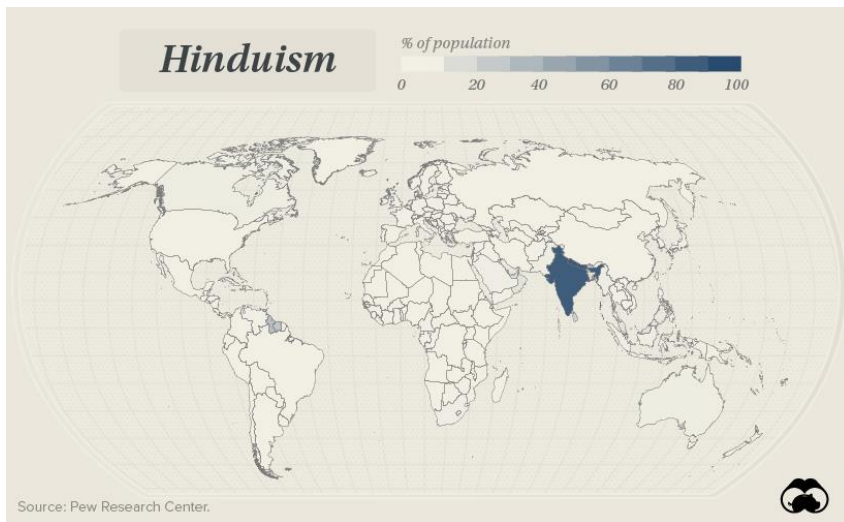
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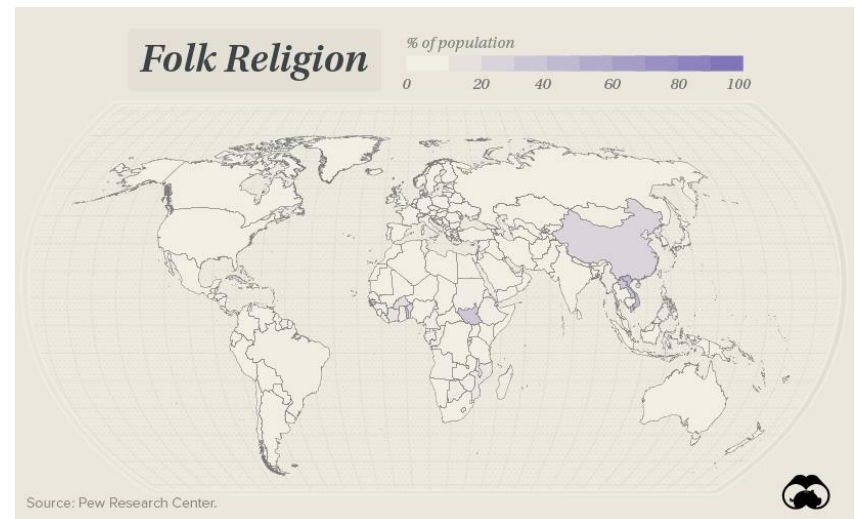
Unaffiliated



Hinduism



Folk Religion



Buddhism

TWO RIGHTEOUSNESSES

The righteousness of God vs the righteousness of our own

Romans 10:3

³ Since **they did not know the righteousness of God** and **sought to establish their own**, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Three truths from the verse

1. People don't know the righteousness of God.
2. People seek to establish their own righteousness.
3. People do not submit to God's righteousness.

Fulfillment of the righteousness of God: God sent a Savior for us.

Romans 10:4

⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

The righteousness of God does not require us of our own effort.

Romans 10:8

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

Simplicity of the righteousness of God

Confession with mouth: Jesus is Lord

Believe in our heart: God raised Jesus from the dead

Romans 10:9-11

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

- Making disciples of Jesus Christ -

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ ...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ 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,**

²⁰ and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

How to know that I am a disciple of Jesus Christ:

Is Jesus the Lord of my life? Is His calling the priority of my life?

How to know that I am following Christ?

Am I being discipled by other disciples, and am I discipling others to help them to become disciple-making disciples of Jesus Christ?

THE CLEAR MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO THE WORLD

- The requirement to make a disciple of Christ -

Romans 10:14-15

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

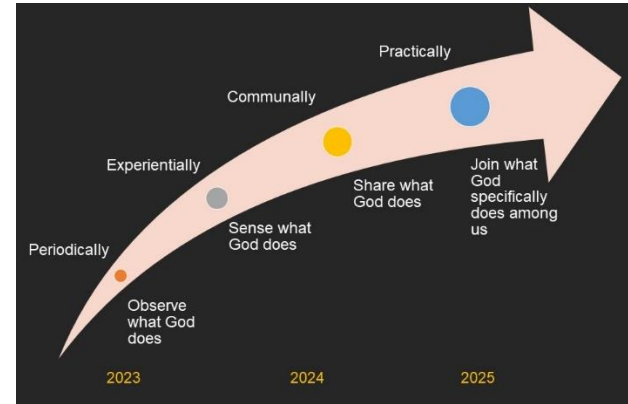
APPLICATION

Develop smart (strategic, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-based) **plans for implementation to make disciples of Jesus Christ**

1 Chronicles 12:32

³² From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times.

NVCCC EM vision for the next two years: Finding God's specific plan for our church as we implement our strategic plans to make disciples of Christ



What to pray about:

Our church, the leadership and the whole church family is to dedicate ourselves to the will of the Lord, to the call to make disciples.