



# The Task Remaining

## Perspectives Lesson 9 – Nicole Parks

1. What is the essential missionary task?
  - a. “If missions is everything, then missions is nothing”
  - b. Acts 1:8 “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
  - c. What is missions? Matthew 24:14; 28:19
  - d. What is the goal of missions? Revelation 5:9; 7:9
  - e. The Great C’s
    - The Great Commandment
    - The Great Commission
2. Who are the nations?
  - a. Factors to Consider
    - Different definitions of people groups (geo-political nations, cultural blocs, ethnolinguistic peoples, sociopeoples, unimax peoples)
    - Globalization
    - Urbanization
  - b. For evangelical purposes, a people group is the largest group within which the gospel can spread as a church planting movement without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance
3. What is a testimony?
  - a. Viable: growing on its own
  - b. Indigenous: not seen as foreign
  - c. Church Planting Movement (CPM): a fellowship of believers that continues to reproduce itself
  - d. E-Scale/P-Scale
    - They measure the same thing, just from 2 different perspectives
    - It is much easier for the Gospel to spread within a people group than it is to “jump” from one people group to another
    - There’s an important distinction between initial breakthrough and ongoing spread
  - e. Evangelism: working within peoples with the same or very similar culture as your own where a church movement already exists
  - f. Regular Mission: working within peoples of different cultures where a church movement already exists
  - g. Frontier Mission: working within people groups of different cultures where a church movement does not yet exist
4. What is a UPG? A people group having less than 2% of its population evangelical Christian.
5. State of the World
  - a. Where are we now? (Most stats from Serving with Eyes Wide Open by David Livermore)
  - b. World C (Christian)
    - 2.2 billion people, 33.0% of the world’s population
    - 72% of missionaries go here, \$39B or 87% of missions funding goes here

- c. World B (Reached, non-believers)
    - 2.6 billion people, 38.2% of the world's population
    - 25% of missionaries go here, \$5.4B or 12% of missions funding goes here
  - d. World A (Unreached)
    - 2.0 billion people, 29.3% of the world's population
    - Less than 3% of missionaries go here, \$450M or less than 1% of missions funding goes here
  - e. 1040 Window
  - f. [www.JoshuaProject.net](http://www.JoshuaProject.net)
  - g. Matthew 18:12-14 (The parable of the lost sheep)
6. How do we glorify God on earth?
- a. The same way Jesus did...John 17:4
7. Conclusion
- a. What is closure?
    - Matthew 24:1-3; 24:14; 28:19-20
    - Closure is the beginning of the end
  - b. Will you be the stone? Or will you use anything and everything God has blessed you with to cast out as many stones as possible?

“He alone will know when that goal is fulfilled. But I do not need to know. I know only one thing: Christ has not yet returned; therefore, the task is not yet done. When it is done, Christ will come. Our responsibility is not to insist on defining the terms; our responsibility is to complete the task. So long as Christ does not return, our work is undone. Let us get busy and complete our mission.” (George Eldon Ladd)

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# Regular Missions and Frontier Missions

