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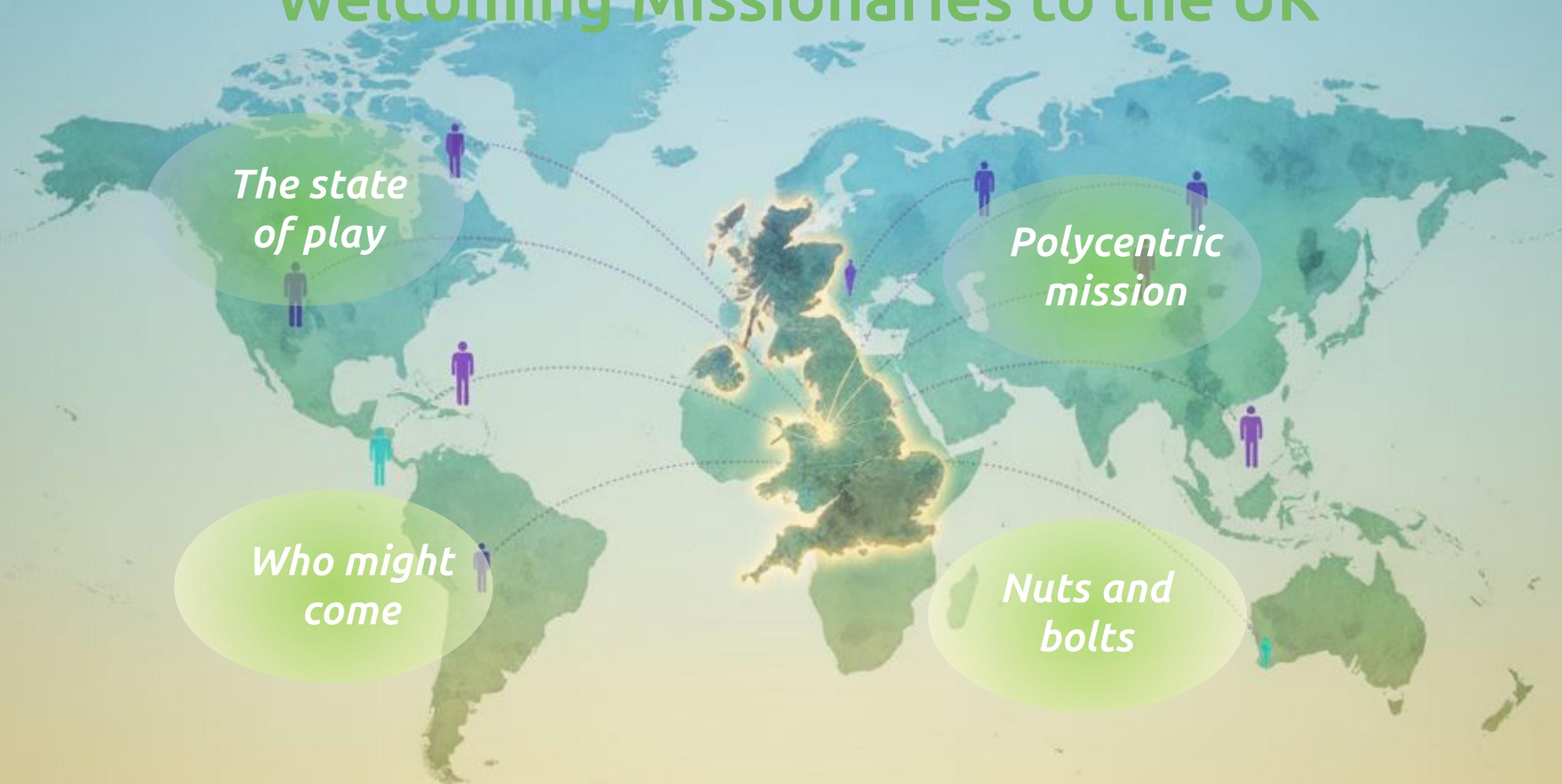


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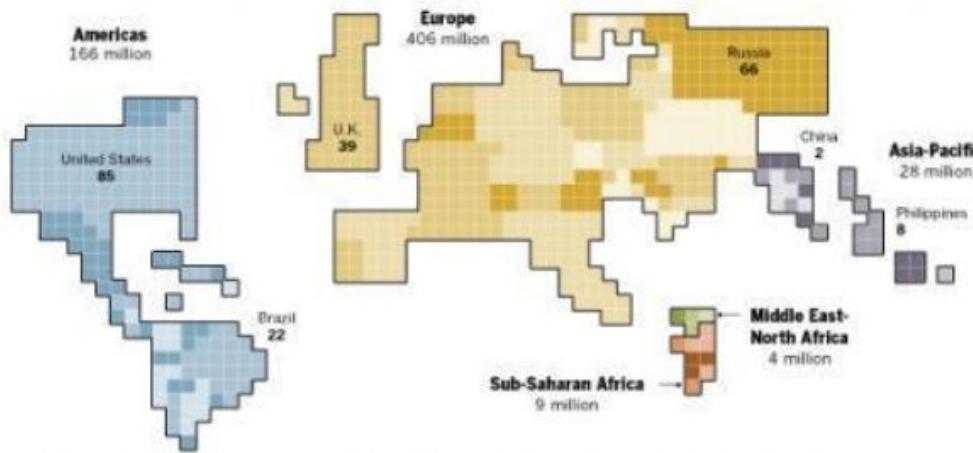
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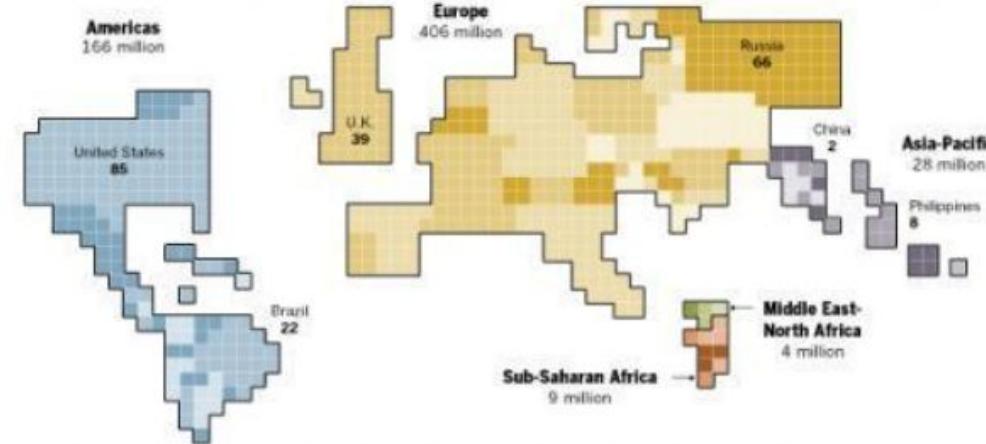
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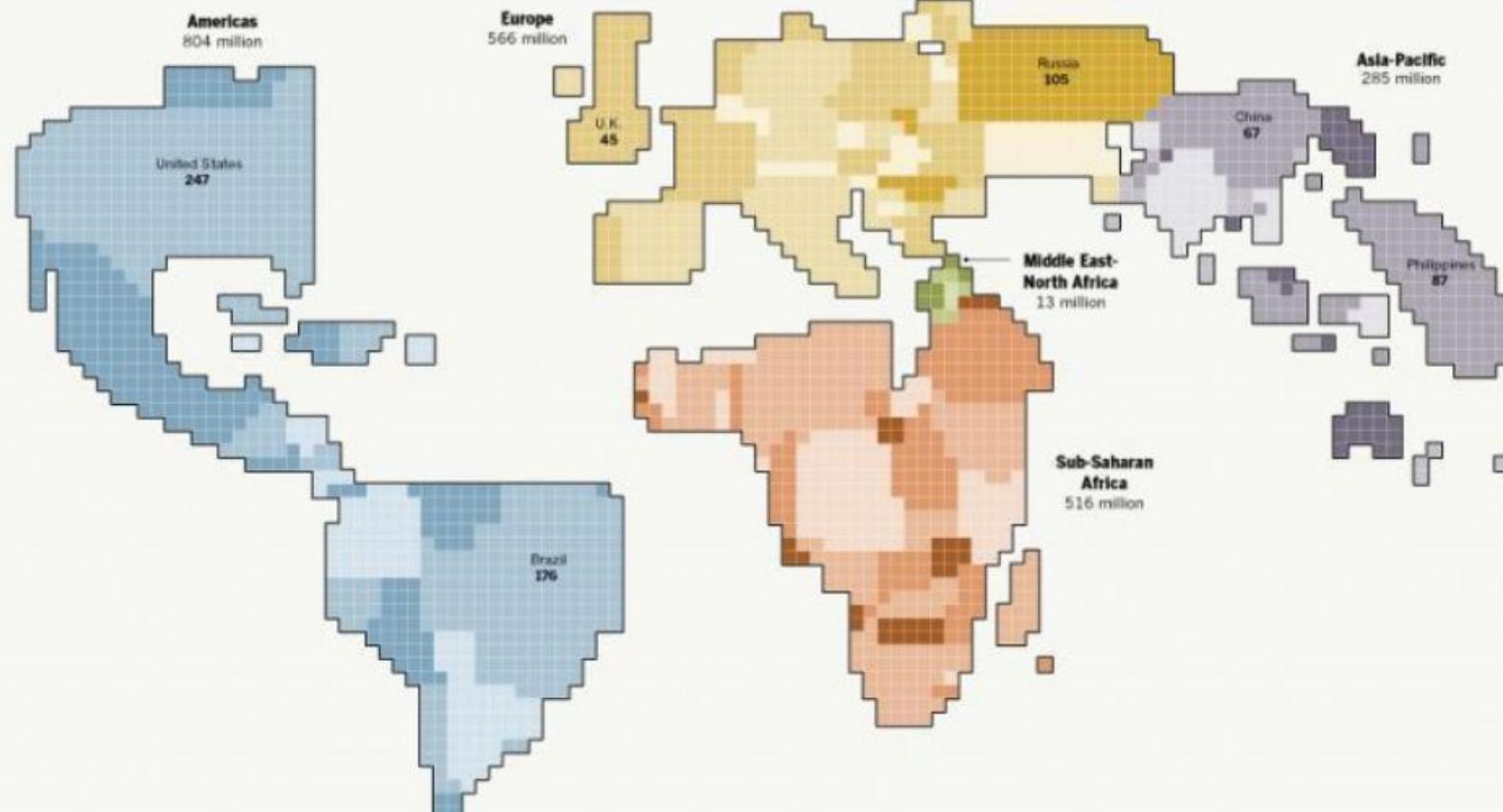
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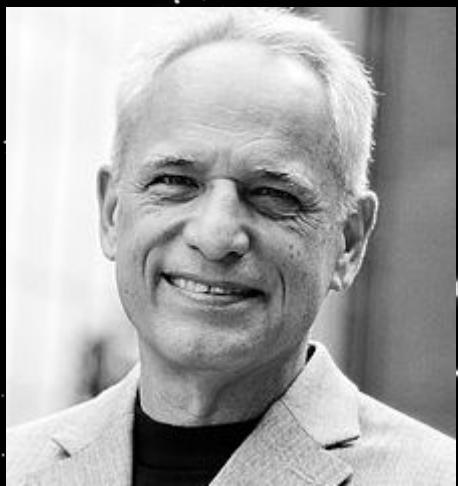
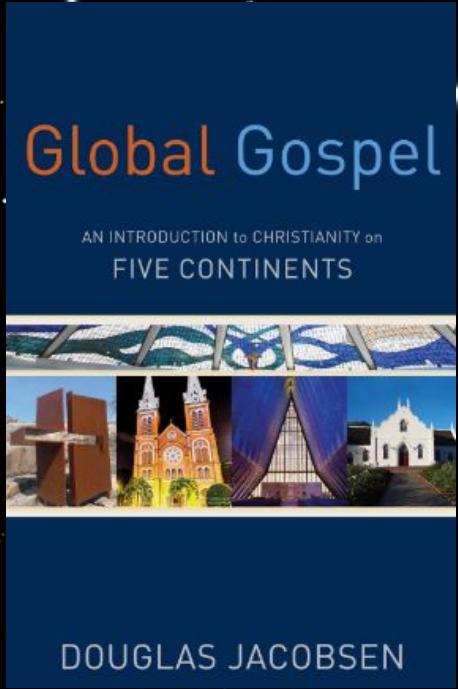
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Christianity is not fundamentally tied to a specific context, culture, or people group.

Instead, it finds a home in **every** culture and place worldwide, transcending boundaries of ethnicity, language, and geography.



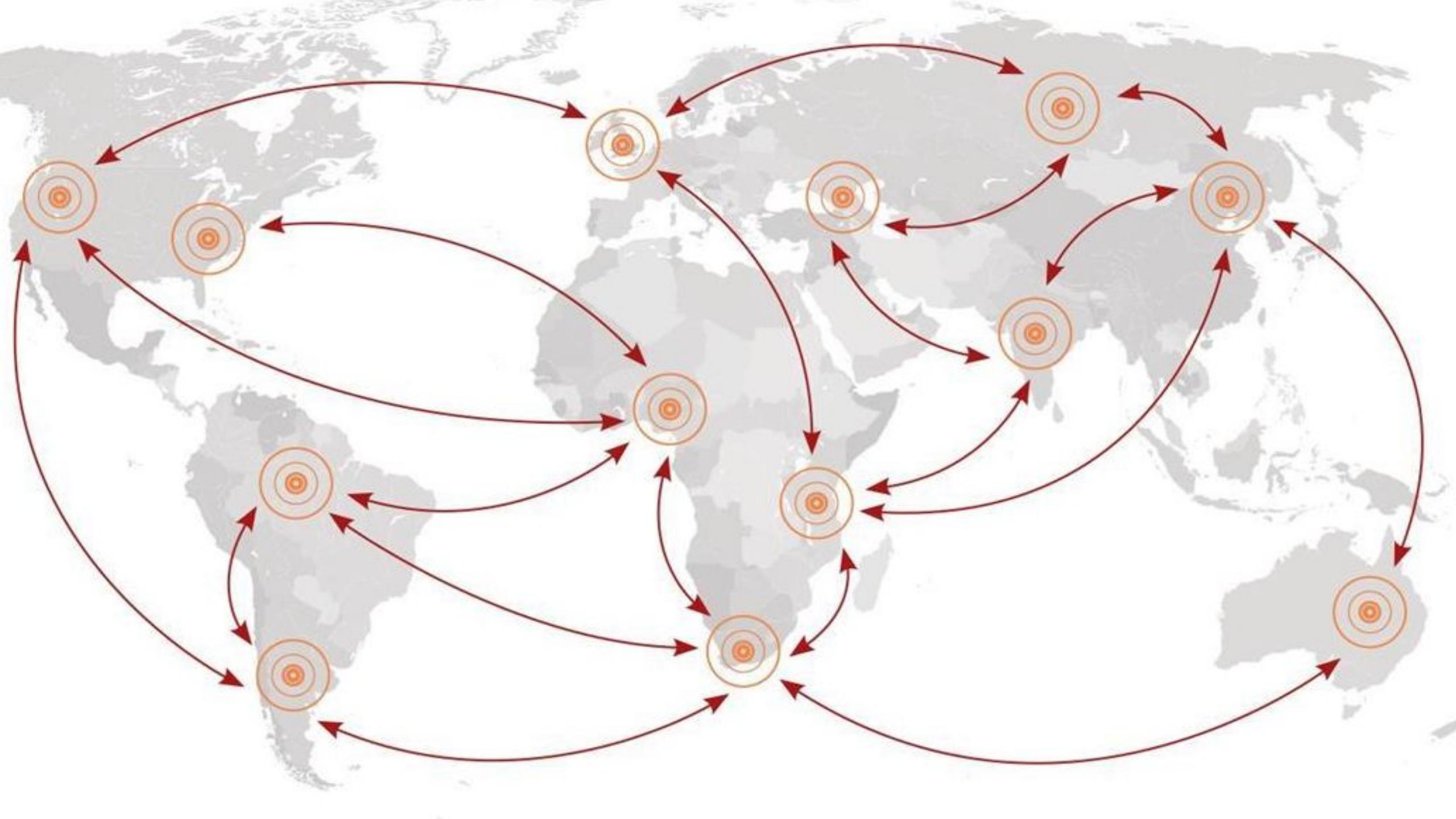
“The glory of creation is evident in the wonderful diversity, bordering on cacophony, that is present in the natural world.

Similarly, the glory of Christianity is best displayed in its interconnected diversity, with different kinds of Christians praising God and caring for their neighbours in a complex, interwoven, and mutually enriching choreography of faith, hope, and love.

That dance...is the global gospel in action.”



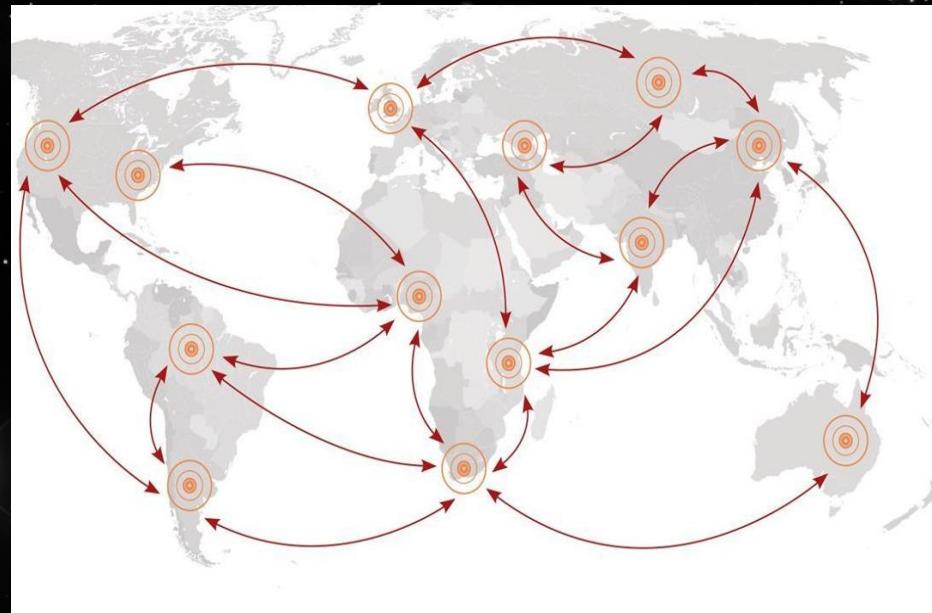
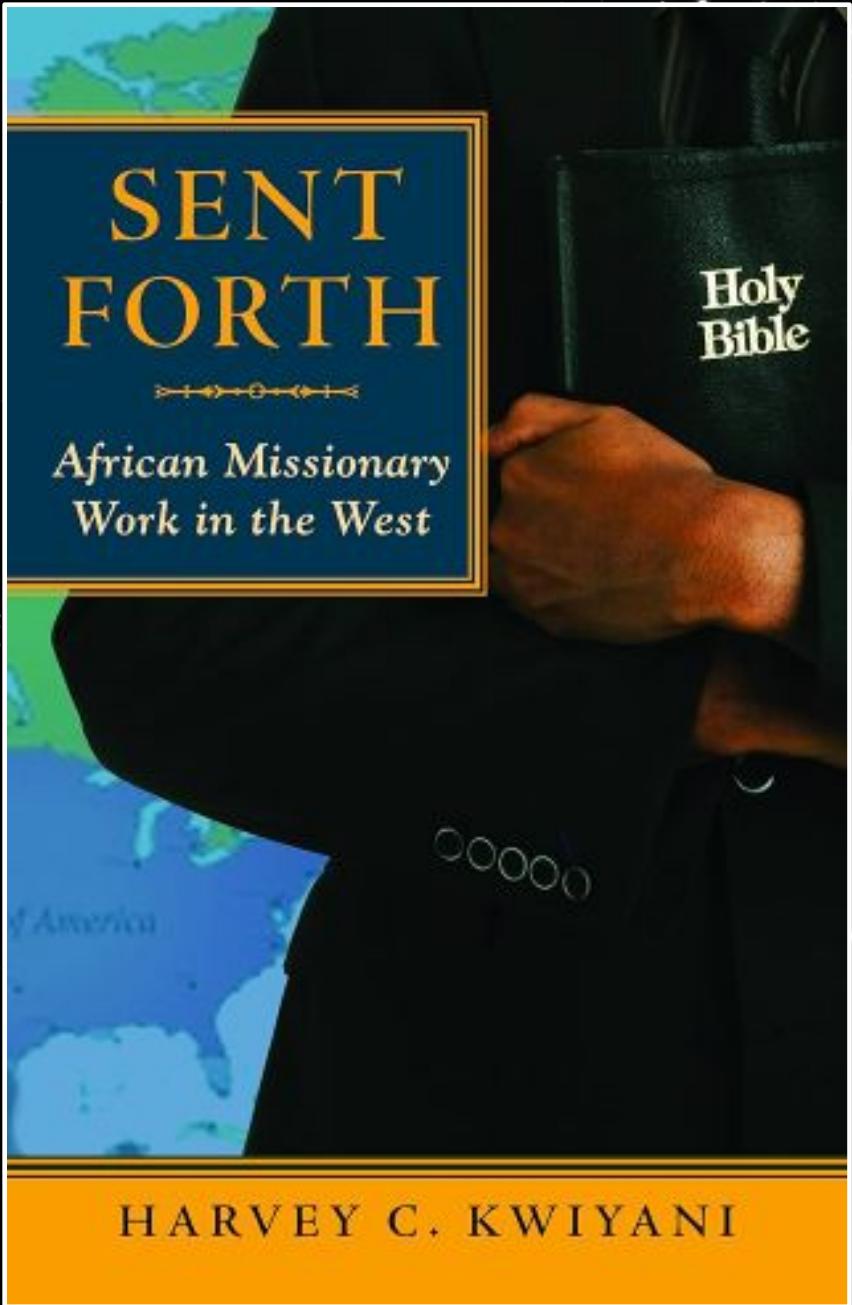












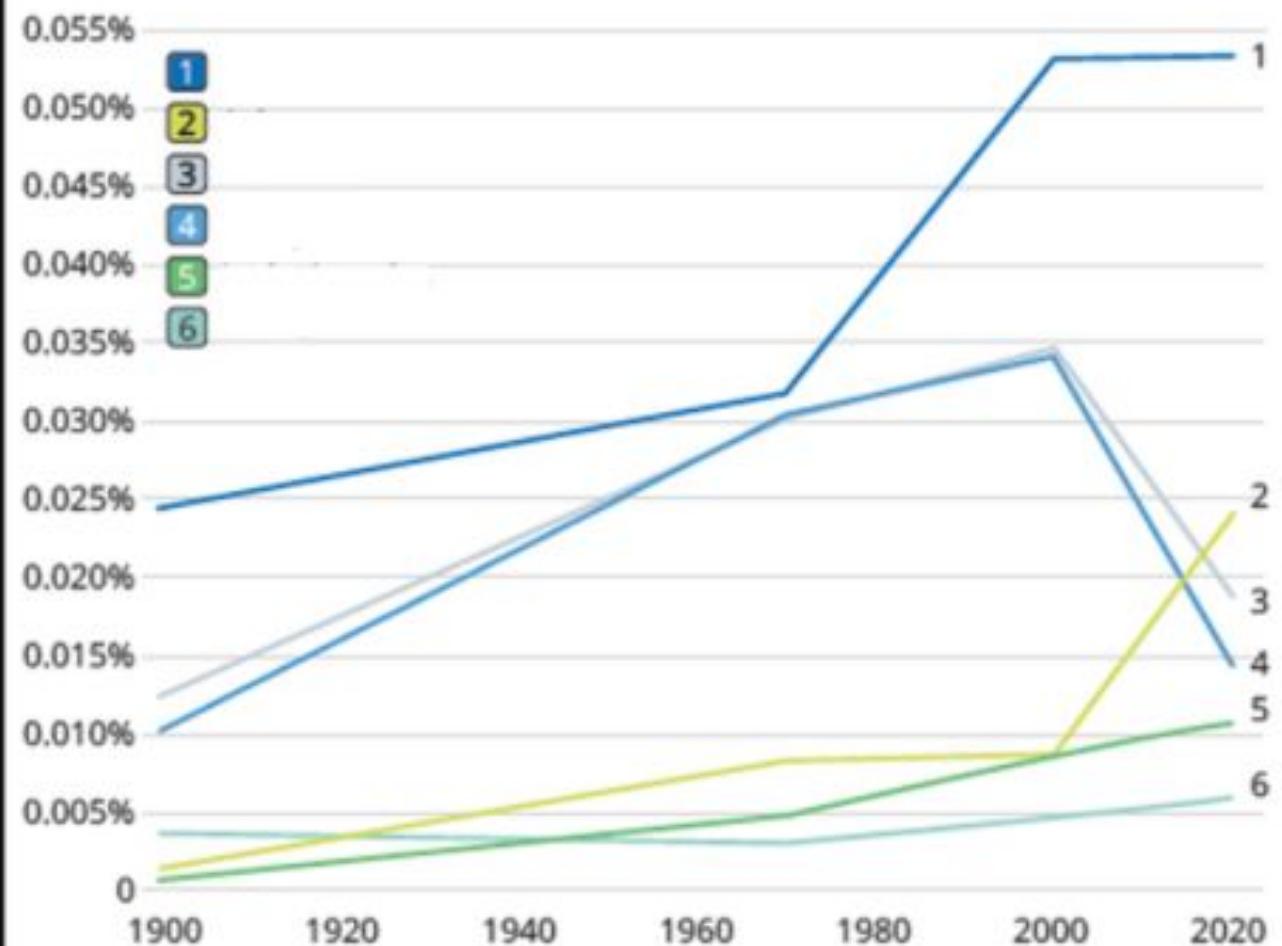
“Today, the continent that was called dark is basking in the light of the gospel and sending its sons and daughters as missionaries to Europe.”

TOP MISSIONARY ACTIVITY



Source: World Christian Database, Accessed March 2023

MISSIONARIES SENT PER CHRISTIAN CAPITA



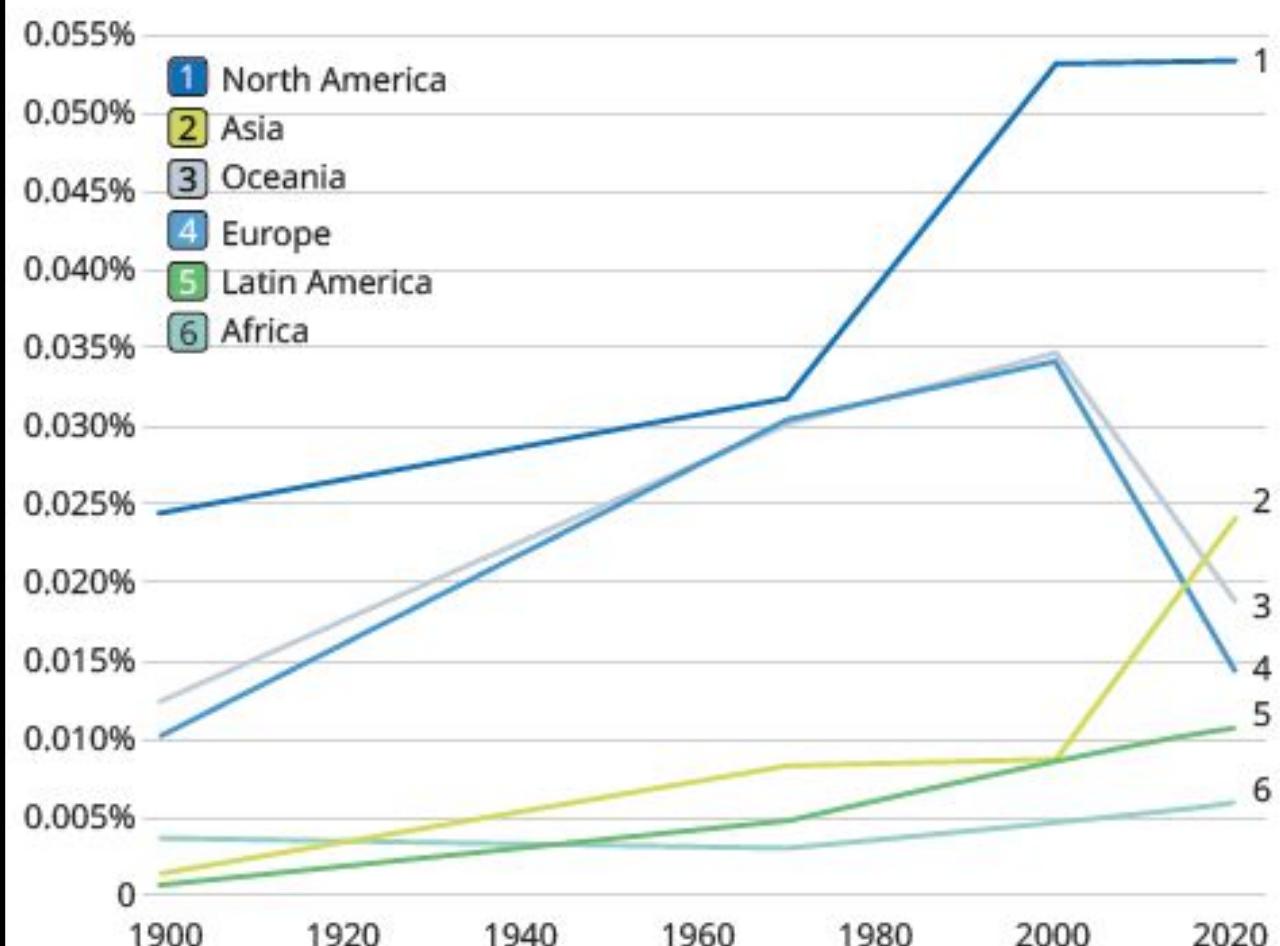
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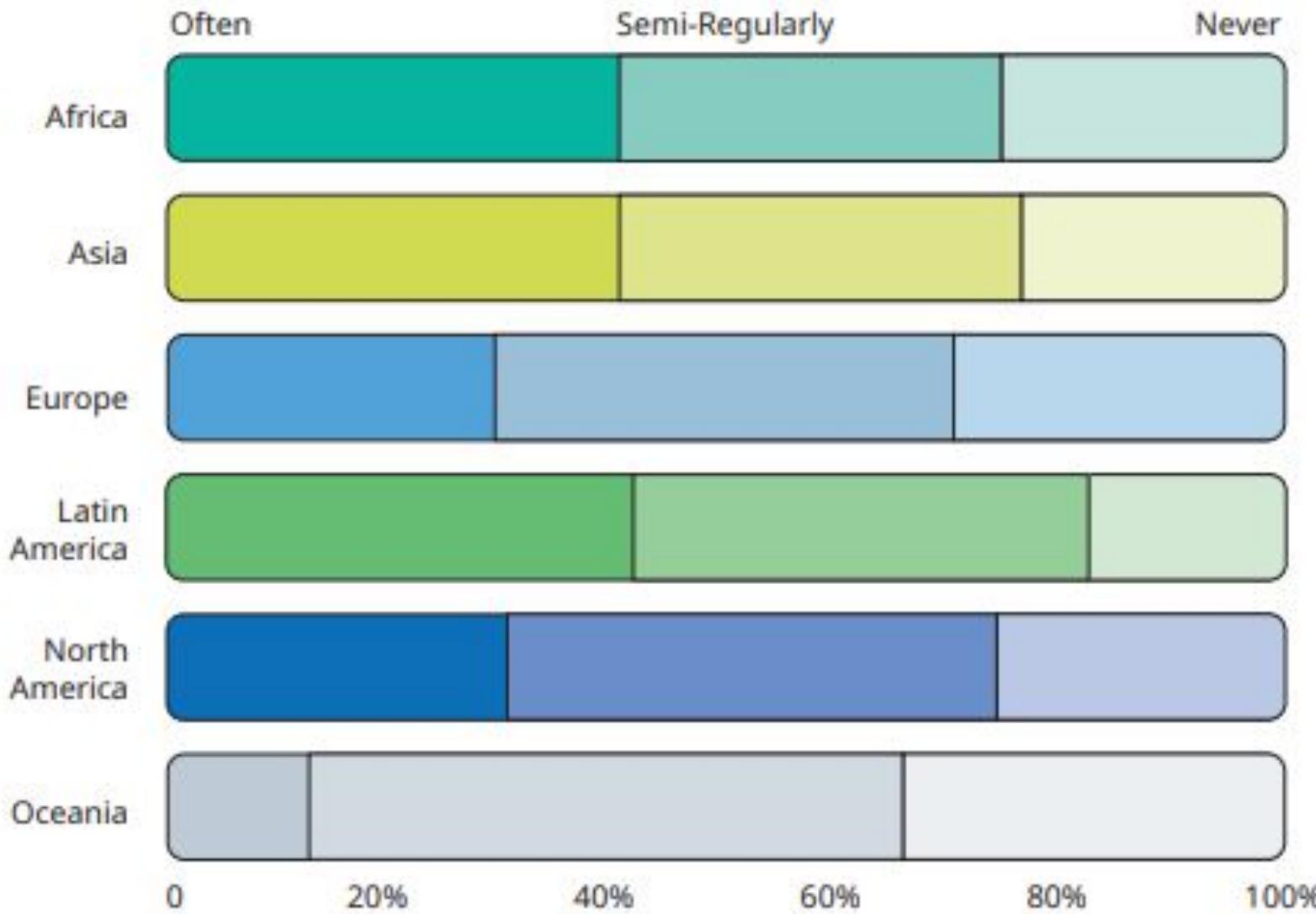
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FREQUENCY OF GREAT COMMISSION TEACHING

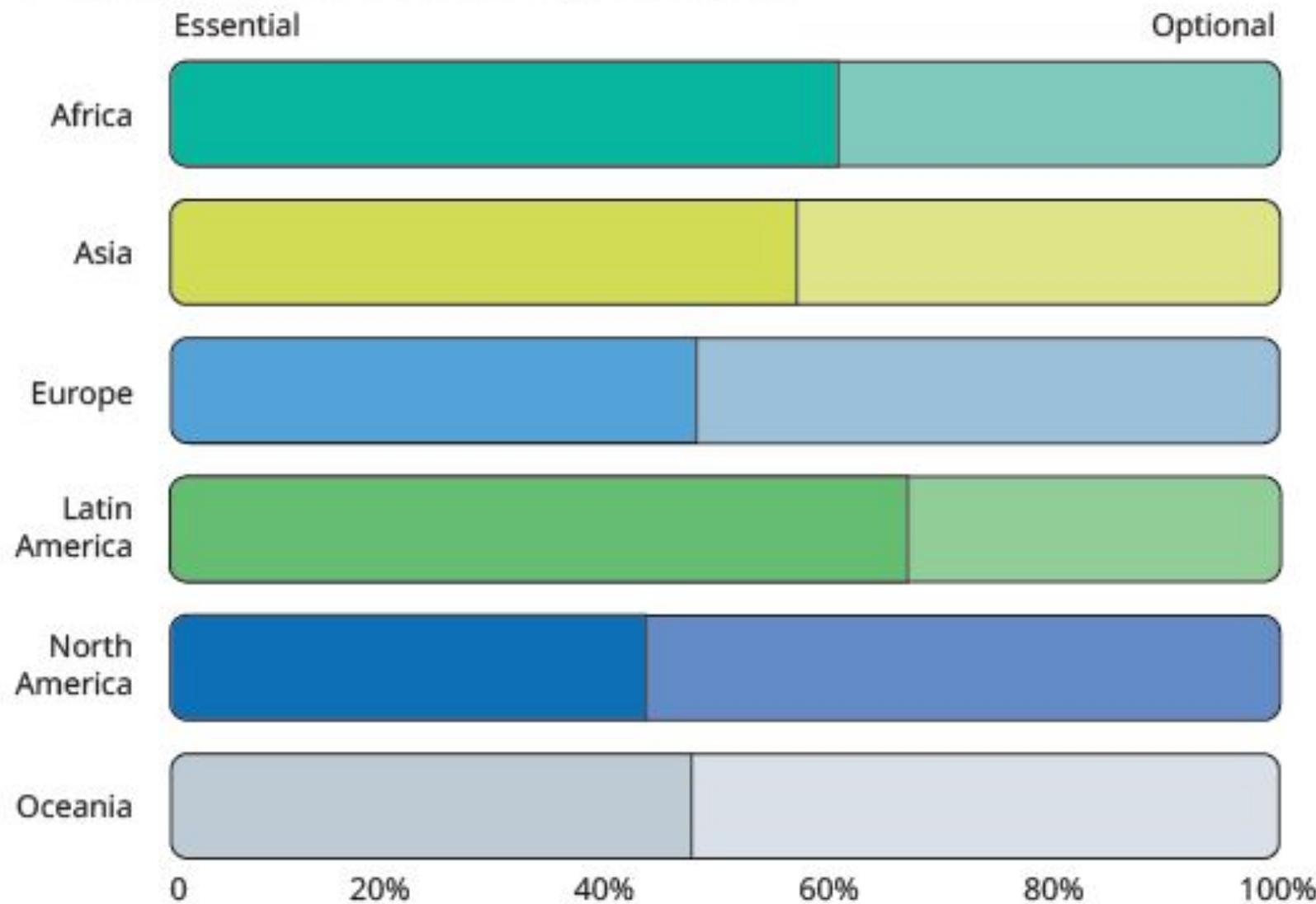
"In your perception, how often do churches teach the Great Commission in your region?"



Source: Lausanne Movement, "Global Leaders Survey," 2022.

IMPORTANCE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

"The average Christian believes sharing the Gospel is:"



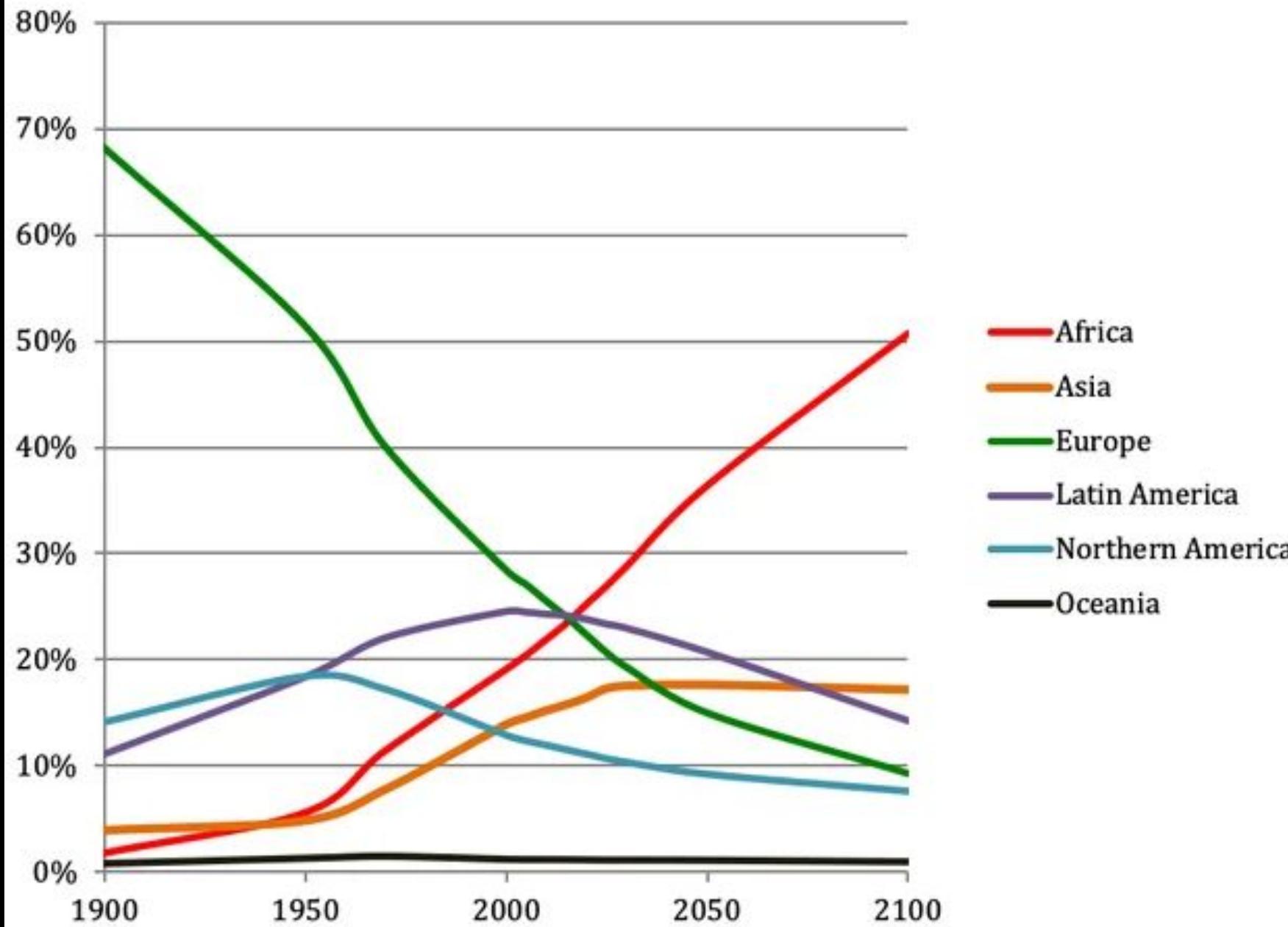
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“In Africa, every Christian is a potential evangelist and a majority of them take this evangelistic calling seriously”

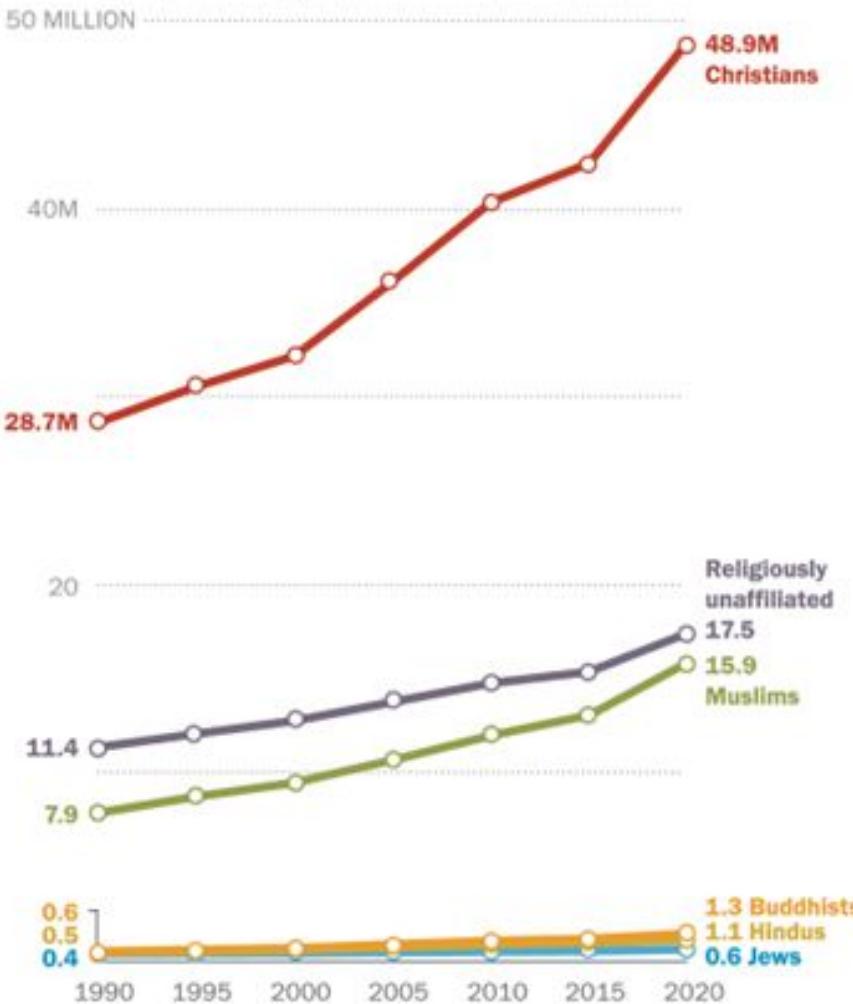
‘The Evangelisthood of all believers’

Percent of the world's Christians in each continent



Migrants in Europe are most often Christian

Number of people in each group who are migrants, 1990-2020



Note: Migrants are all adults and children living in Europe and outside their country of birth. People of "other religions" are not shown.

Source: Data based on migrant counts from the United Nations' "International Migrant Stock 2020" report and religious composition estimates from Pew Research Center analyses of 270 censuses and surveys. The UN makes estimates for each five-year interval. "The Religious Composition of the World's Migrants"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



14% of London's population is black (African, Afro-Caribbean)

60% of London's churchgoing population is black



- The late scholar of World Christianity Andrew Walls made a striking observation once when he noted how a century ago, British missionaries were travelling across Africa, proclaiming the gospel and planting churches over there. Today, by contrast, many African Christian parents living in the UK find themselves deeply concerned about the effects secular British culture is having on the Christian upbringing and faith of their children here in Britain.

“A lot has changed in 100 years.”

FOREWORD BY DR. JOSHUA BOGUNJOKO
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, SERVING IN MISSION (SIM)

AFRICA TO THE REST

FROM MISSION FIELD TO MISSION FORCE (AGAIN)



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AFRICA BEARS WITNESS

MISSION THEOLOGY
AND PRAXIS IN THE
21ST CENTURY

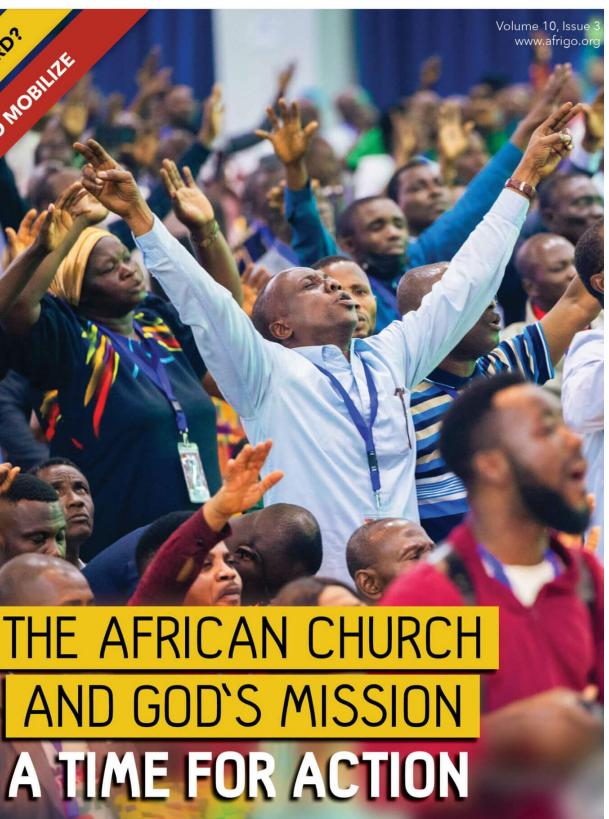
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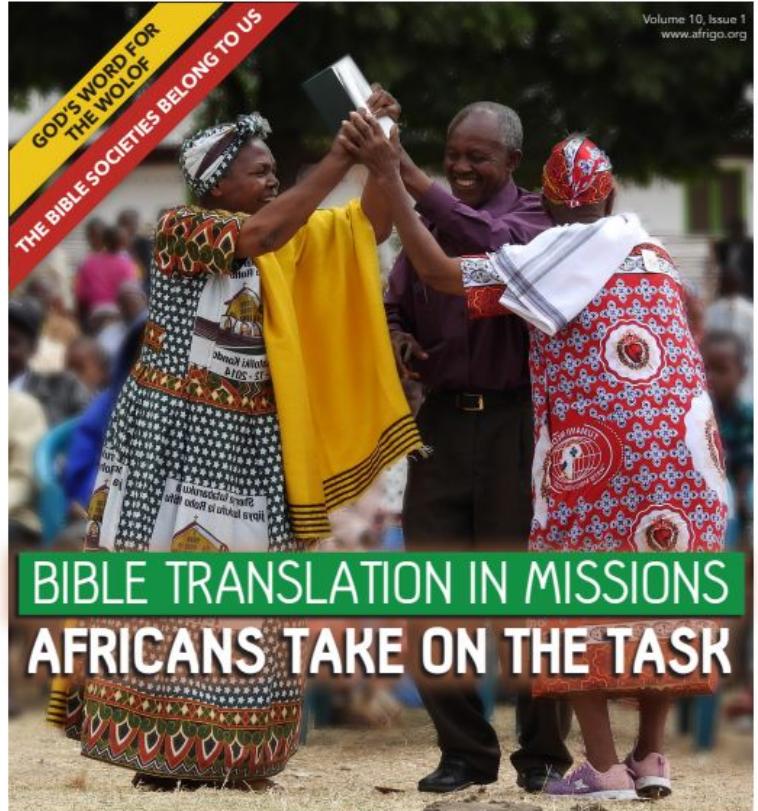
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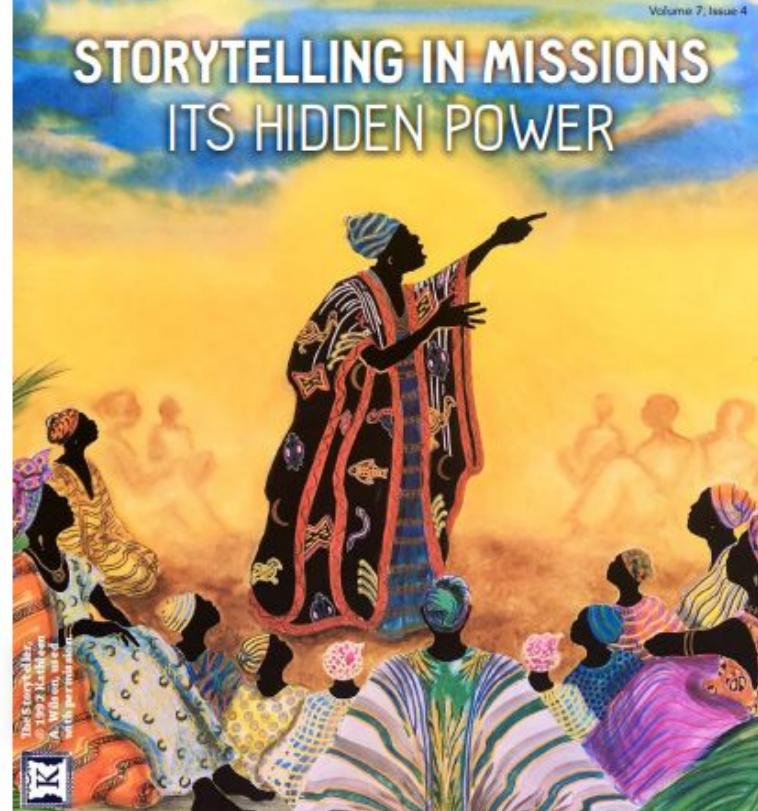
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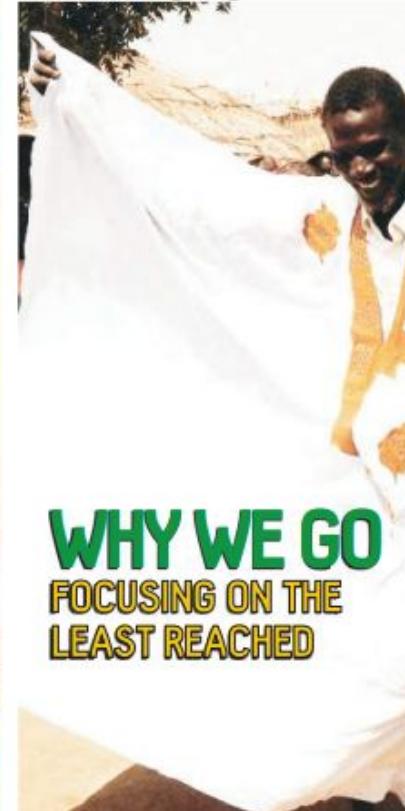
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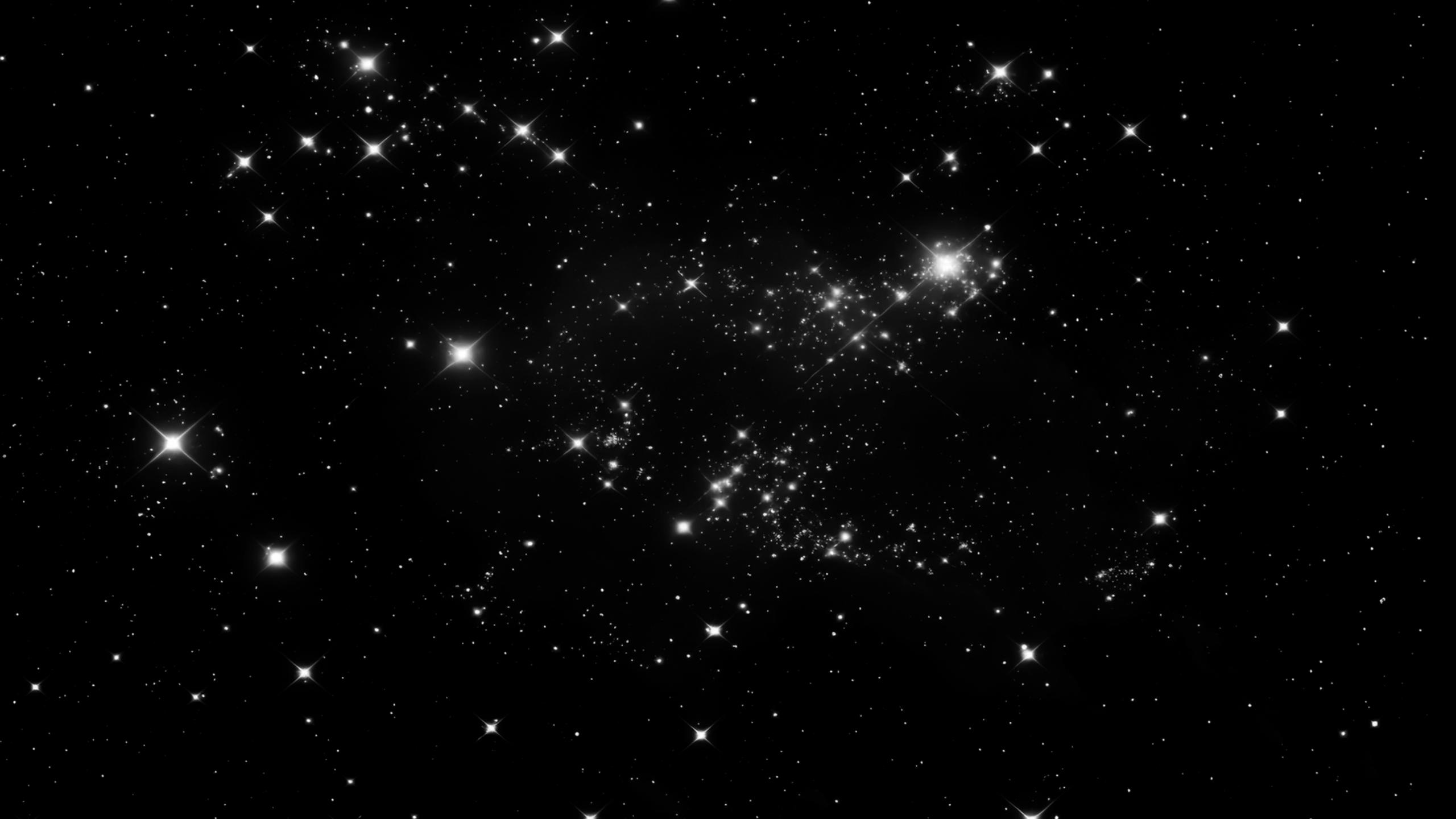


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Who Might Come?

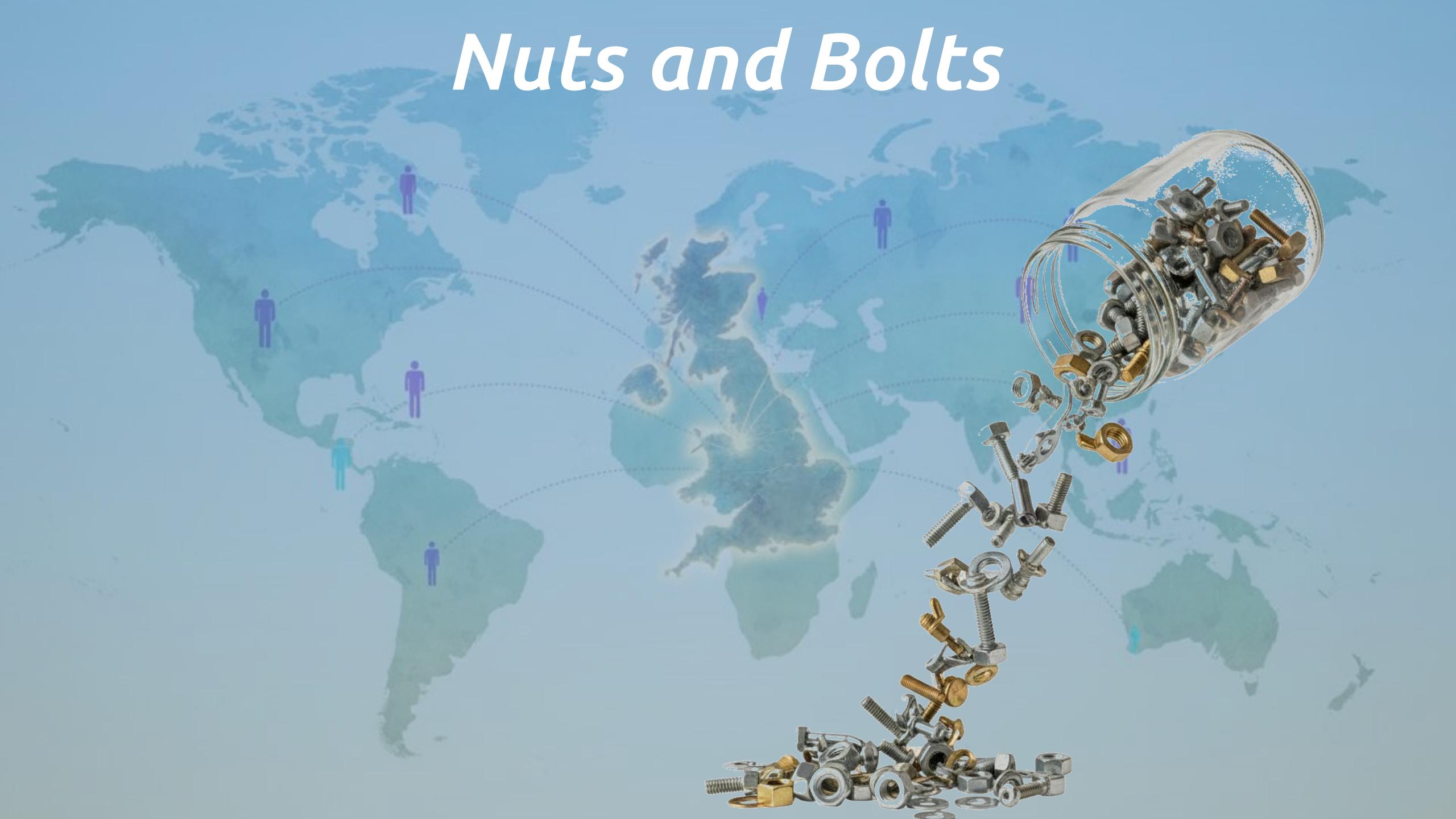


Healthy Servants
Trainers/Strengtheners
Ethnicity Planters
Church Planters

Zealous Individuals
Right to remain
Claiming Asylum
Visa fishers

Self Servants
From any background

Nuts and Bolts



What might (e.g. African) missionaries bring to the UK?



- Spiritual vitality and vibrant worship
- Bold gospel witness and missional urgency
- Resilient discipleship under pressure
- Communal understanding of church
- Fresh theological/biblical insight
- Global Christianity perspective
- Humility, gratitude, prophetic challenge

Welcoming Missionaries to the UK: Some considerations as leaders and churches

- Teach reciprocity
- Challenge paternalism
- Address fears
- Encourage curiosity
- Celebrate diversity

Prepare to
Partner



- Adapt language
- Explore culture
- Negotiate rhythms
- Clarify expectations
- Listen well

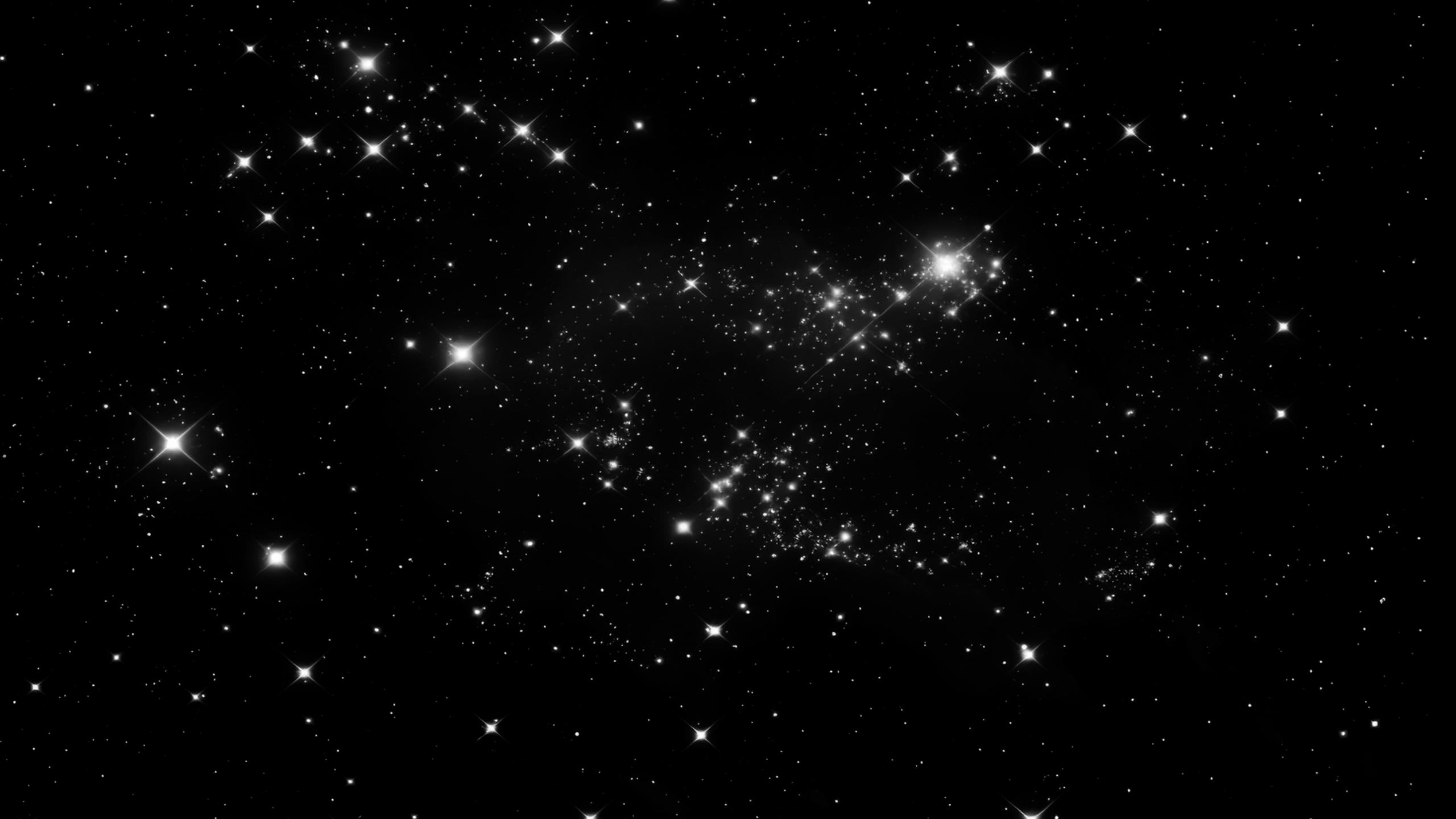
Support
Settling in

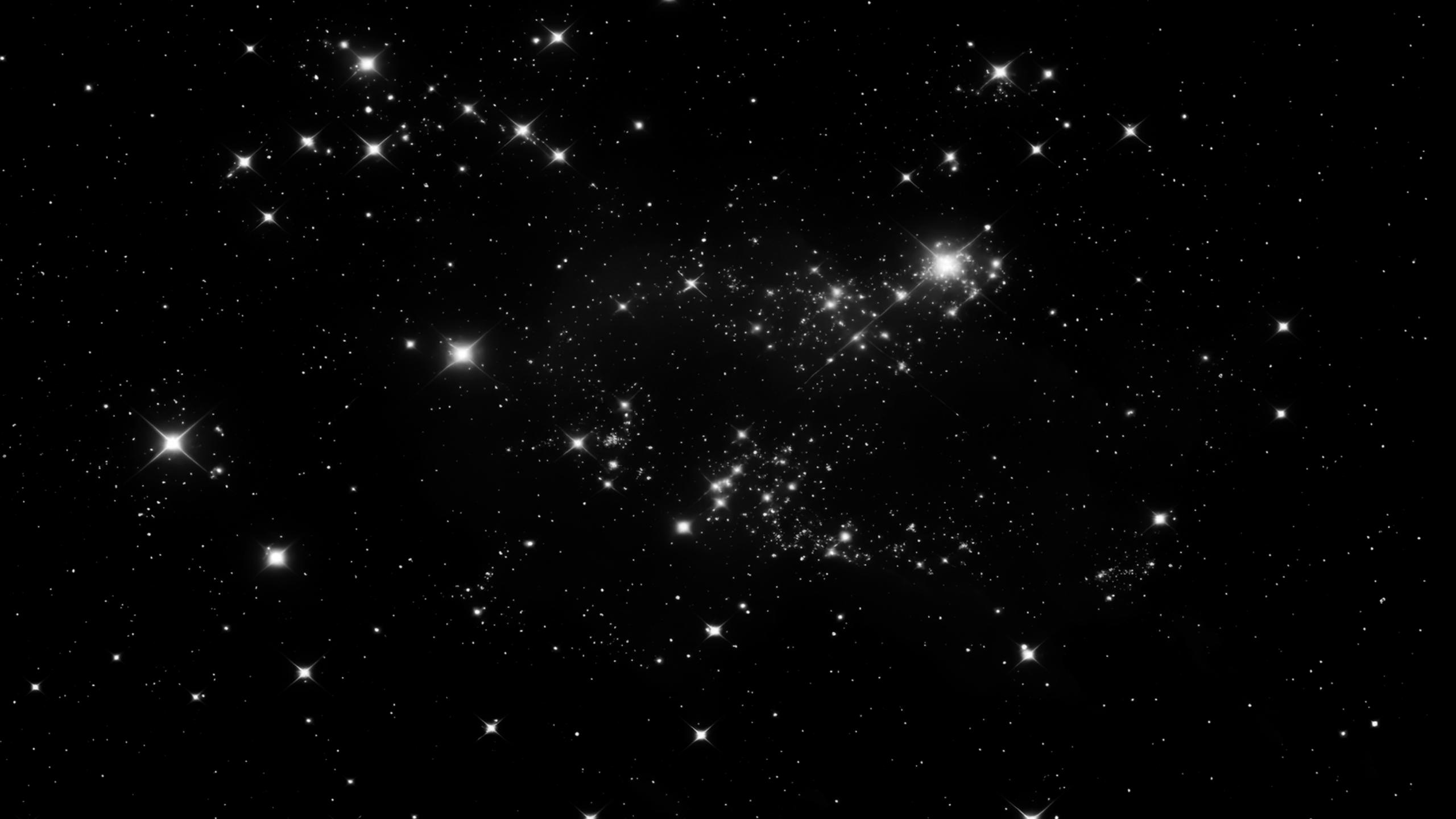


- Promote responsibility
- Encourage contextualisation
- Provide support
- Model patience
- Validate struggle

Deepen in
Discipleship







SENT FORTH

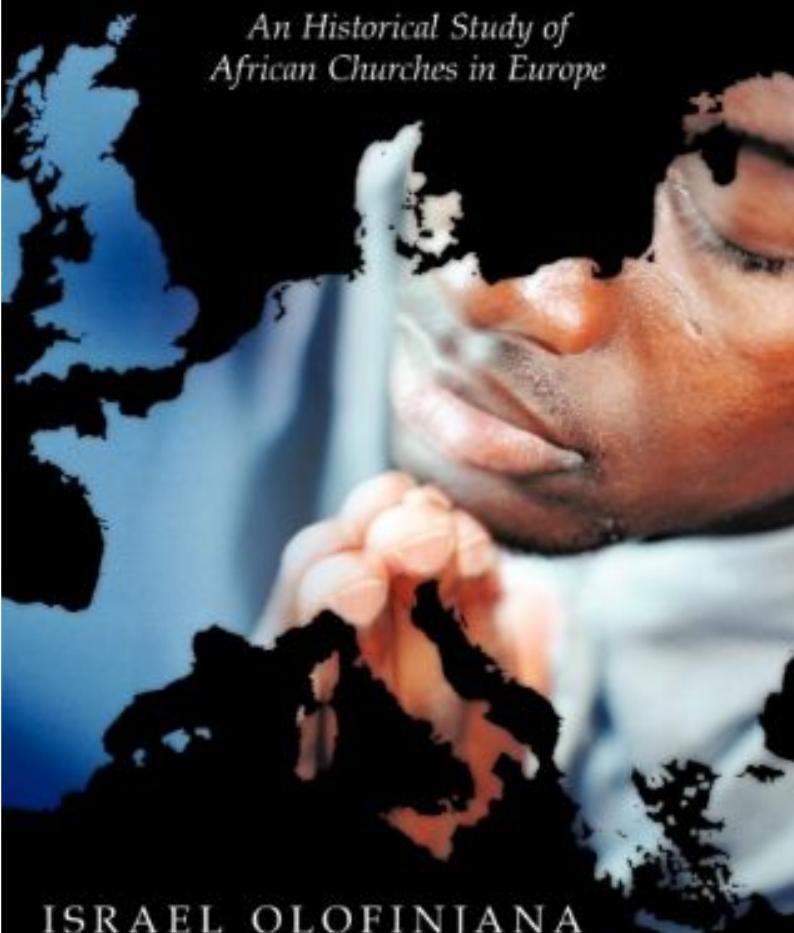
*African Missionary
Work in the West*

Holy
Bible

HARVEY C. KWIYANI

REVERSE IN MINISTRY & MISSIONS: *Africans in the Dark Continent of Europe*

*An Historical Study of
African Churches in Europe*



ISRAEL OLOFINJANA

instant
apostle

Turning the Tables on Mission

Stories of Christians from the
global south in the UK

Edited by Rev Israel Olofinjana



CURRENT STATUS OF THE GREAT **COMMISSION**

INTRODUCTION

Measuring the progress of the Great Commission is an infinitely complex task which aims to track the ineftable movement of God; yet, we can measure a wide variety of human activity faithful to the great commission. The following reports on the current status of a wide variety of traditional missiological measures.

CURRENT STATUS **GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY**

% CHRISTIAN AFFILIATION* BY COUNTRY



YOUNG AFRICA, AGING WEST

Sub-Saharan Africa's youthful Christian population ensures the region's centrality to global Christian growth for decades to come. Christianity will increasingly be a religion of the aged in Europe and North America.

Source: World Christian Database, Accessed May 2013. *Includes reported Christian affiliation, or identification with belief, practice, or theological beliefs

GROWTH AND DECLINE

Over the past century, Christianity witnessed its most marked growth in Sub-Saharan Africa and its most marked decline in the Middle East, North Africa, and Western Europe.

% OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY



Source: World Christian Database, Accessed May 2013

MEDIAN AGE



LOWEST % CHRISTIAN



Source: Pew Center, *The Future of World Religions*, 2011
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How to say "No" or "Not Yet" to missionary candidates

"Our job as senders is to rely on his Spirit and the wisdom of others as we identify, assess, and develop potential missionaries and trust that he will show us when to say "Yes," when to say "No," and when to say "Not yet." Crucial for mission agencies to know when, and how, to make tough decisions like this. Ryan Martin writing for The ever-excellent Upstream Collective blog.

GENERAL (well worth your time)

(1) Pray for missionaries to enjoy the culture

Praying for missionaries can be a struggle, especially in the absence of recent news. This fun post from a US missionary in Central Asia highlights something all missionaries would value prayer for: to enjoy aspects of local culture that are very different to their own.

(2) God's sovereign supply in support raising

"God wants missionaries to be sent, and he is sovereign over their going. Therefore, we can trust him in support raising." Maybe you've read an article something like this before. I have. But I also greatly appreciated reading something like this again. Evan Smith writing for Reaching and Teaching International.

(3) 3 Bad reasons to pursue missions—and 3 good ones

"I just can't see myself making a difference here"..."If only I could plant a church where I'm in charge"..."My life isn't having an impact right now." Have you ever heard such things from prospective missionaries? Or said/felt them yourself? Some helpful reflections here from Alex Kocman for the ABWE blog.

AUDIO/VISUAL (podcasts & videos)

(Click here for a full list of 100+ mission-related podcasts)

(1) Reinterpreting hospitality

Massively enjoyed and benefitted from this 45min 'Love the Stranger' podcast episode with Dr. Harvey Kwiyani (Centre for Global Witness and Human Migration at Church Mission Society, Oxford) speaking about Christian hospitality in the context of migration. It's spoken from and for a primarily UK context but actually has huge resonance I believe with US and other global listeners too. Highly recommended.

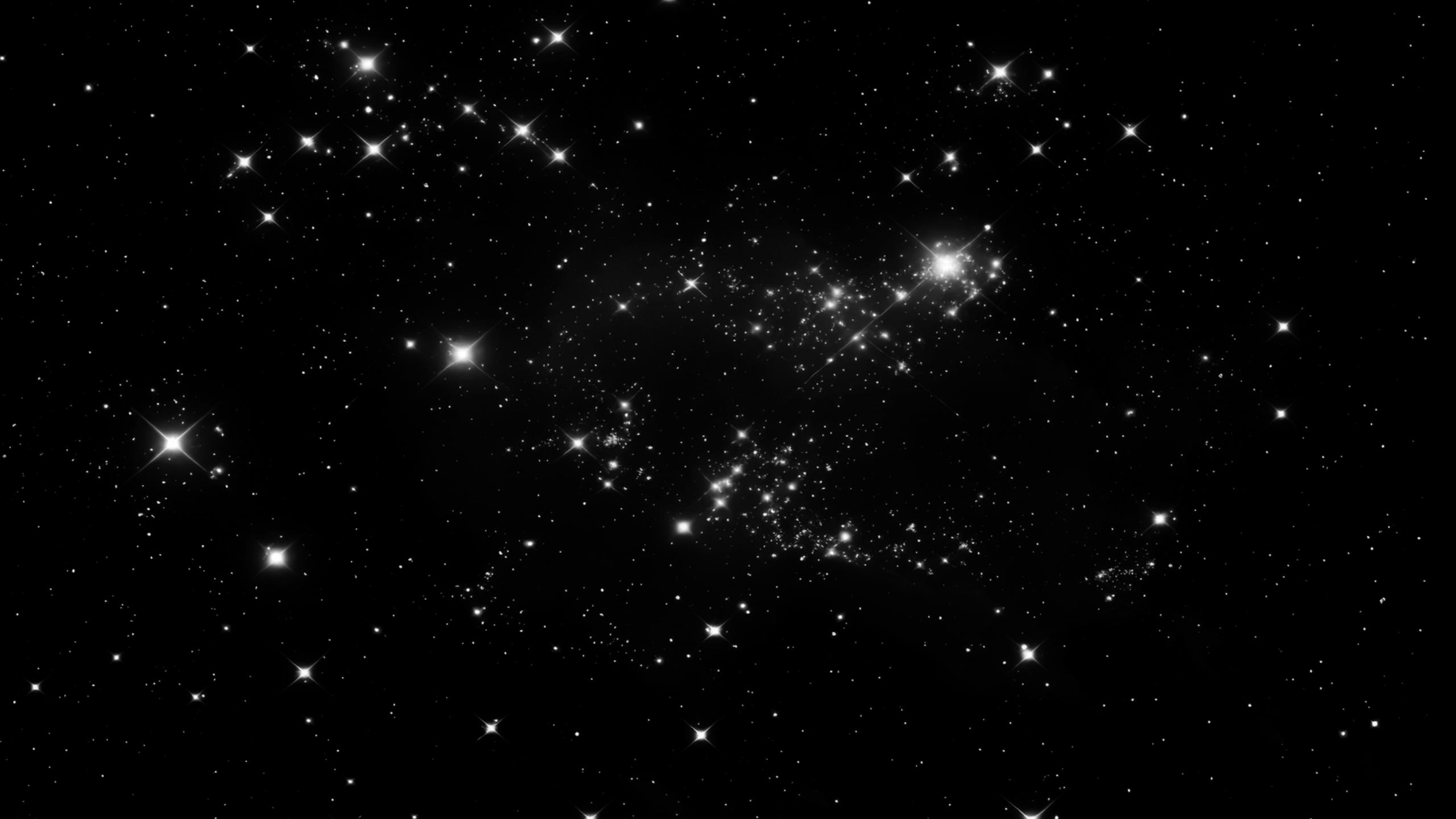
(2) Diaspora missions

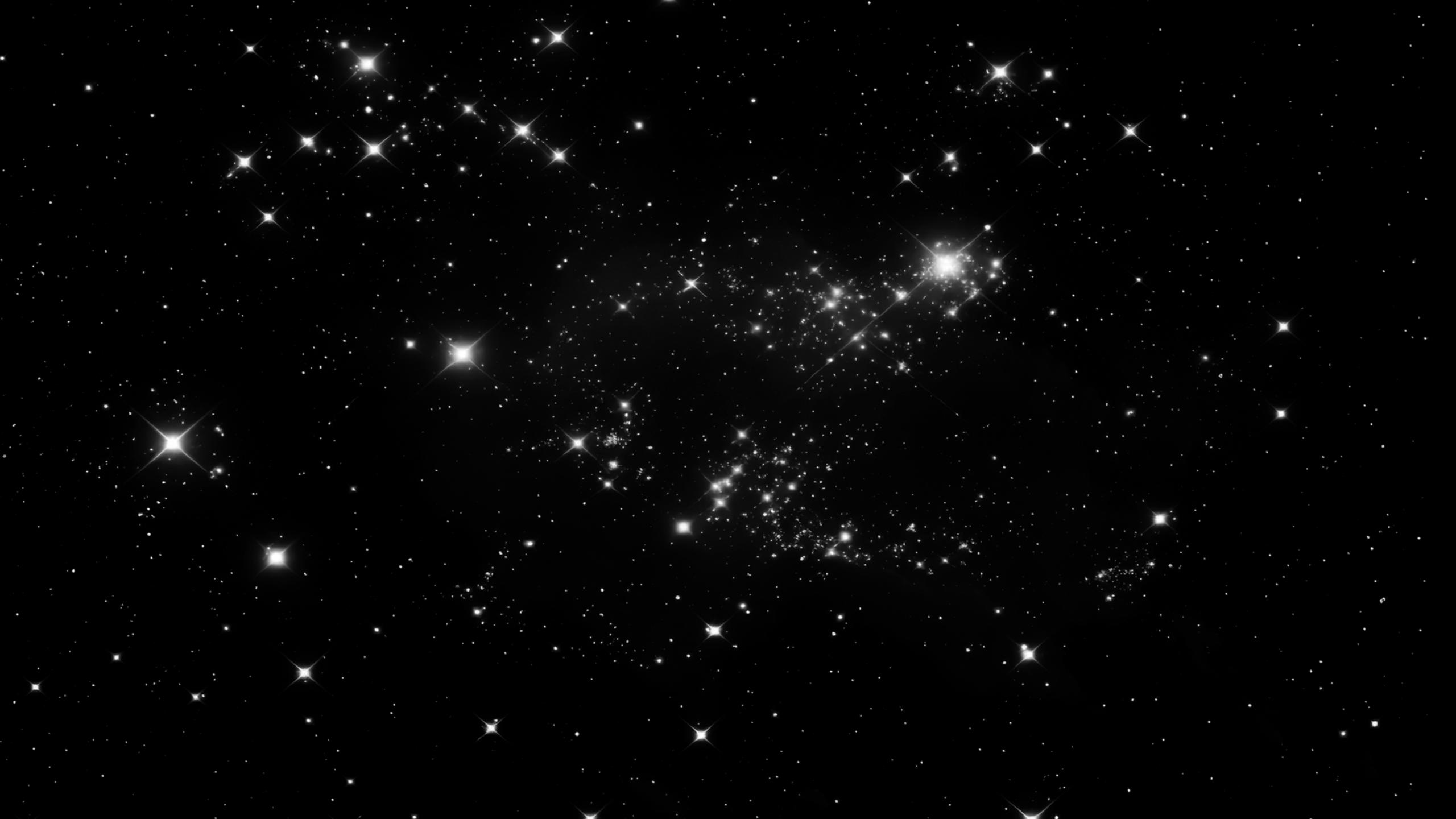
Keelan Cook and Scott Hildreth on whether immigration to the US should be considered an opportunity or a challenge (threat?) for American churches today. I really appreciated the

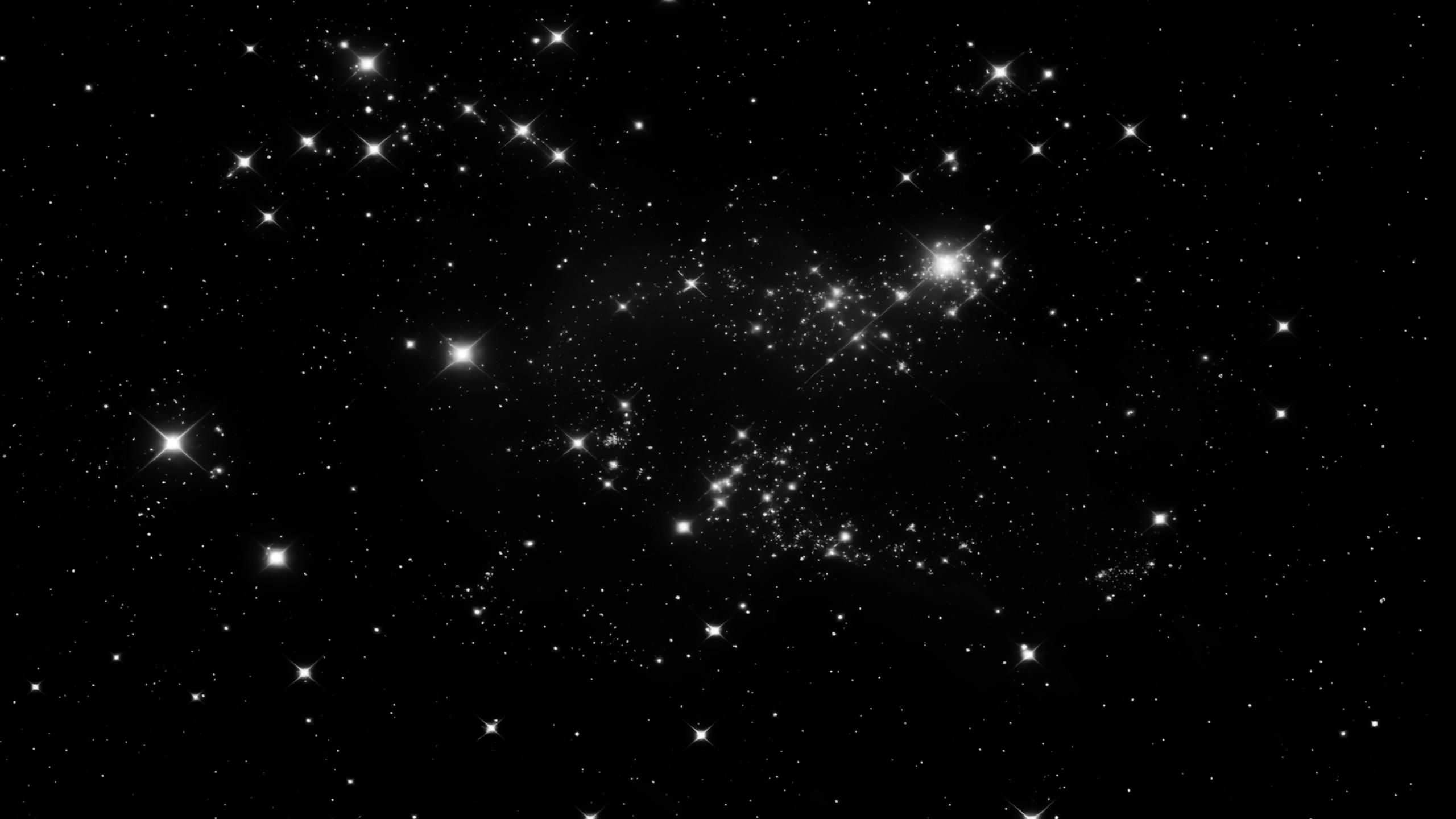




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THE FOUR MOST DANGEROUS
WORDS IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH

I. DONT. NEED. YOU.



Seoul
INCHEON
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“The mission of God is the same, whether it involves Europeans working in Africa or Africans working in Europe. Our language must reflect an awareness that the same God who sends Westerners also sends Africans, Asians, and Latin Americans.

We commonly [speak of] mission as something that Westerners do in other parts of the world while people from Africa, Asia, and Latin America only do ‘reverse mission’ or ‘diaspora mission’. This is not justifiable.

Polycentric mission cannot happen when Western Christians believe they are superior or higher than the rest of us. In this century of world Christianity, there should be no second-class missionary. Any segregation in our missionary movements renders the whole idea of polycentric mission unattainable.”