

(Sermon Clip) The Disfigured Bride And Unreached People Groups

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Scripture: Matthew 28:19, Romans 10:14, Revelation 7:9, Psalm 96:3, Isaiah 6:8

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Transcript

Apostleship is not to be rendered in the shadow of a thousand steeples. Our partnership must take us arm-in-arm, bend-in-knee-to-bend-in-knee into the shadowlands, to the Libya's, into the Iraq's, into the Syria's and the Somalia's of the world. And we must witness and suffer and live and die in the most unstable of locations together.

Our centennial celebration must be laced with mourning. As Lauren Triplett rightly said, we must measure ourselves by what is left undone. Jesus is coming for a beautiful bride, and yet as long as there are unreached peoples, the bride is still defigured.

The Rashida are unreached, and the bride has no eye. The Pashtun are unreached, and the bride has no teeth. The Somali are unreached, and the bride has no hair.

1.6 billion Muslims are unreached, and the bride has no ear. Hundreds of peoples across central Eurasia are unreached, and the bride has no nose. This is a vital aspect of mission so little understood.

Not only do absent peoples mar the church, absent peoples mar the image of Jesus, for the church doesn't have the fullness of Jesus until the fullness of the nations have Him. And look at this image of a

marred, incomplete bride. And yet, every time an unreached people group joins the fold, a new perspective of God is released into Christian corpus.

Think of it. Turkmen of Central Asia are saved. We get our nose back.

Muslims redeemed, and we gain an ear. God is glorified by the Somali, and our head is adorned with hair. The gospel progresses across the Pashtun, and we get our teeth.

The Rashida respond to the glory of God, and we gain an eye. The church is beautified by the spread of the gospel.

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