

LESSON 10: UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Fire and Go: A Missions Course for African Pastors

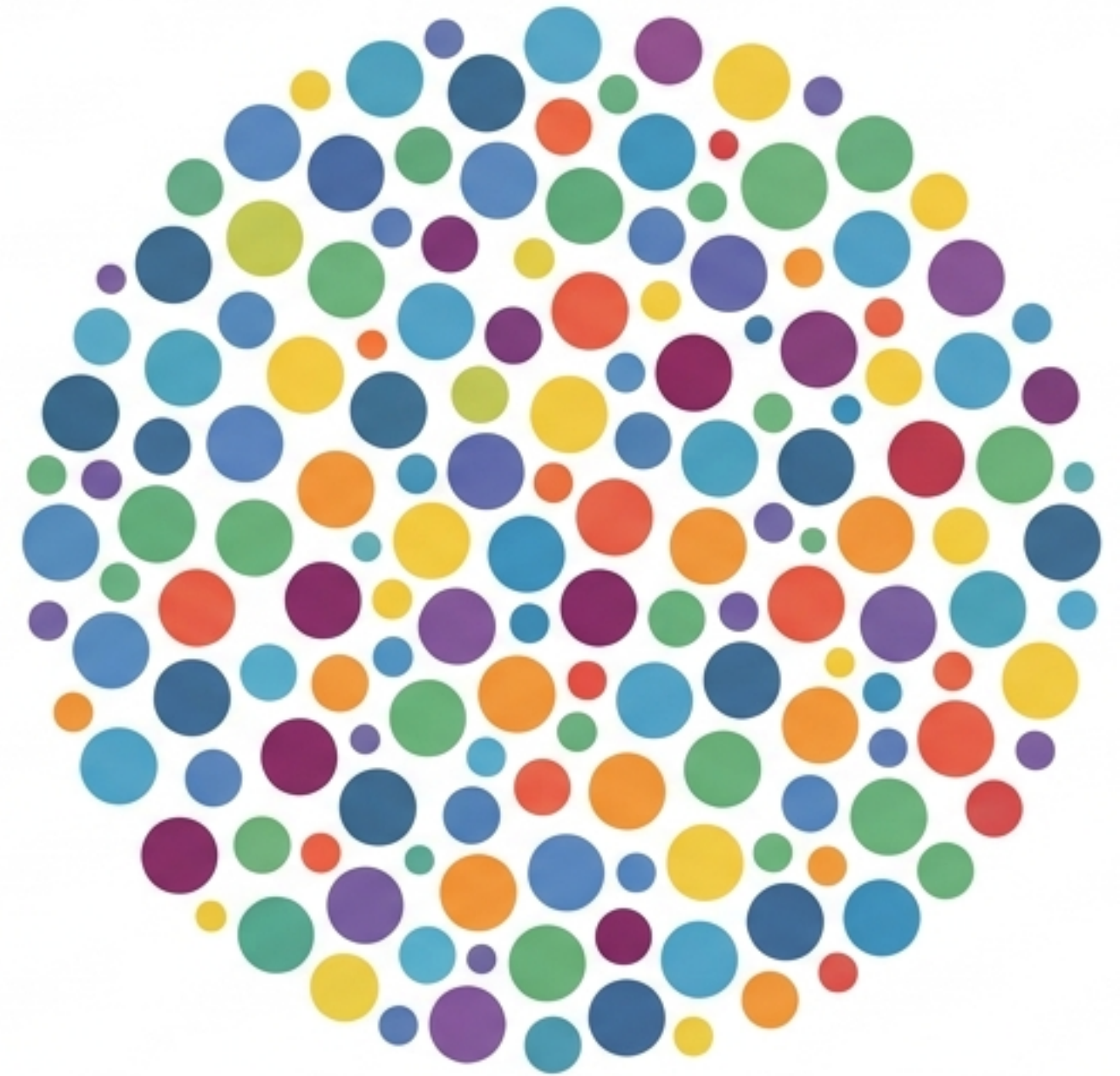
“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues...”

— Revelation 7:9

WHAT IS A PEOPLE GROUP?

A significantly large group of individuals who share a common affinity through:

- **Language**
- **Religion**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Culture or Class**



NATIONS vs. ETHNE



200

The World's Political Nations

- Roughly 200 countries
- Created by political borders



17,000

The Biblical Ethne

- Approximately 17,000 people groups
- Created by culture and language

The Great Commission targets Ethne.

DEFINING THE UNREACHED

People Group

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Unreached People Group (UPG)

2%

- Less than 2% Evangelical Christian
- No indigenous community large enough to evangelise their own group without outside help.

Unengaged Unreached People Group (UUPG)

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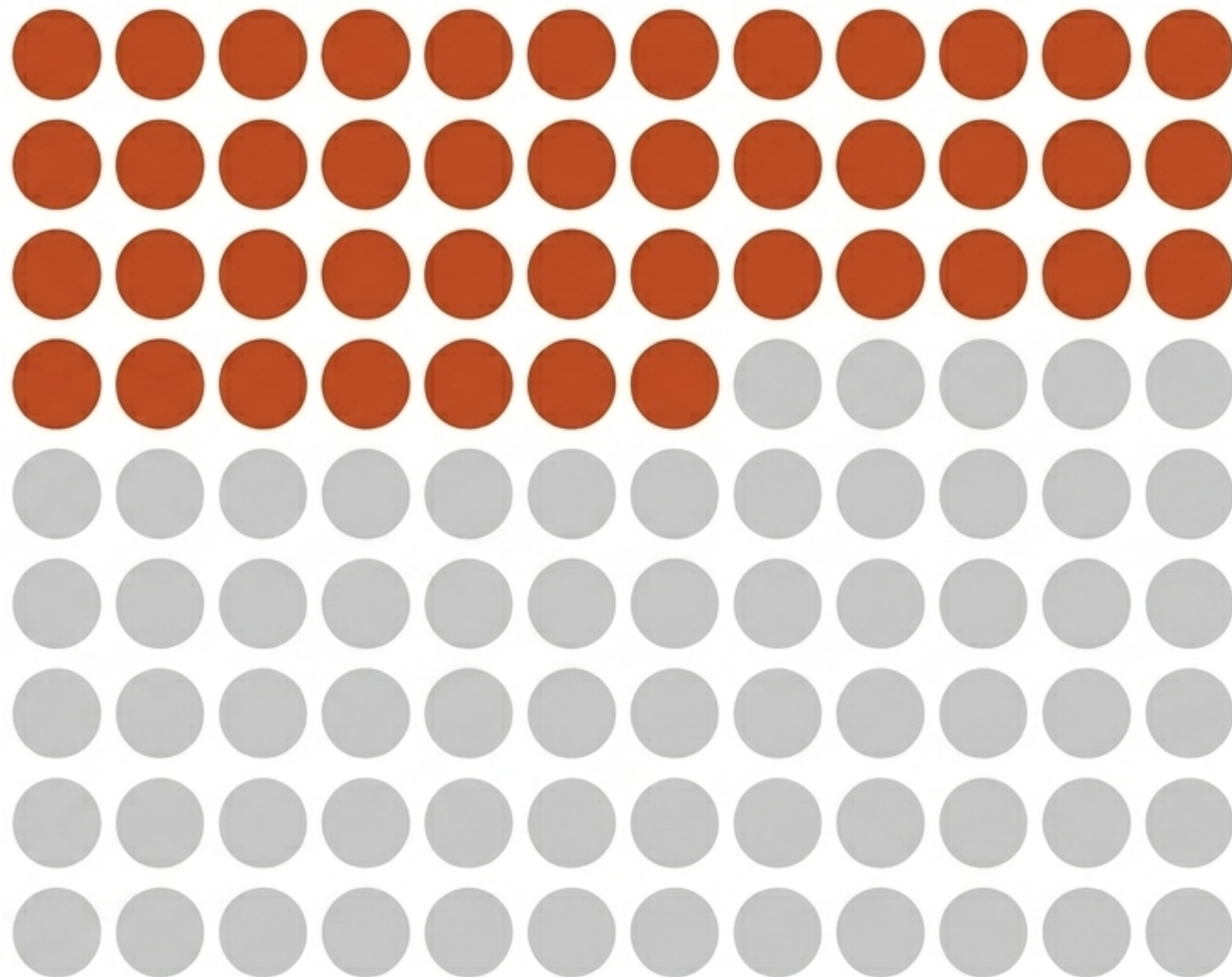
- 0 active church planting efforts.
- No missionaries, no presence.

THE SCALE OF THE TASK

7,000
UNREACHED
PEOPLE GROUPS

3 BILLION
PEOPLE

40% OF THE
WORLD'S
POPULATION

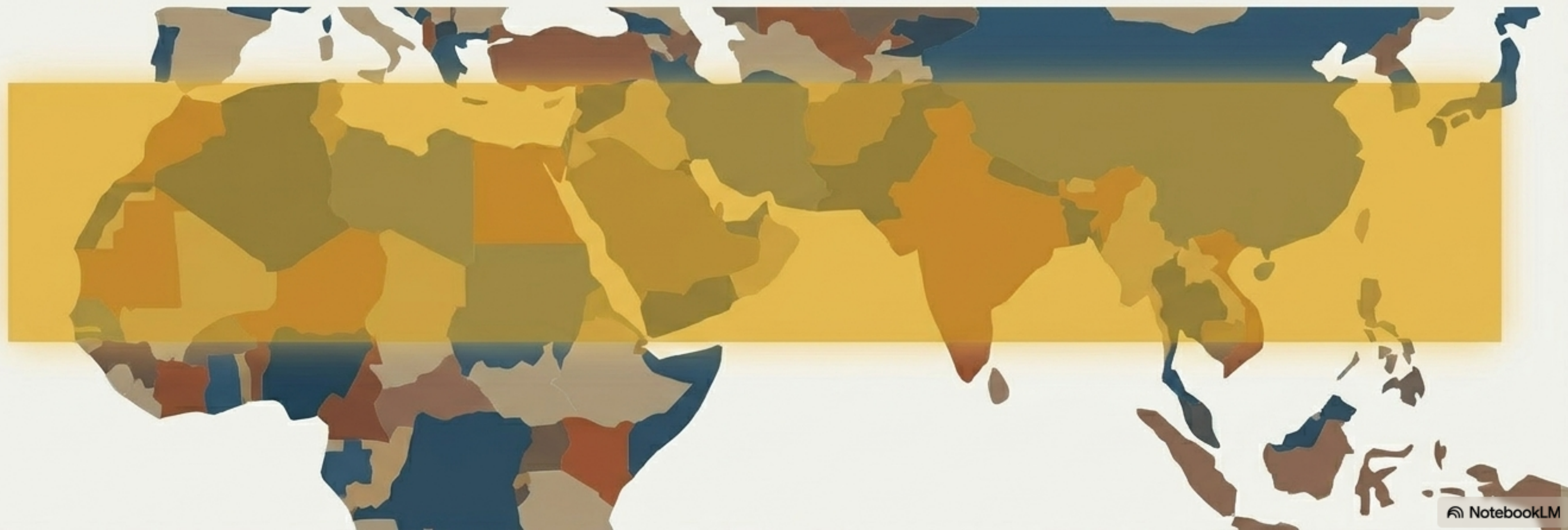


THE 10/40 WINDOW

A geographic band between 10 and 40 degrees North Latitude.

It contains:

- The majority of the world's Unreached People Groups
- The majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists
- The greatest spiritual need on earth



THE AFRICAN ADVANTAGE

Why African churches must lead the way:

1. **Geographic Proximity:** We share a continent with the unreached.
2. **Cultural Ease:** African missionaries face fewer cultural barriers than Westerners.
3. **Biblical Mandate:** Romans 15:20 – 'Not where Christ was named...



PENTECOSTAL APPLICATION



Power Evangelism

Unreached peoples respond to demonstrations of God's power over evil spirits, sickness, and fear.



Dreams and Visions

The Holy Spirit is currently moving among the unreached, preparing hearts through dreams before the missionary even arrives.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the difference between a political nation and a people group?**
- 2. With 3 billion unreached people, how are we doing at fulfilling the Great Commission?**
- 3. How are churches in your nation uniquely positioned to reach the unreached?**
- 4. What specific unreached group is God putting on your heart?**



PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the Unreached near you.

Look up the Joshua Project website. Find the three least-reached people groups closest to your city or nation.

Pray for them by name. Ask God to raise up missionaries from your church to reach them.

ACTION STEP

Educate your congregation.

- Find unreached groups within 200 kilometres of your church.
- Research their language, culture, and religious background.
- Present this to your church.
- **Begin praying regularly as a congregation.**