


LESSON 23

New Methods of Missions

The message never changes. The methods must.

"Behold, I will do a new thing...
I will even make a road in the
wilderness." — Isaiah 43:19



DIGITAL MISSIONS

The New Roman Road

5 BILLION+ 

People connected
to the internet
globally.



MOBILE FIRST

Africa's
communication
revolution is
happening directly
on mobile devices.



Social media, WhatsApp, and video platforms are no longer just for entertainment. They are the primary platforms for twenty-first-century gospel proclamation.

DIGITAL MISSIONS

Digital Outreach Tools



Connect & Proclaim



Translate & Distribute

WhatsApp Groups: Real-time teaching and daily pastoral care.

YouTube: Extending local preaching to a global reach.

Short-Form Video (TikTok/Instagram Reels): Reaching secular, urban youth exactly where they scroll.

YouVersion App: 500 million+ downloads, providing access in 1,500+ languages.

The Jesus Film: Streamed on mobile devices in 1,800+ languages, bypassing geographic borders directly into remote villages.

DIGITAL MISSIONS

Digital Church Planting

Discover

Seekers interact with online content and connect through digital platforms.

Deepen

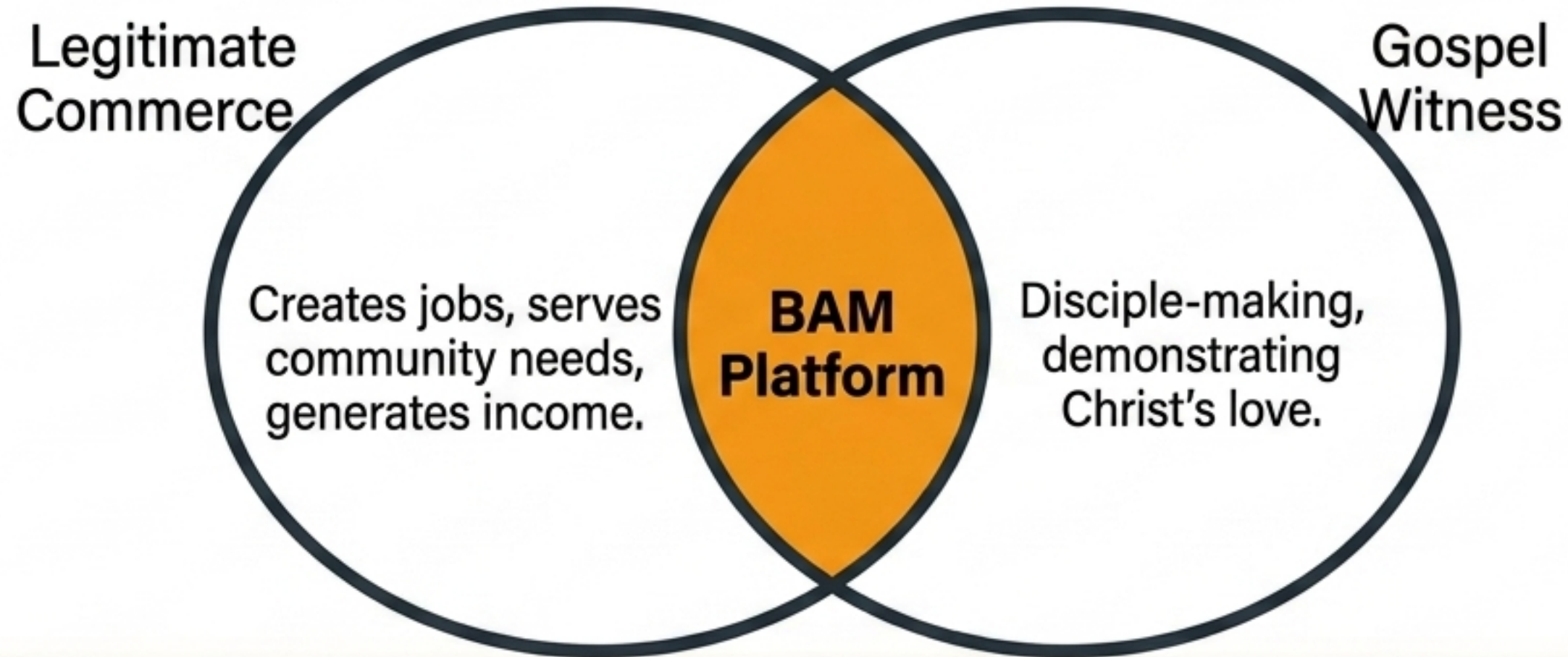
New believers are actively disciplined via secure messaging and video calls.

Deploy

Digital communities bridge into physical, embodied house churches—even if secretly in closed closed nations.

BAM, STM, AND DIASPORA

Business as Mission (BAM)



The African Advantage: Governments in North Africa and the Middle East that ban “missionary visas” actively recruit African engineers, doctors, teachers, and entrepreneurs. African professionals possess a natural, legitimate platform to carry the gospel across closed borders

BAM, STM, AND DIASPORA

Short-Term Missions: Helps vs. Harms

STM That Harms

Creates local financial dependency.

Undermines indigenous pastoral leadership.

Leaves a trail of unfinished projects.

Acts without invitation from local partners.

STM That Helps

Specifically requested by local church partners.

Exposes believers to cross-cultural fields as learners.

Equips and supports long-term field workers.

Requires rigorous cultural and language pre-training.

BAM, STM, AND DIASPORA

Diaspora Missions: Reaching the World in Our Backyards



When unreached people groups (e.g., Somali, Yemeni, Pakistani Muslims) migrate to global cities, they leave behind the extreme social pressure of their home cultures. They become highly accessible to the gospel. African Pentecostal churches are uniquely positioned to reach them.

ORALITY, STORYING, AND CPM

Oral Bible Storying (OBS)

5.7 BILLION

Oral Learners Worldwide



Not everyone learns through printed books.

Oral Bible Storying crafts biblical narratives into the traditional, indigenous communication styles of a community.

Hear it. Remember it. Retell it.

ORALITY, STORYING, AND CPM

Church Planting Movements (CPM)

Catalyzing rapid, multiplying waves of new churches among unreached peoples.



ORALITY, STORYING, AND CPM

Addition vs. Multiplication

The Convert Model



Addition: One pastor adds followers one by one.

Result: Complex, slow, and relies entirely on professional clergy.

The CPM Model



Multiplication: Every disciple makes a disciple. Every church plants a church.

Result: Simple, explosive, and relies entirely on the Holy Spirit.

PENTECOSTAL APPLICATION

The Original Innovator



“Behold, I will do a new thing...”

The Holy Spirit who surprised the disciples at Pentecost, directed Philip to the desert road, and gave Paul a vision of Macedonia is the same Spirit guiding us to new methods today.

The Ultimate Test:

Do these new methods produce genuine disciples who are transformed by the Holy Spirit and making more disciples?

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Reflection Questions

- 1.** How is your church currently using digital platforms? Are they for internal communication, or actual gospel outreach?
- 2.** What specific diaspora community is present in your city? What would it take to begin intentional outreach to them?
- 3.** How could Oral Bible Storying principles outuroorion?
How could Oral Bible Storying principles help you reach communities with low literacy in your region?
- 4.** What is the difference between a short-term mission trip that helps and one that harms?

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Prayer Focus

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to reveal which new missions methods your church is called to embrace in this season.

ASK for the wisdom to evaluate new methods biblically.

SEEK courage to innovate, and the discernment to distinguish between fruitful ministry and empty activity.

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Action Step: The 90-Day Digital Audit

Audit Your Digital Presence: Assess your church's website, social media pages, and WhatsApp groups.

Ask Honestly: Is this media being used for actual gospel outreach and discipleship, or just internal church announcements?

Your Goal: Develop one specific plan to shift your church's digital presence toward outward missionary reach in the next 90 days.

