

REACHING THE UNREACHED AND UNENGAGED

A FOURSTAGE APPROACH TO PRE-EVANGELISM

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Approximately 2 billion have never had the chance to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ even once nor do they have access to Christian people or resources! They are unreached *and* unengaged.

STAGE 1

- A. **Through prayer and fasting, discover God's heart and His plan for a particular unreached and unengaged nation.**
- B. Study the culture, its history, beliefs about death and ancestors, religions, social behaviors, family, and future (example: western thinking is present/future while in many cultures it's past/present), etc.
- C. Genesis 12:1-3 *...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (Acts 17:26-27)*

STAGE 2

- A. **Wisely choose a team and begin prayer journeys.**
- B. Pray for the revelation of God's plan and strategy *for* that nation.
- C. Pray for a "person of peace." Allow God to show the right people (Christian or not) to connect with. These are people who are sympathetic or, to some degree, understand you.
- D. Luke 10:5-7 *...And if anyone of peace is there, your (blessing of) peace will rest on him;...*

STAGE 3

- A. **Develop those relationships and return as frequently as possible.**
- B. Become one of them (the "Hudson Taylor approach"), like what they like, enjoy being with them.
- C. Develop a friendship with no ulterior motive, trusting God for the final result.
- D. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 *...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some...*

STAGE 4

- A. **As God opens the door, carefully explain the Gospel and wait for God's Spirit to reveal it to them.**
- B. The Gospel must be related/expressed in the context of their cultural thinking and understanding if we expect them to receive it.
- C. John 4:1-26

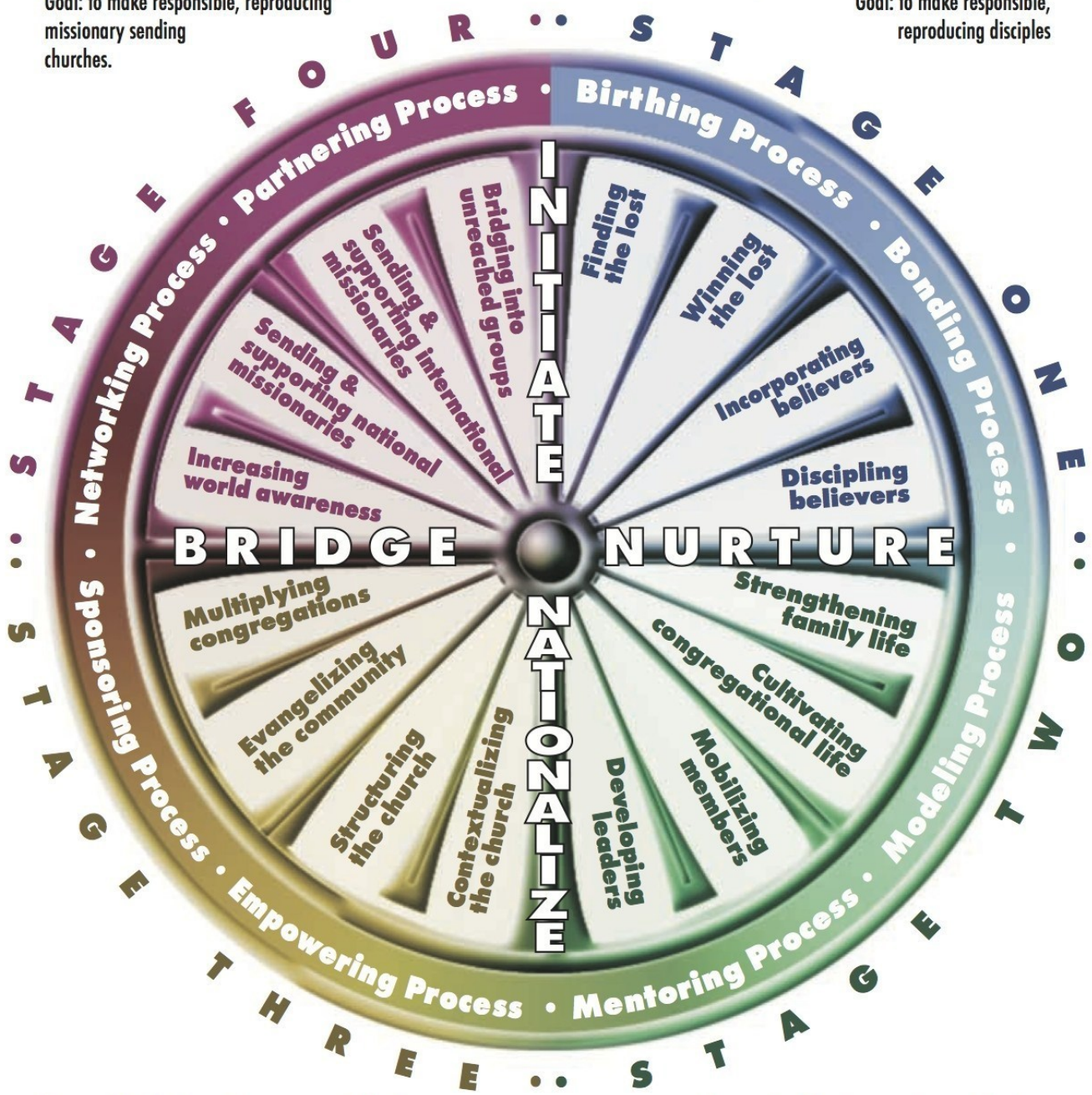
National Church Development - Four-Stages

Stage 4 - Bridge - broadening

Goal: to make responsible, reproducing missionary sending churches.

Stage 1 - Intitiate - evangelizing

Goal: to make responsible, reproducing disciples



Stage 3 - Nationalize - consolidating

Goal: to make responsible, reproducing congregations

Stage 2 - Nurture - strengthening

Goal: to make responsible, reproducing leaders