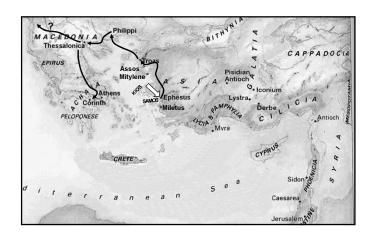
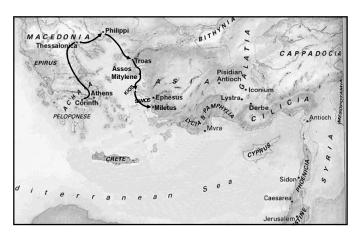


The Continuing Work of Jesus

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Acts 20:1-16





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- 1. The Encouragement of Believers
 - Paul was compelled to strengthen/encourage all the churches he had planted
 - His primary means of encouragement was proclamation and teaching

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- > Implication
 - proclamation and teaching of God's word is vital to our encouragement and perseverance in the faith

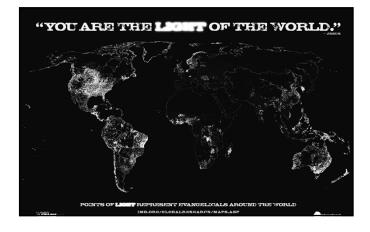
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- 2. The Gospel to Unreached Peoples
 - > Romans 15:18-24
 - Paul was compelled to preach the gospel in places where Christ was not named
 - Paul purposed to leave a fruitful field for an unreached field

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- > Implication
 - the unique nature of the missionary task is to "reach" (i.e. make disciples of) "unreached peoples" (i.e. peoples where the gospel/church does not exist)

Today there are 6900 unreached people groups consisting of 2.9 billion people!



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- > Application
 - as a church we must prioritize the going, sending and supporting of global missions, especially to under-reached/unreached peoples