

# AROUND THE WORLD: WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW



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We need churches to send out *teams* to plant *clusters of indigenous churches* among *receptive people groups* and *cities* of the world, churches with enough *resources* to evangelize to the fringes of their group or city and beyond.

## **A. TEAMS**

- 1. Why teams? Because they are practical and biblical.**
- 2. But are they worth the expense and potential problems?**



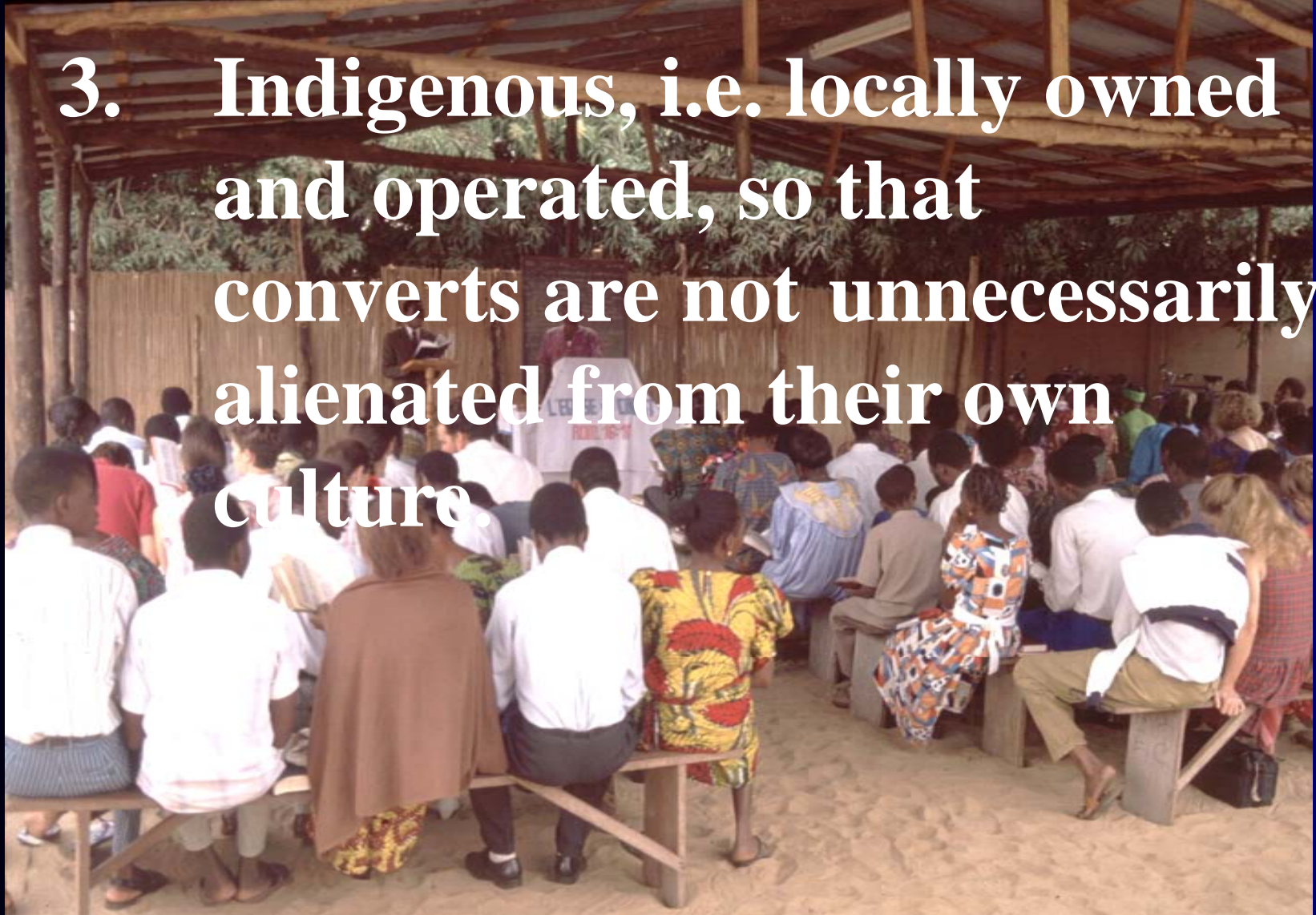
## **B. CHURCHES**

- 1. As opposed to a focus on individual converts.**
- 2. In clusters, formed through web and people movements.**



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3. Indigenous, i.e. locally owned and operated, so that converts are not unnecessarily alienated from their own culture.



**“Don’t bring us the gospel as a potted plant, but bring it as a seed and plant it in our soil.”**

**(an anonymous Indian Christian)**

**Indigenous = nationalized?**

**Indigenous = traditional?**

**Indigenous = ownership!**

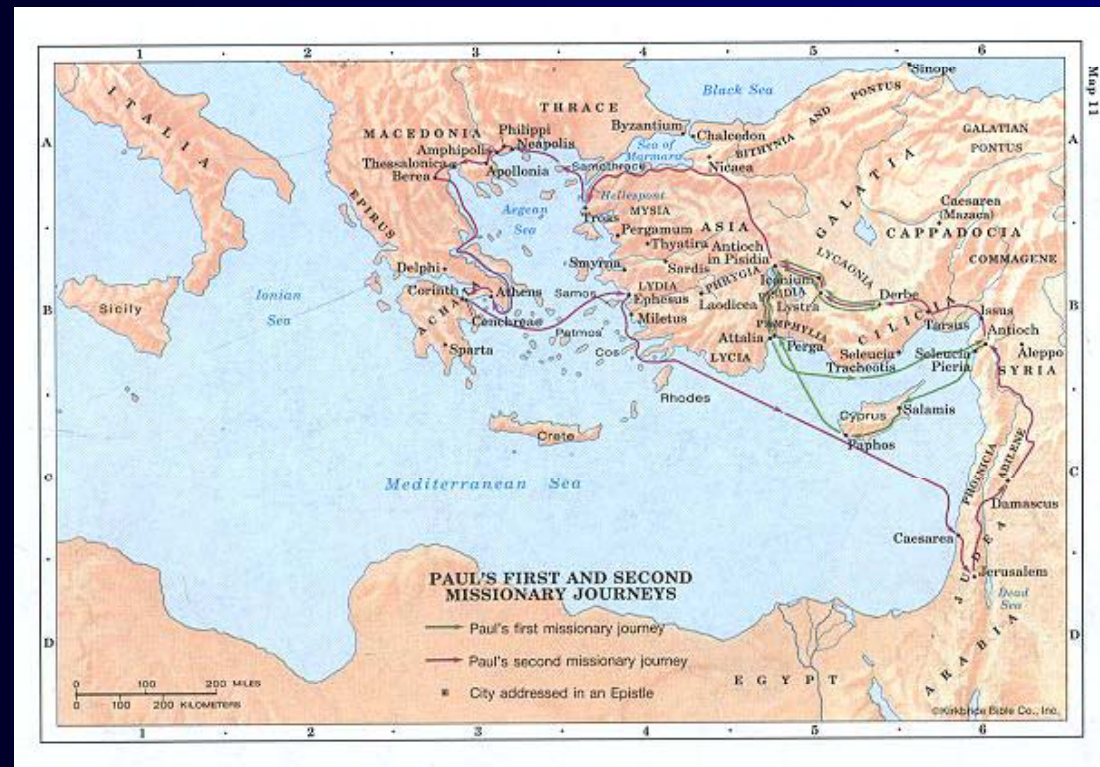
**The four selves:**  
**Self-supporting**  
**Self-propagating**  
**Self-governing**  
**Self-theologizing**

## C. RECEPTIVE

1. Because we're looking for fields where God has prepared a harvest.



# Acts 16:9-10



“Macedonian Call”

# Acts 17:16



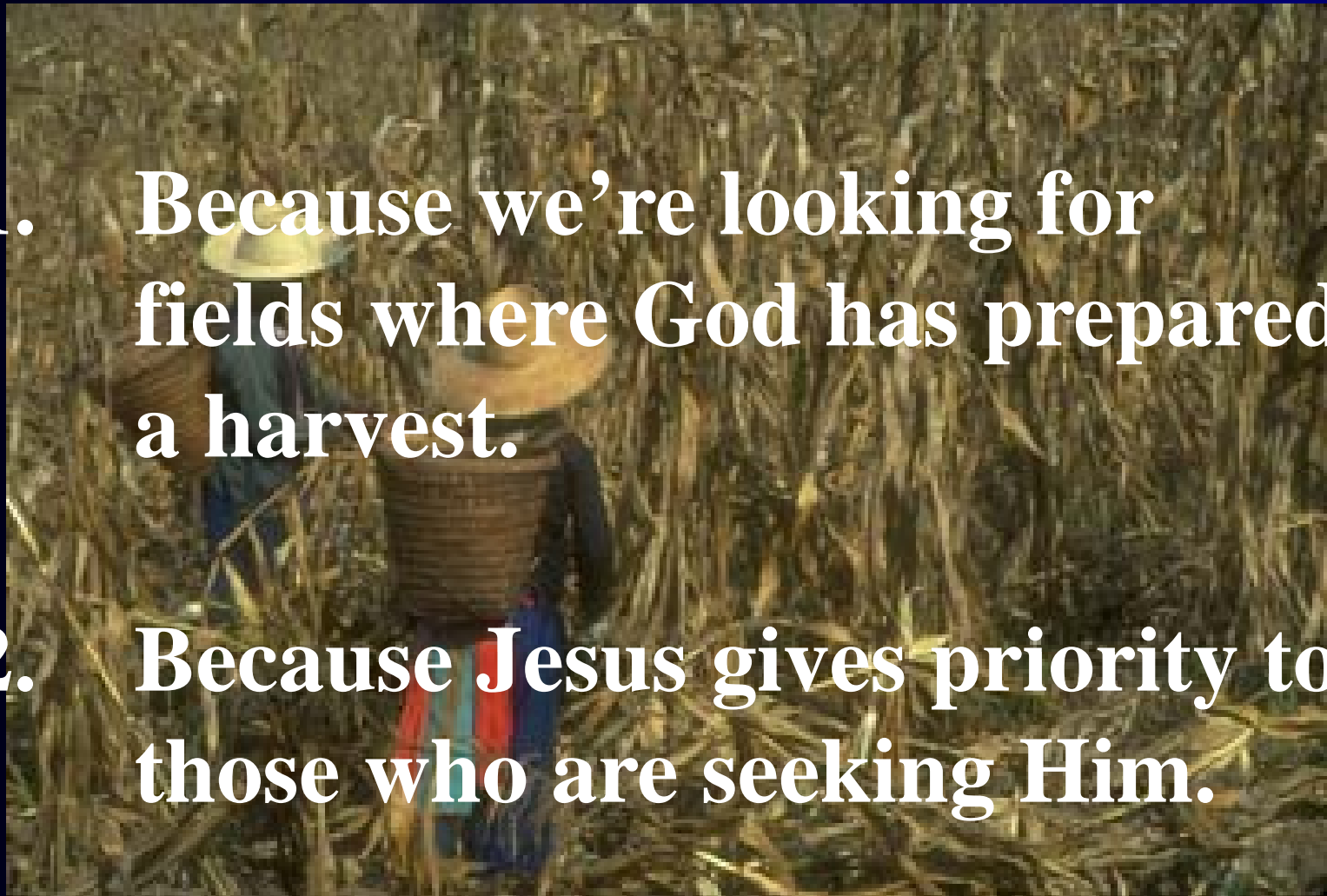
# Acts 18:9-10



**“I have many people in this city.”**

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1. Because we're looking for fields where God has prepared a harvest.
2. Because Jesus gives priority to those who are seeking Him.



### 3. Yes, but...

a. **“Receptivity is relative.”**

**True. How responsive must people be to justify staying? How long do we wait?**

b. **“We shouldn’t emphasize numbers.”**

**Neither should we glorify lack of growth.**

### 3. Yes, but...

- c. “We should respect the ‘call of God’ in the lives of His servants.” **Amen!**

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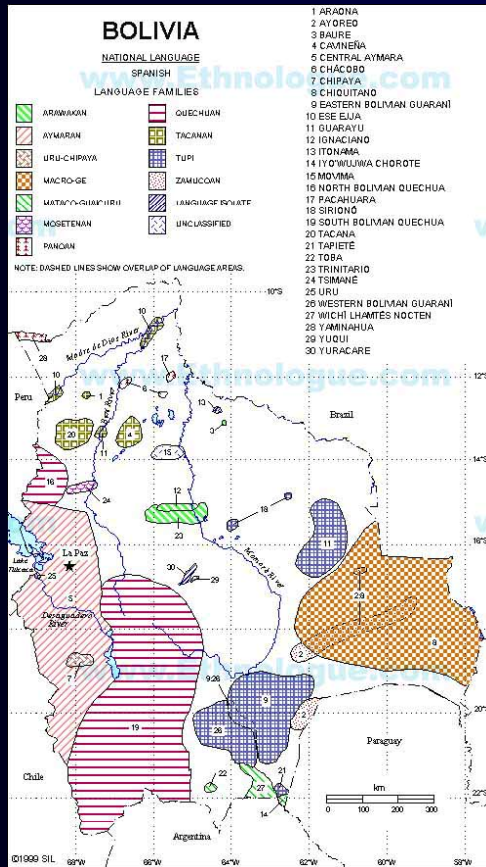
d. “We should blanket the earth with missionaries according to population.”

**But we have a limited number of workers, therefore, we will be selective, but based on what criteria?**

## **D. PEOPLE GROUPS and CITIES**

- 1. As opposed to targeting countries simply according to political boundaries.**





## **2. Targeting people groups: practically?**

**Such “cultural specificity”  
leads to more long-term  
productivity because**

- a. Communication takes  
place in the heart language**
- b. Indigenous leaders are  
raised up**

### **3. On the other hand...**

**a. People group focus can lead to ungodly segregation if it continues too long.**

**b. People group approach is less suited to cities**

## **D. PEOPLE GROUPS and CITIES**

- 4. Appreciating the difference between rural and urban missions.**

## **E. RESOURCES**

- 1. Evangelize to the fringes of their people group and beyond with little or no outside funding.**
- 2. Balancing the crippling effects of dependency with the need to share our wealth.**