



“What’s it Going to Take”

(WIGTake) Exercise

Assignment:

- Discuss your application from the last module
- Do the calculations for your target people in a group of 2 or more people and discuss your insights.
- Watch the video - <https://youtu.be/ti6Qv-dXFdo>
- Discuss your findings with someone outside your group.

When you have completed the assignment click on the link below to update your progress chart.

[Progress Report](#)

The WIGTake exercise is designed to show the disparity between the existing state of Christianity in any given target and what is left to be done in the same target.

Question 1: How many people need to hear the gospel in your target? Demographics can help you get a realistic number. (eg. <http://peoplegroups.org/> or <http://www.thearda.com/>)

Sociologists say when 10-25% of the population holds one view, it is commonly known by 100% (<https://news.rpi.edu/luwakkey/2902>). If 10-25% of your population has received the gospel than close to 100% of the population will know the gospel. We will use 10%.

Question 2: What is 10% of your target population?

Question 3: What is a reasonable number of people you would expect a disciple to share the gospel in a year?

Question 4: How many disciples do you know are sharing the gospel that often?

Question 5: How many years will it take to share the gospel with 10% of your target?

(Click on the link for a simple calculator - [Click Here](#))

For Example:

HOW MANY YEARS TO REACH OUR TARGET										
Population of Target (Enter your number in the cell below)		10% of Target	Number of people who need to hear the gospel	What is a reasonable number of people for a disciples to share the gospel in a year's time? (Enter your number in the cell below)		How many disciples do you know that are sharing the gospel that often? (Enter your number in the cell below)		How many years will it take to share the gospel with 10% of your target?		
150,000,000	x	0.1	15,000,000	/	12	/	25	=	50,000	YEARS

Depending on the population of your target and the number of disciples and the people they share with, your goal to reach your target people could be a pretty daunting task. For instance, Target A has 1.5 million lost people. There are 25 people who share the gospel 12 times a year. It would take 500 years to reach the people group. This doesn't even take into account the reception of the gospel and population growth.

Let's say we were training disciples to share 5 times a week and wanted to reach our target in 10 years.

Question 6: How many disciples would it take? (Click on the link for a simple calculator - [Click Here](#))

We have found that in order to maintain a healthy momentum in sharing the gospel the disciples must be a part of a church on mission. You also need churches for the 10% of the target population that you are trying to reach.

Question 7: How many churches are needed for your target population? (Click on the link for a simple calculator - [Click Here](#))

Church planting in the United States has been an expensive venture. "The average amount of funding for a new church plant for all networks was \$172,200."¹

¹ PDF - THE STATE OF CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED STATES: RESEARCH OVERVIEW AND QUALITATIVE STUDY OF PRIMARY CHURCH PLANTING ENTITIES
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Question 8: How much will it cost to plant churches in a traditional way in your target? (Click on the link for a simple calculator - [Click Here](#))

Obviously, we don't have the resources available to plant this number of churches. We must consider how to plant church at low or no cost.

Lastly, these churches need leaders.

Question 9: How many leaders will you need to plant churches that sustain the gospel movement in your target population? (Click on the link for a simple calculator - [Click Here](#))

This exercise is designed to do two things. First, it is meant to show us how daunting the task before us is. Secondly, it should cause us to question traditional methods to reach large populations of unreached peoples. The training you will receive in this course will recommend a different way forward but it will not be a new way. It will be as old as the New Testament.

Head: What was the main thing you learned from this study?

Heart: How did it impact you?

Hands: Take time to pray and ask Jesus what you should do as a result of the study? Write your Personal Application down.
