WEA 2025

Wednesday, October 29, 2025







Ephesians 2:13-16

Scripture Reading





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"13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."







Walter Kim

Walter Kim is President of the National Association of Evangelicals.

- He earned his PhD at Harvard, was a chaplain at Yale, and has served in diverse pastoral ministries.
- He is on the board of World Relief, Christianity Today, and The Salvation Army, USA.
- He is often sought out for his theological and cultural commentary on issues facing the church and society.





Panel 6

Representing the Gospel in Global Advocacy





What is advocacy?

- Protests
- Petitions?
- •Courtroom?
- •Speeches?









Queen Esther





Relational









UN Events

- The Human Rights Council
- The Global Refugee Forum
- The World Urban Forum
- Geneva Peace Week







Topics

- Persecution
- Modern-day slavery
- Children
- Peace and reconciliation
- Creation



Universal Periodic Review





Universal Periodic Review 49th session – Stakeholders' Report

KENYA: Freedom of Religion, Right to Life and a Healthy Environment

11 October 2024

Psalm 146

⁵ Blessed is everyone who has the God of Jacob as his help. His hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶ the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. He is the one who stays faithful forever.

⁷He obtains justice for the oppressed. He gives food to the hungry. The Lord releases prisoners. ⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. The Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord protects the immigrants. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but he turns aside the way of the wicked.





Global Advocacy

- This is an exercise of translation
- From the household of faith to the halls of power
- War and peace, development and sustainability, religious freedom
- Concrete opportunities like the UN's Commission on the Status of Women







Not even one.











Connect with us at our workshops

- Being a reconciling presence in a fractured world
- Launching youth for creation care
- The role of the church in health and human flourishing
- Find out more on how to work with our department
- Mobilizing the church to see and free victims of trafficking
- Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Responding to secular intolerance





Discussion Questions

- What was something new you learned about the WEA's efforts in advocacy?
- Which office or initiative would you like to follow up with?
- Can you share one or two of the greatest needs in your context and pray for one another?







Panel 7

Ai & Faith Representing the Gospel in Technology and Ethics





Embrace

Providential tool



Resist

Idolatrous threat



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Providential tool



Resist

Idolatrous threat

Prayerfully seek God's wisdom on our use of Al Ask for discernment on how to use it to serve the Kingdom



Humans invented Artificial Intelligence using our God-given talents





Responsible for its ethical design and use

- Serve God
- Love others
- Seek their flourishing
- Care for the earth and its resources

Four aspects requiring a biblical ethical response Human identity crisis

Truth and trust breakdown

Economic justice and institutional trust

Environmental stewardship and creation care

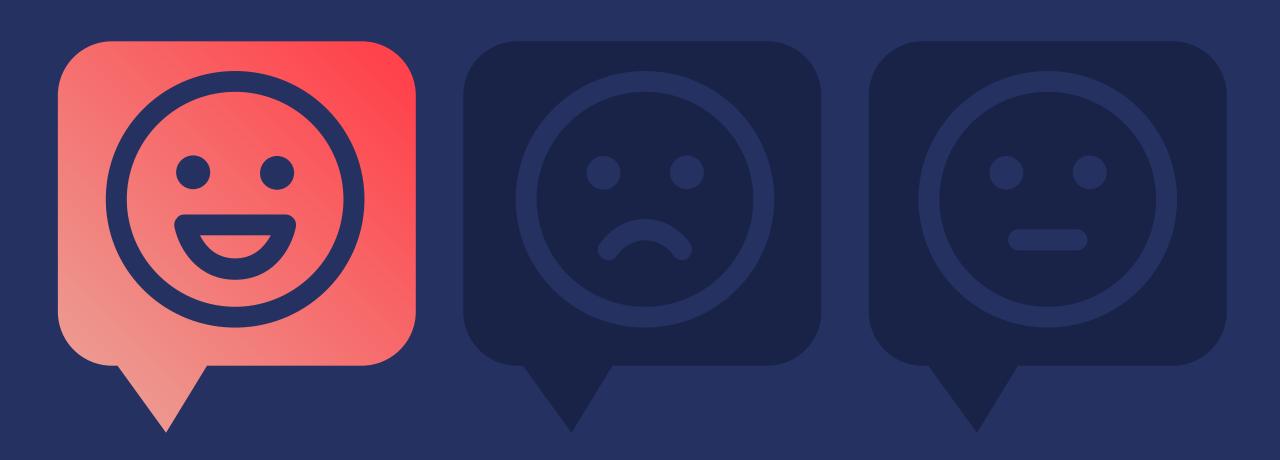


Biblical Perspective

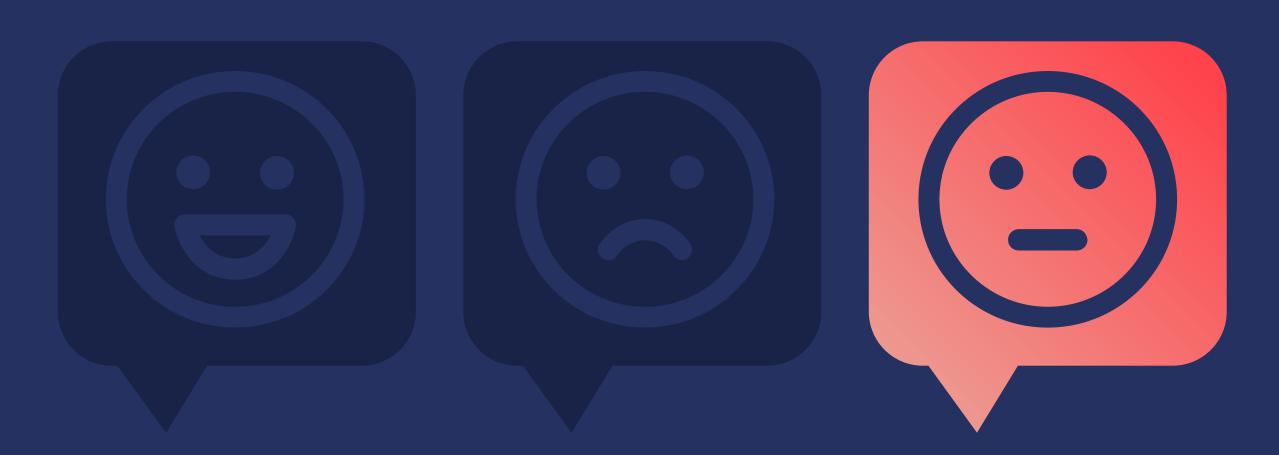


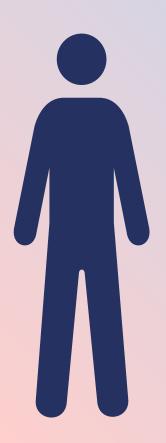






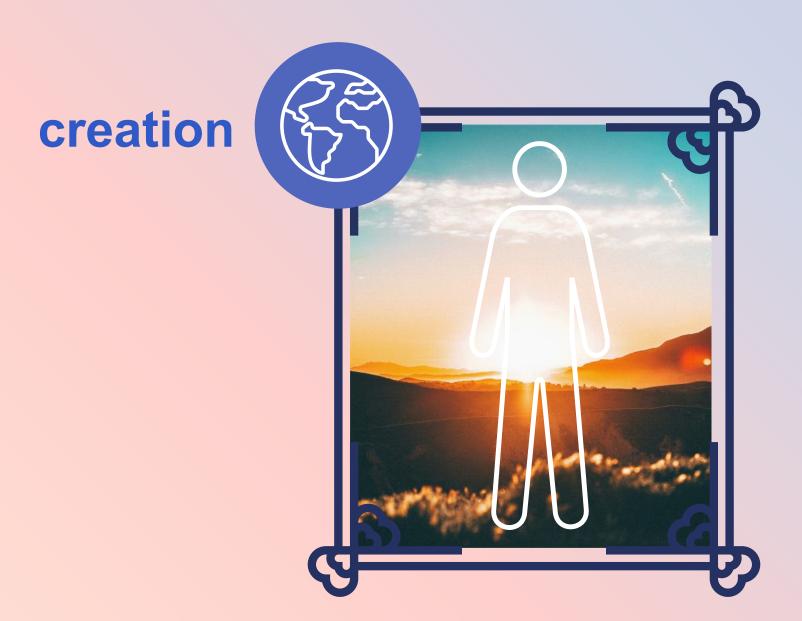


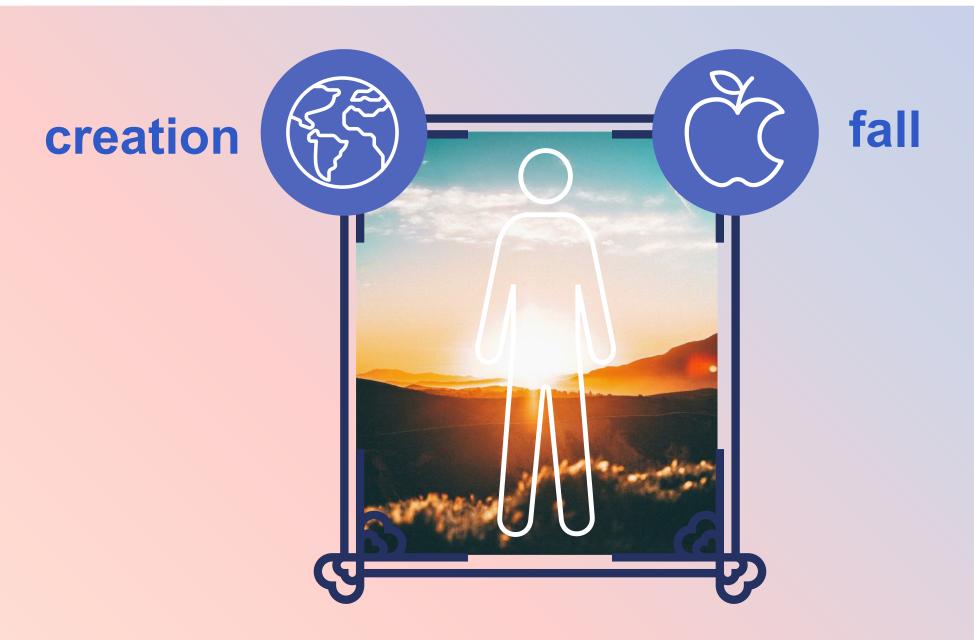


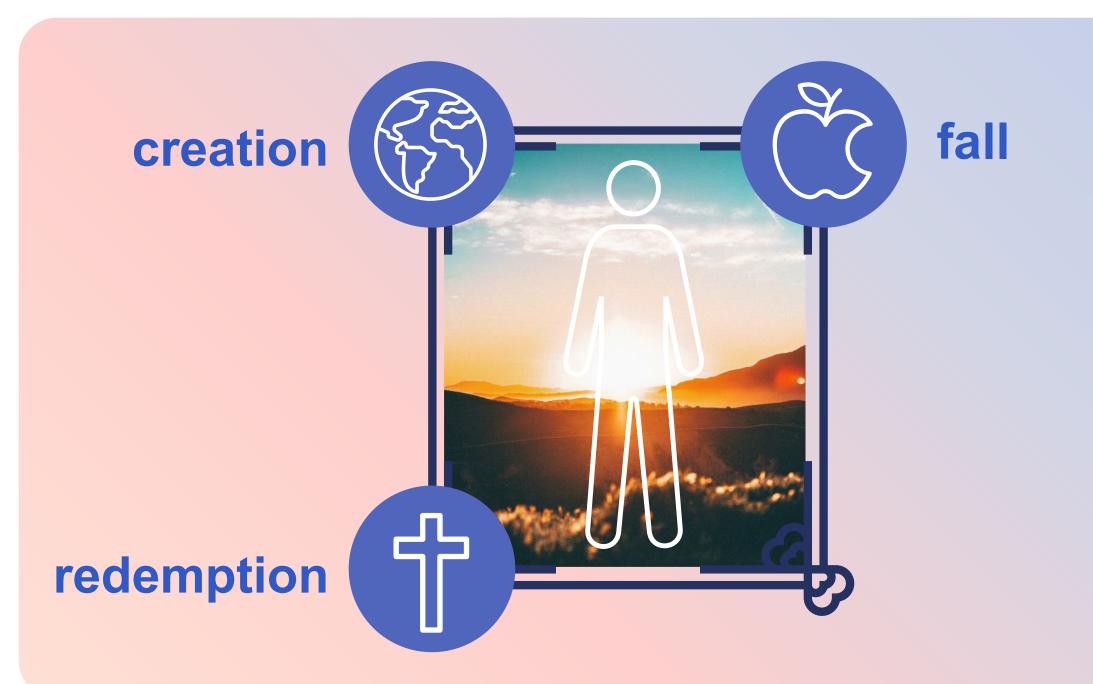














Our Christian Response: A Framework for Trustworthy Al









Gravity and Urgency

Move beyond taking positions to tangible actions



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Move beyond taking positions to tangible actions



A Christian Response for Responsible Al

Anchored on Biblically based ethics

Built on revealed Truth in Jesus and Holy Spirit-inspired scriptures



The TRUST framework



Theological Alignment



Relational **Impact**



Utility and Justice



Stewardship & **Sustainability**



Transparency & Accountability





Theological Alignment

Love God Love others

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God

Do our AI systems enhance our desire to love God and our neighbors?





Relational Impact

God with us, us with each other

No intermediation

Emmanuel, God with us

Do our Al systems strengthen or weaken our relationship with God and other humans?





Utility & Justice

Genuinely serves human needs

All benefit equally

Love your neighbor as yourself

Do our Al systems serve the vulnerable or privileged differently?





Stewardship & Sustainability

Responsible-use mandate

Long-term perspective

The earth is the LORD's!

How can we sustain and maintain AI responsibly?



Transparency & Accountability

Clear about how and when AI is used

Will be held accountable

Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God

Are we declaring our use of AI? Can we understand and control its decisions?



The TRUST Framework Undergirded by International AI Standards



Internationally accepted AI standards and approaches



TRUST Framework – only the starting point

The TRUST Framework guides biblical ethical alignment

For a full ethical assessment need:

- Compliance with international standards
- Independent verification



Panel Discussion

Panel



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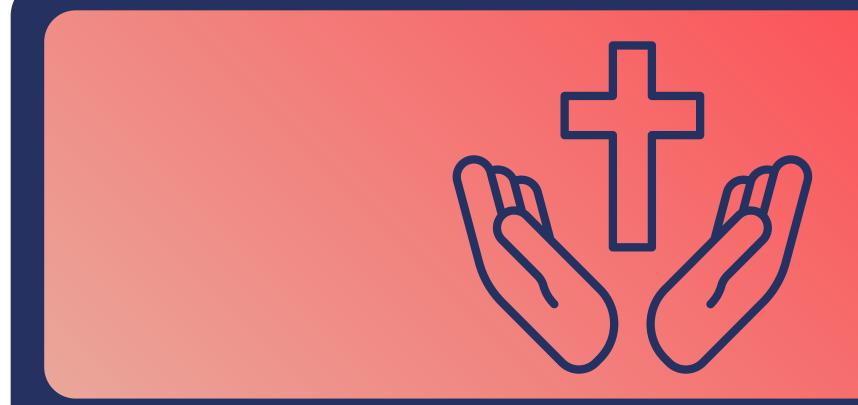
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Al Tech Executive
Seoul and Silicon
Valley



Why should I or the church care about AI?



What does Al mean for my spiritual life?

Audience Discussion

- Where do you see, or not see, Al as a
- tool for your spiritual life, ministry, or
- for the church?

Wrap Up

AI, Ethics, and Trust SIG Agenda

Topic 1:

The Image of God
Across the
Digital Divide:
Human Dignity in
Al's Unequal World

Wednesday, Oct 29 1330 - 1440

Topic 2:

The implications of AI on Vocation, Work, and Creation Care

Wednesday, Oct 29 1450 - 1600

Workshop:

Panel and table discussions on Topics 1 and 2

Wednesday, Oct 29 1645 - 1730

Topic 3:

Sacred
Accountability:
Who Answers When
Al Shapes Souls?

TRUST Framework workshop

Thursday, Oct 30 1330 - 1600

Topic 4:

Where do we go from here?

Thursday, Oct 30 1645 - 1730

Venue: Samuel Hall 1, S301

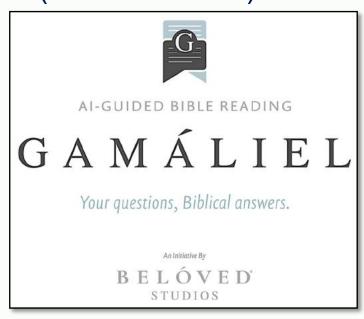


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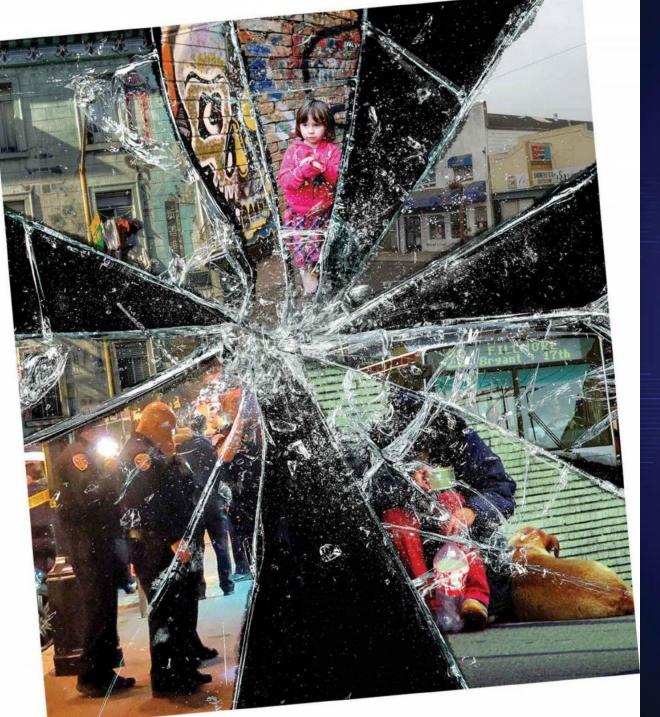
Representing the Gospel in Mental Wellness



















I saw a guy today at Starbucks. He had no smartphone, tablet or laptop. He just sat there drinking his coffee. Like a psychopath.









Why are we hurting so bad, even if we are all connected?

THE INHUMAN DIMENSIONS OF DIGITAL CONNECTION





How can we restore some of the humanity that is being flattened?

REMINDING OURSELVES OF THE IMAGO DEI...

THE UNIQUE IMAGO DEI WE ALL BEAR

DISCOVER YOUR GIFTEDNESS (AND TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT IT)







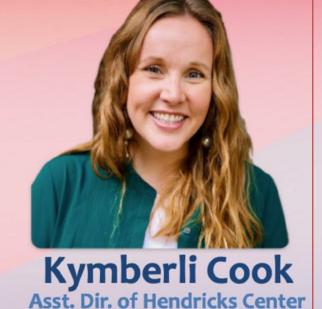
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Panel: Representing the Gospel in Mental Wellness







In your context, what unseen pressures do you believe are shaping the loneliness epidemic?





If every crisis reveals what a culture worship, how might this crisis become a turning point for the gospel?



Audience Discussion 1

Where in your own life have you felt the fracture of hurriedness and the ache of loneliness?



In that space, how might Christ invite us to slow down and rediscover Koinonia?



Audience Discussion 2

- How might the church learn again to
- behold the the imago Dei in
- ourselves, in one another and even in the digital spaces we inhabit?

Wrap UP

Dive Deeper



Panel 9

Representing the Gospel through Scriptures





Representing the Gospel through Scriptures: Bible Translation

Dr. Michel Kenmogne, SIL Global/Seed Co





Incarnational Logic of the Great Commission



Mission is not a faceless enterprise. It is God meeting people where they are, in their own worlds, their own stories, their own languages.





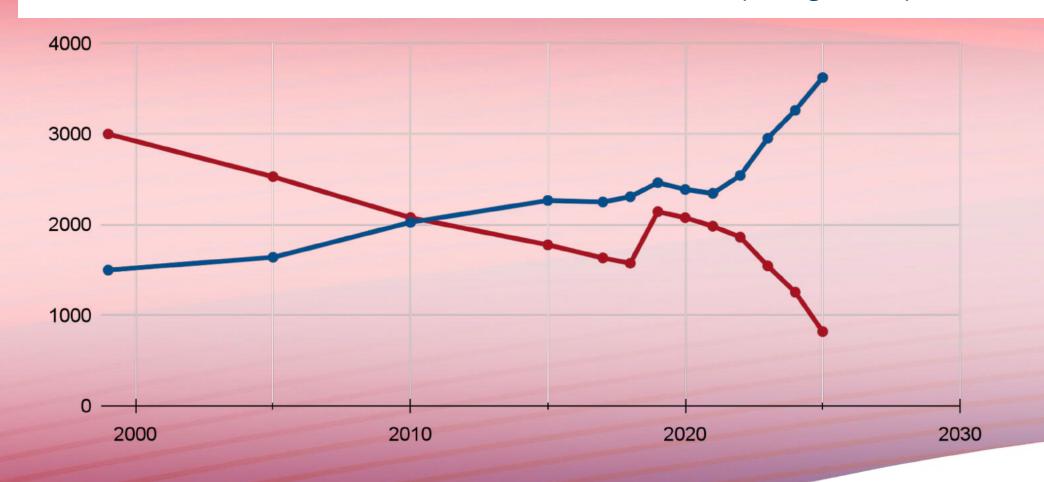
Minority Communities in the 21st Century (John Watters)

- Economically most often among the poorest
- Medically most often in the bottom 20% of those receiving service
- Politically most often among the most disenfranchised
- Socially most often among the least valued
- Educationally most often among the least educated
- Justice-wise most often among the least informed of their rights and privileges
- Human dignity most often the least honored or considered worthy.

Vision 2025: Greatest Acceleration in Bible Translation History

Source: 1990-2015

Unmet Translation Needs
 Active Bible translation (All Agencies)

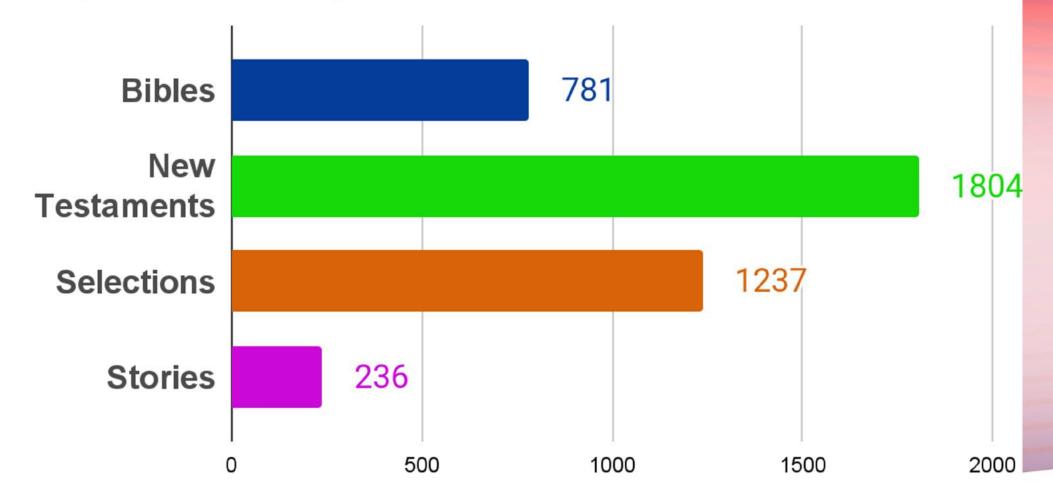


^{*}The increase in unmet needs in 2018-19 reflects the inclusion of Deaf Sign Languages in the count.





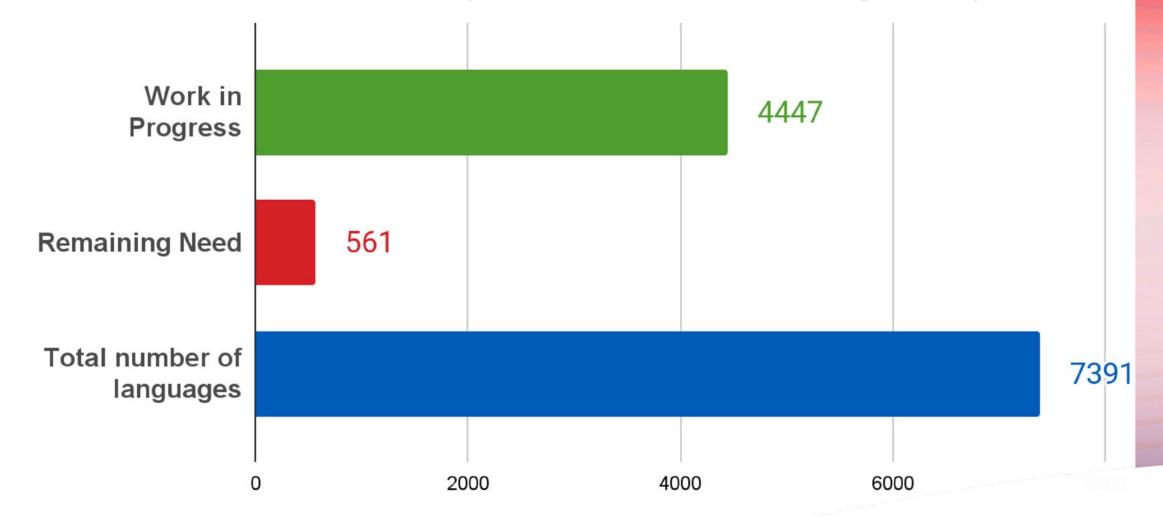
Completed Scripture







Translation Status (Needs and in Progress)







A moment for both praise and urgency.



All things being equal, the last people group on earth could receive God's Word in their language within the next decade.





A Kairos Moment in Mission History

We stand today at an extraordinary threshold:

- Unprecedented generosity is fueling access to God's Word.
- Unprecedented acceleration is shortening the timeline for translation completion.
- Unprecedented unity among Bible agencies has birthed the All Scripture, All People by 2033 initiative.



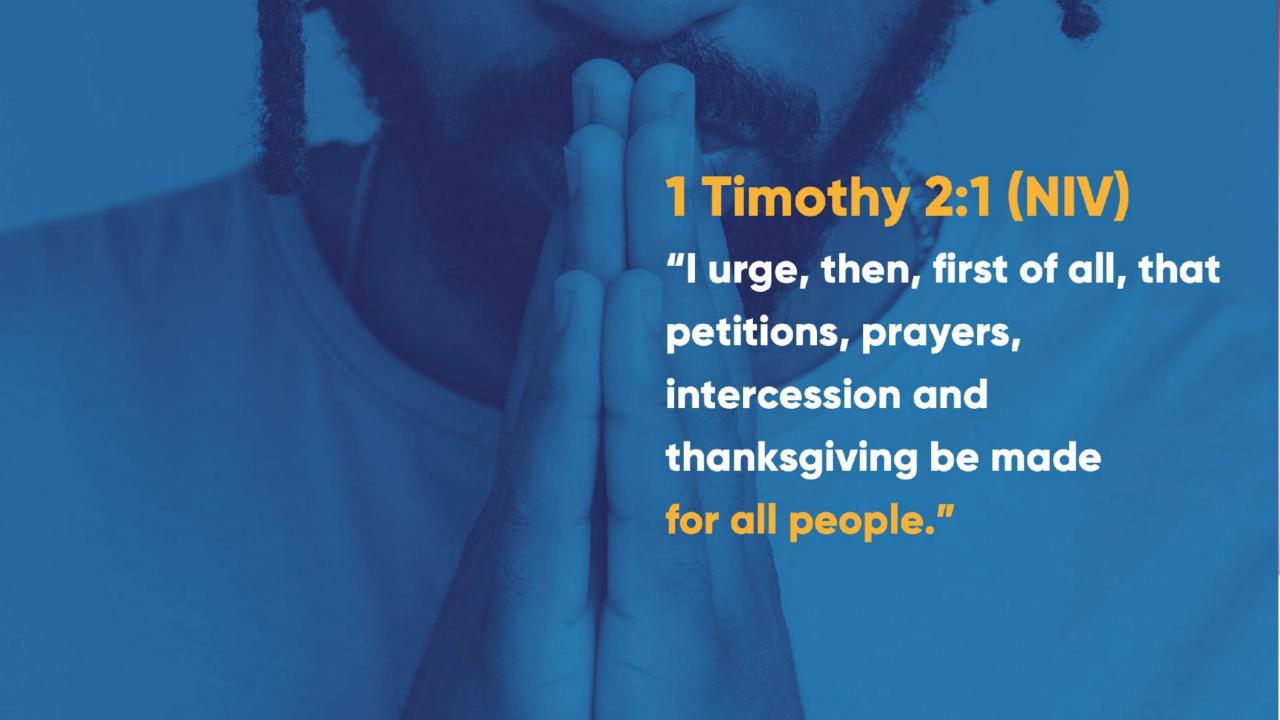


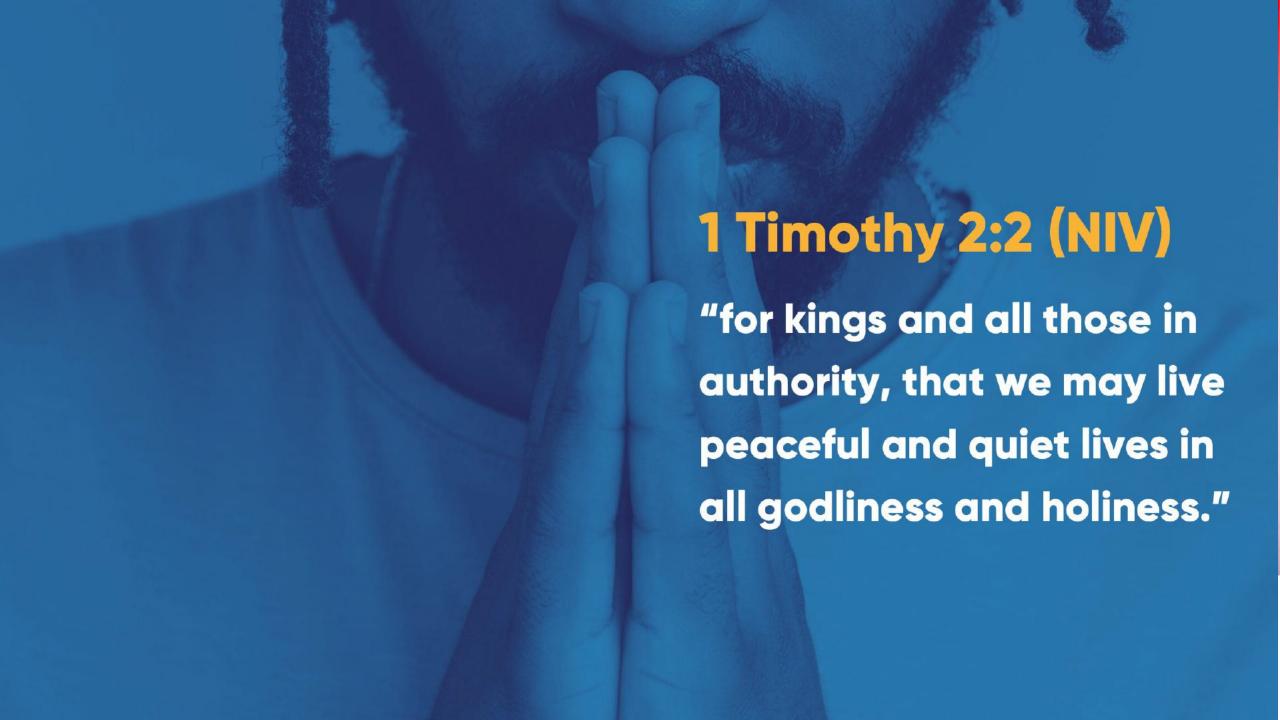


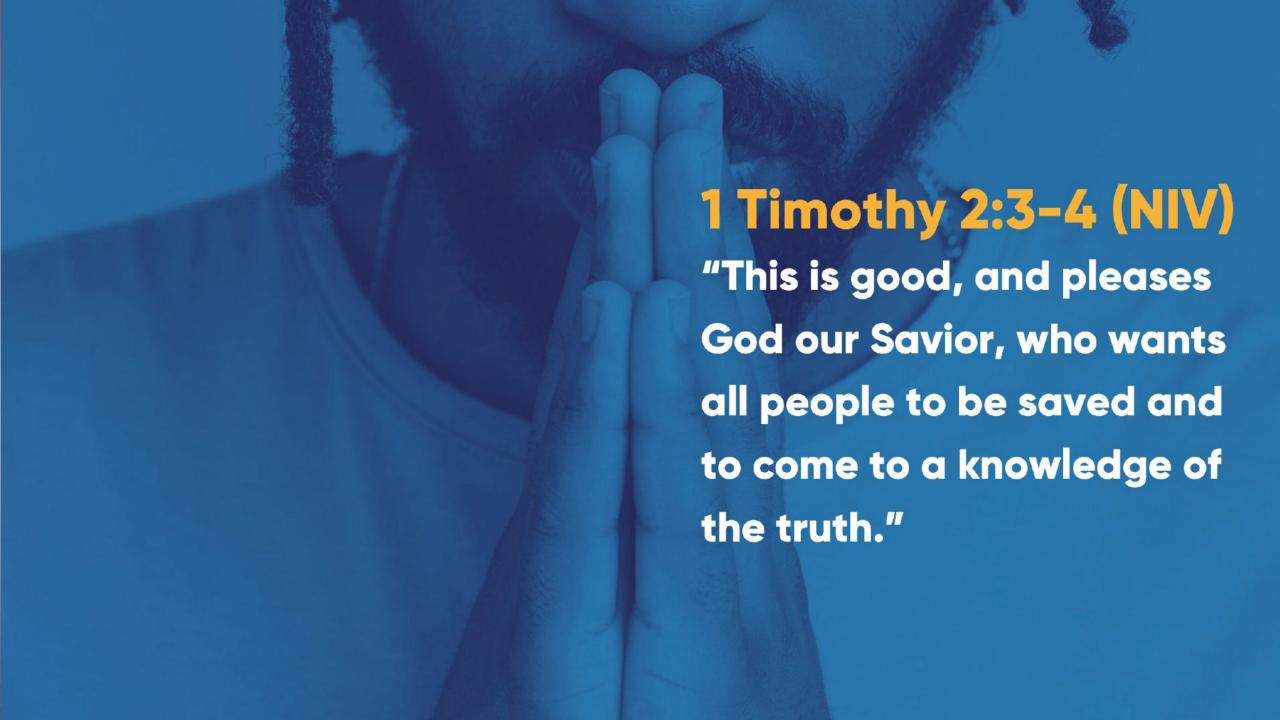
The Vision of Habakkuk is no longer a distant dream

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14).









1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV)

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time."



TAKE 5 MINUTES A DAY TO

PRAY FOR 5

PEOPLE & SHARE JESUS WITH THEM



Bible Engagement - the last yard of the Bible race





