

## Two goals for this Session

1. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ for laborers in Japan
2. Learn how you can successfully live/minister in Japan

### 1. Why you really need to pray about coming to Japan

- A. Japan .5% Saved
- B. ECT Population 126,995,411 - 126,360,434 lost - 634,977 saved - 199 ECT
  - Each Christian Tells - reveals countries wherein their Christian population cannot easily reach their whole country. In Japan, Every Christian has to reach 199 people
  - This is the correlation between a countries population and their percentage of Evangelicals.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ ECT 47% 323,995,528 pop - 171,717,630 lost - saved 152,277,898 - 1.1 ECT
- D. Many of the major metropolitan areas are over 50% Churchless
  - Meaning they don't have a church in their area reaching out to them
  - Tokyo MMA - Lost 36,100,000 | Churchless 39% or 14,079,000
  - Kansai Area/Osaka MMA - Lost 18,374,878 | Churchless 45% or 8,268,695
  - Nagoya MMA - Lost 8,743,117 | Churchless 64% or 5,595,595
  - Fukuoka MMA - Lost 5,294,810 | Churchless 64% or 3,388,678
  - Hiroshima - Lost 2,015,533 | Churchless 56% or 1,128,699
  - Niigata - Lost 1,364,826 | Churchless 95% or 1,296,585
  - 6 Metro areas - 75,486,025 about 60% of population
  - 14 major metro areas in all - 89,863,350 about 71% of Japan's population - over half no church
- E. Paul went to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his day - Tokyo is the largest in the world

### 2. Requirements for Successfully living in Japan

- A. Get properly \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry - go to the OG training center
- B. Raise the appropriate amount of support - money hinders many ministries - especially in Japan
- C. Learn Japanese fluently
  - Don't learn here
  - Learn in Japan
  - If you just can't wait - learn Kanji
- D. Learn Culture
  - Culture learning starts with knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ - "Living in the Culture"
    1. Level zero
      - Nothing makes sense
      - Everyday simple things become moments of embarrassment and full of blunders
    2. Level One - not causing people to gasp, jump or shake their heads in frustration
      - You can now make it through a day without majorly upsetting the balance
      - You don't stick out as much (you still stick out)
    3. Level Two
      - Beginning to understand why you do that in the culture
      - Comparing and contrasting old/new culture
        - A. Seemingly better ways of doing things in one culture or the other
        - B. Basing culture on your friends and the people around you
      - This is where/when a real danger can come
      - We only base culture on the differences - and often that can be very different based on the people you are around - this leads to...
  - Justifying a \_\_\_\_\_ love
    1. They are different, I don't understand why they do that, but it's their way
    2. "I love them, but I don't like them" attitude
    4. I put up with stuff you do
    5. You are annoying/weird

6. This is tolerance not love
- Jesus commanded us to Love our neighbors as ourselves
    7. In the way we wish to be treated, loved and understood we need to do that for others
    8. Love seeks to understand
- This is living in the culture VS \_\_\_\_\_ in the Culture
    1. We talked about how culture books point out differences in Cultures
    2. Many believe Culture is about knowing what's different
    3. It's actually about knowing/understanding how we are the same
    4. I call this loving in the culture
      - Less about knowing the differences, but rather understanding how it's the same
      - This doesn't mean "Japan and USA both celebrate Christmas."
        - A) Loosing Face example
        - B) Respecting the boss
        - C) Both have table manners
    5. We are often quick to say how we are different - really this is a way of separating yourself from them and not identifying with them.
    6. Maybe your outward culture will never be completely the same, but we need to at least see how that outward culture difference is attached with a universal human value.
    7. I'm not saying that we shouldn't know how things are different or that everything is the same
      - knowing the difference is just step one!
      - The next step is to see how that relates to a value you know
      - Just because the outward action is different it doesn't mean that the same heart is behind that
      - If you can see the same heart and value behind it you can appreciate it more and relate
    8. It's about seeing past the differences and seeing the same heart in another person
      - This is love
      - This is loving your neighbor as yourself
        - A) looking past the shell
        - B) seeing the same passion, motivations, care and compassion in the people around you or at least willing to look for that

Churchless (No Church in their area that is actively reaching out with the Gospel)  
 Metropolitan areas (MMA)  
 if over 50% of area was churchless an Evangelical stat of .4% was used instead of .5%