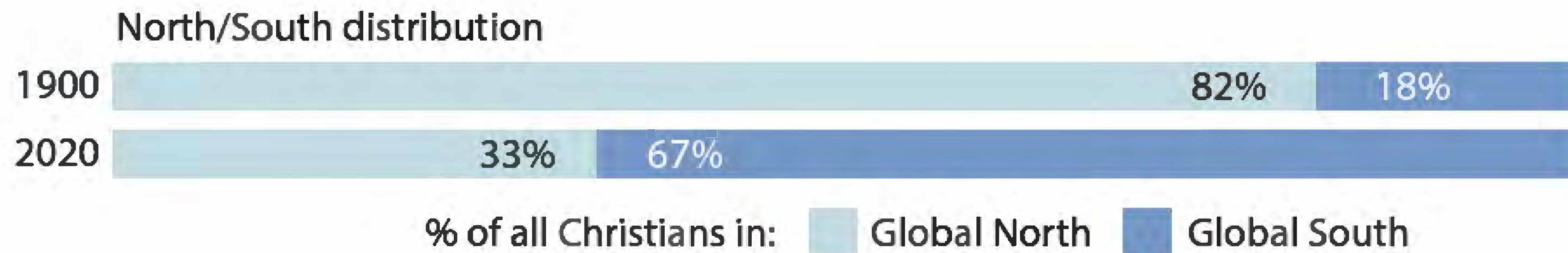
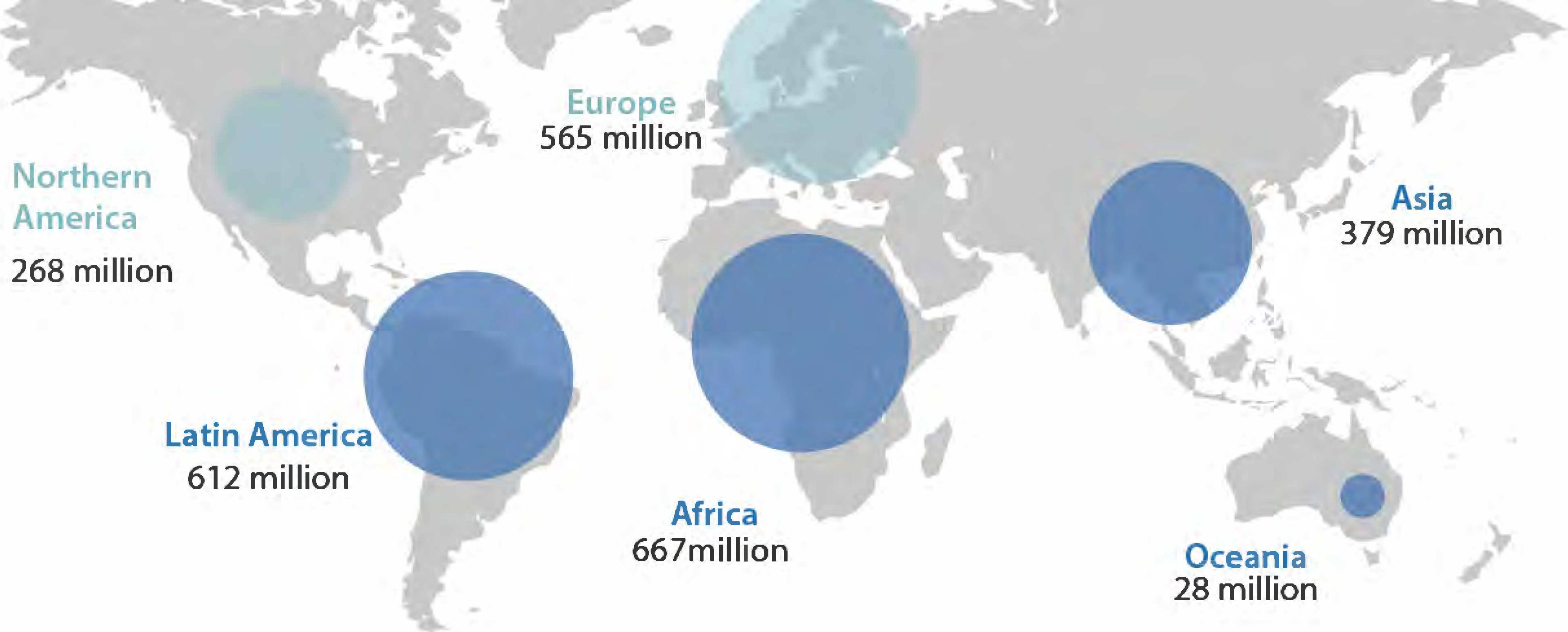


Zeal & Responsibility for Evangelism

CAC Sunday





The Zeal of Evangelism

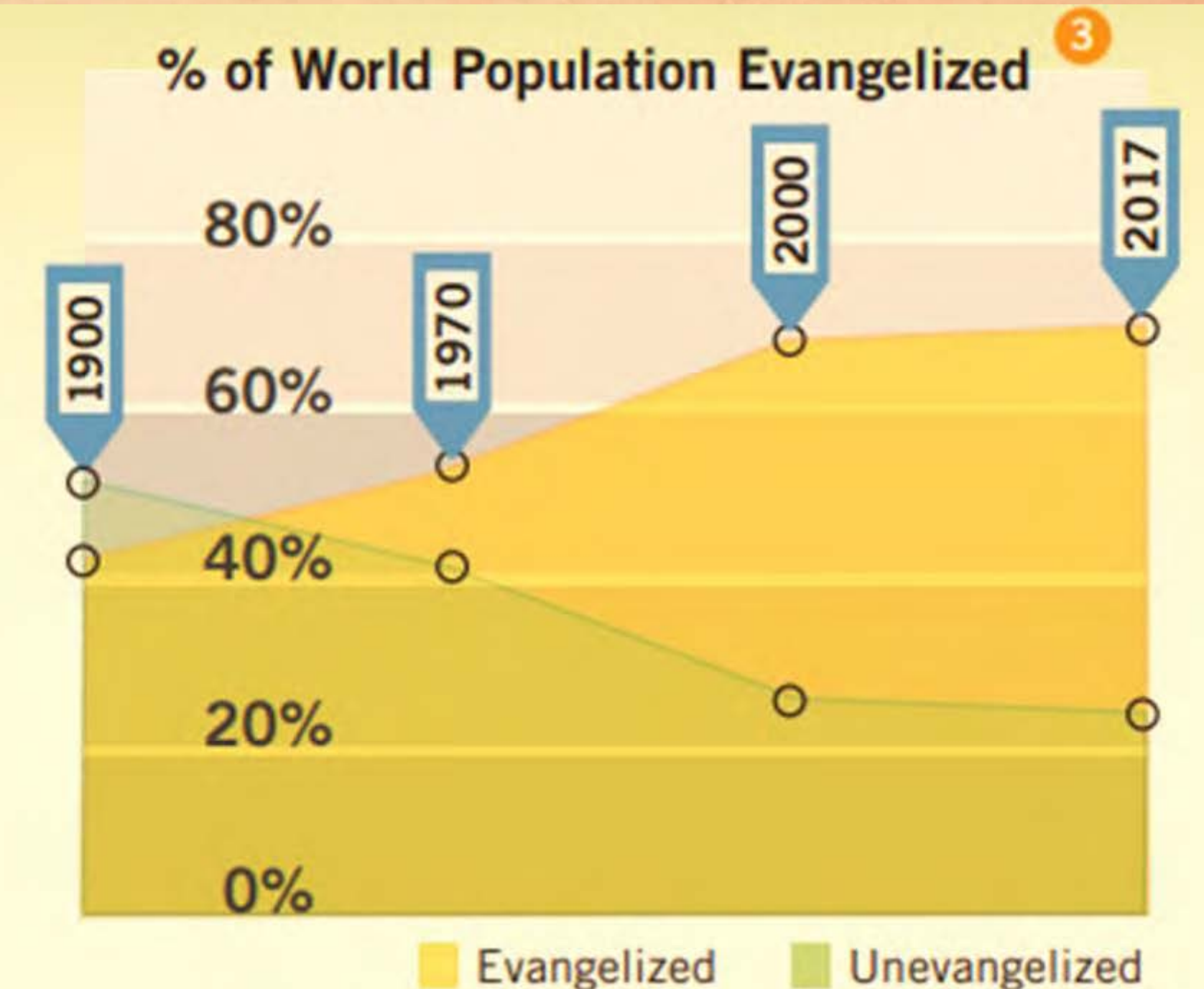
⁸ The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:8-10

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Central Truth



The Zeal of Evangelism

¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

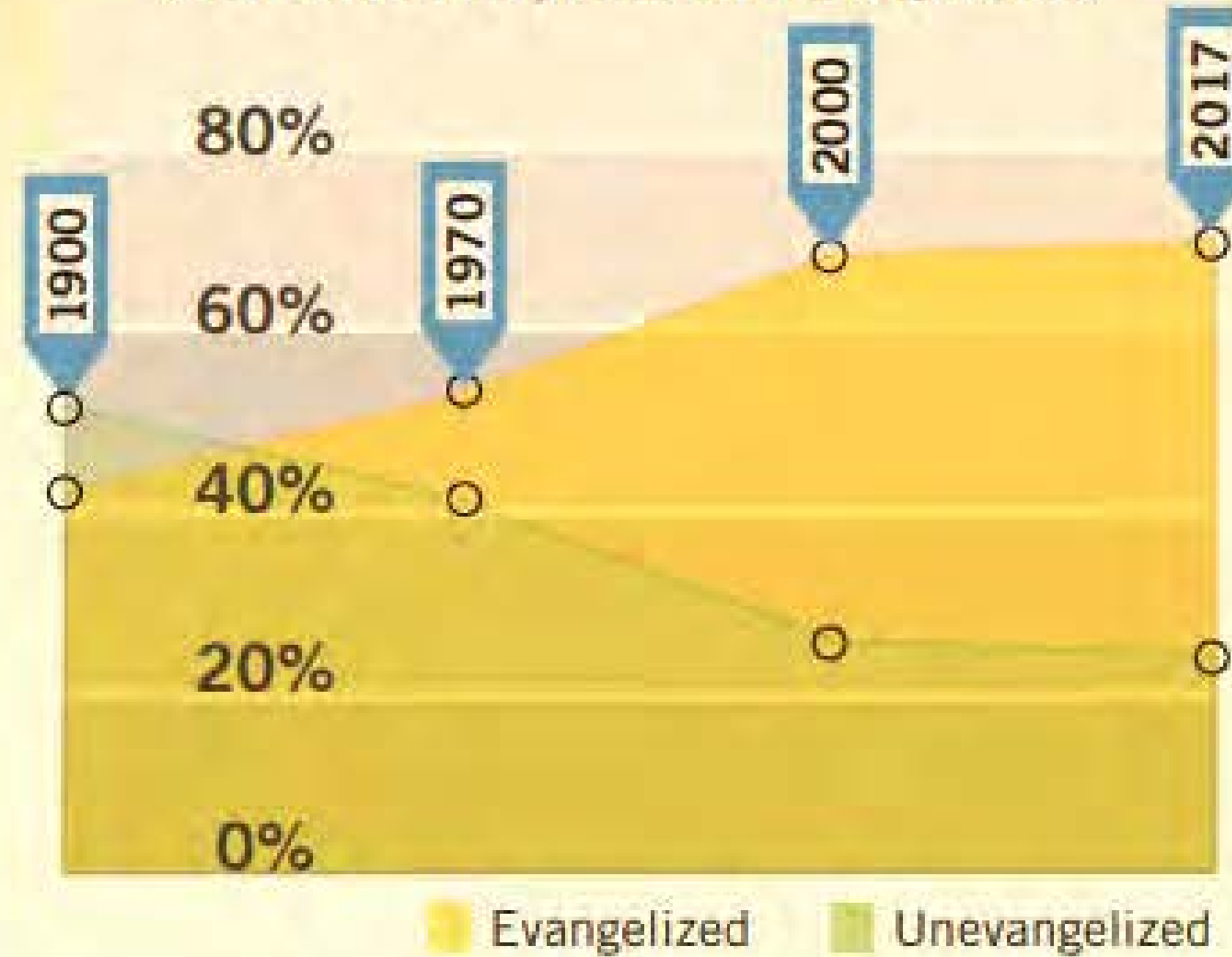
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GLOBAL STATS 1900 – 2015

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% of World Population Evangelized



SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

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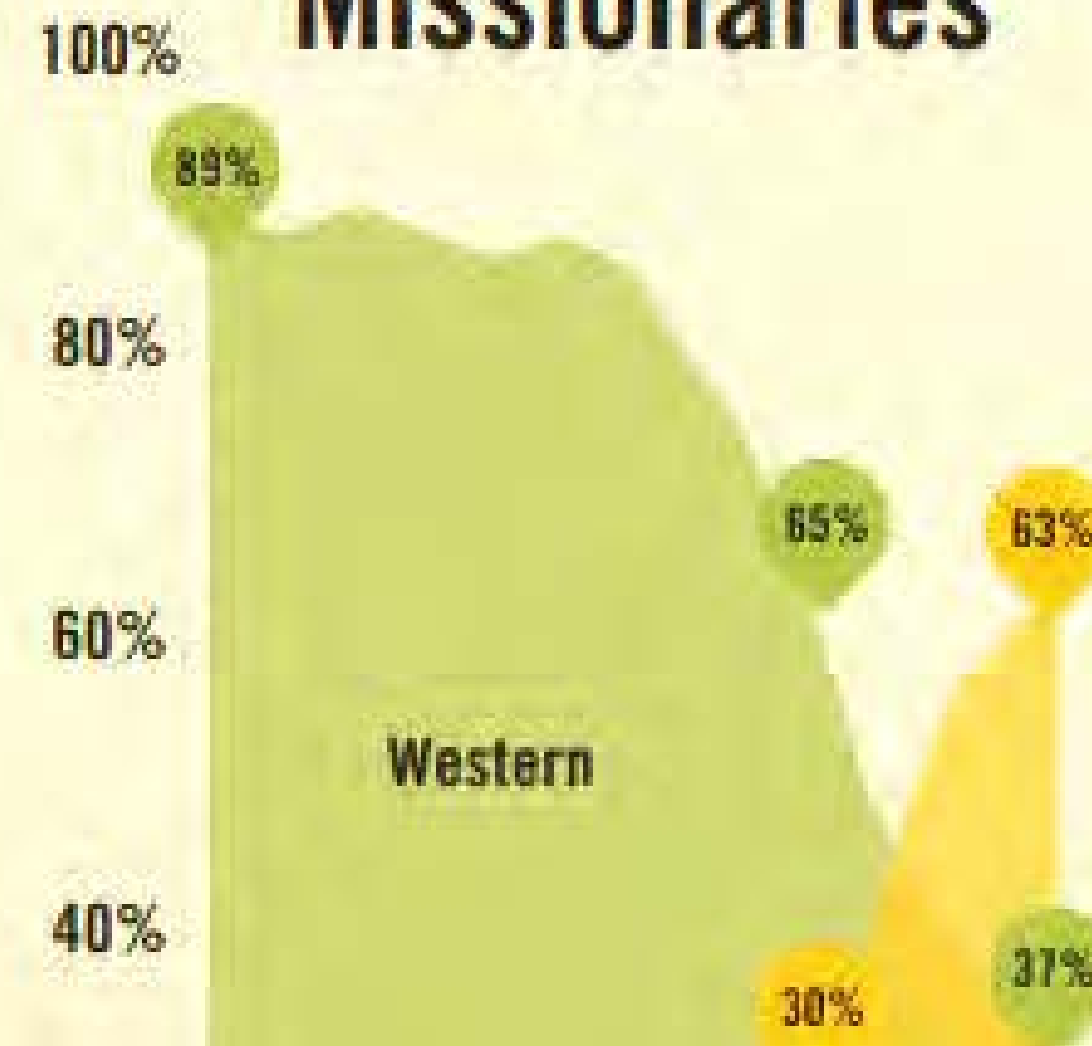
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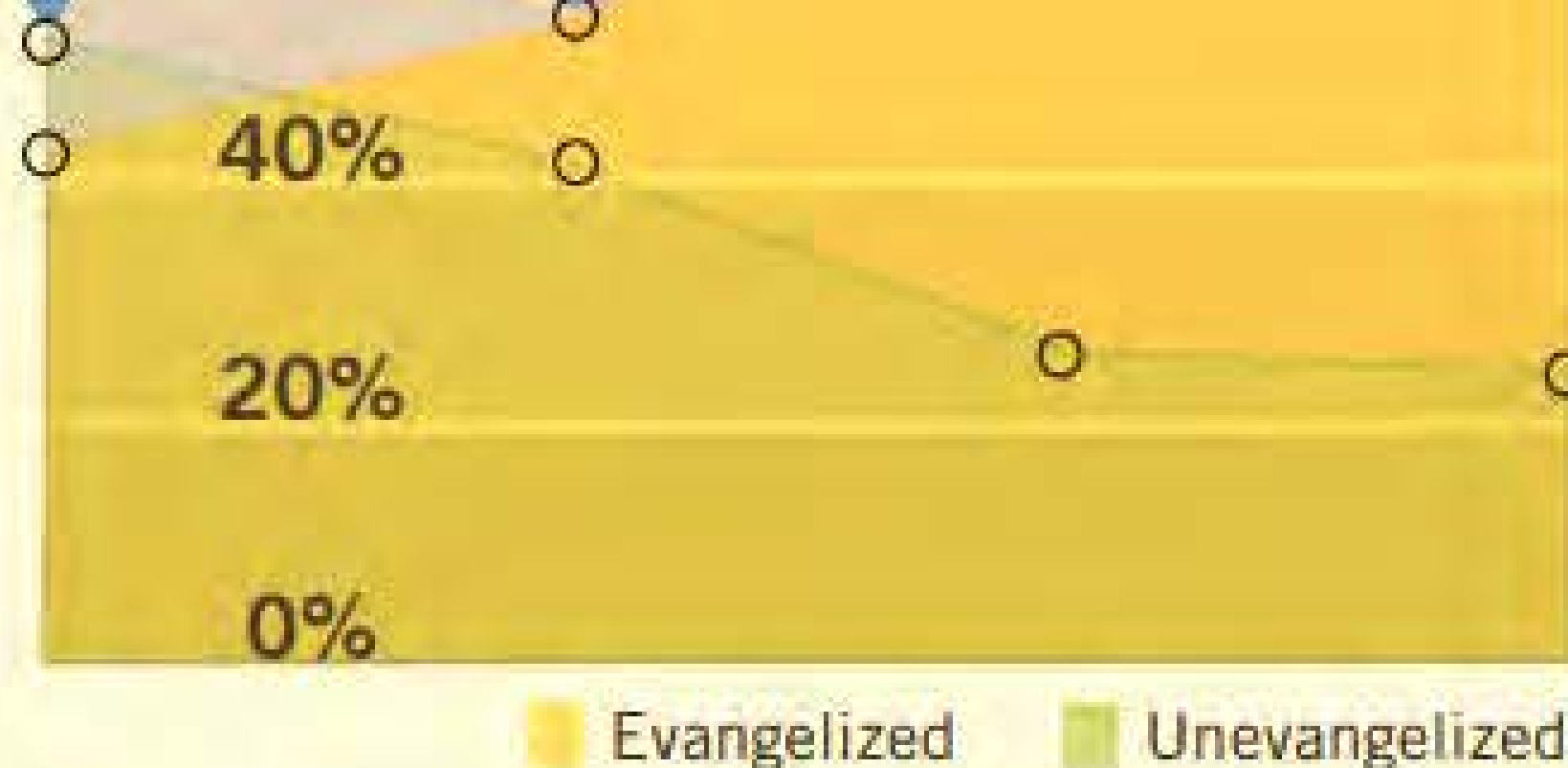
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Origin of Missionaries ⁴



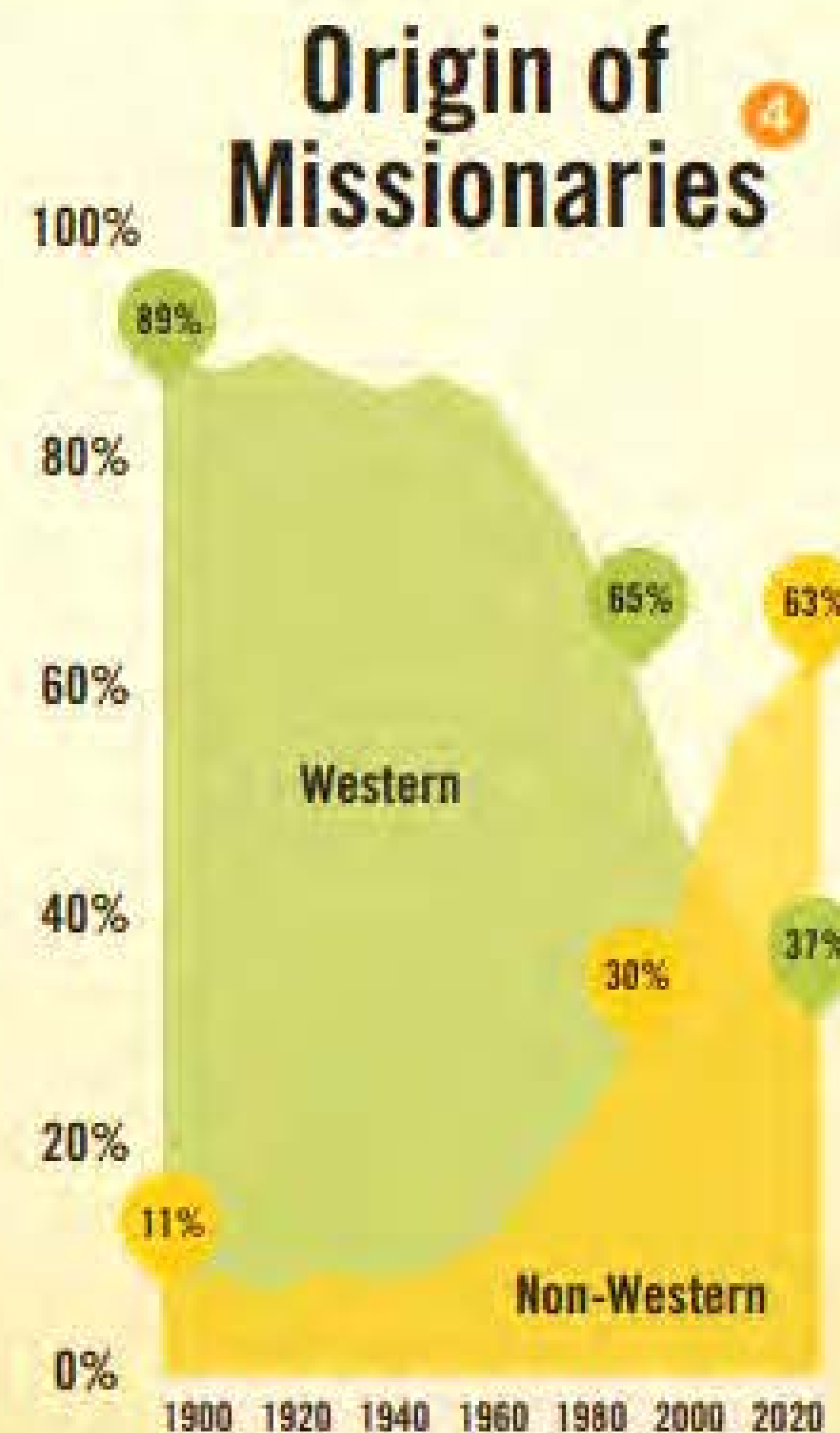
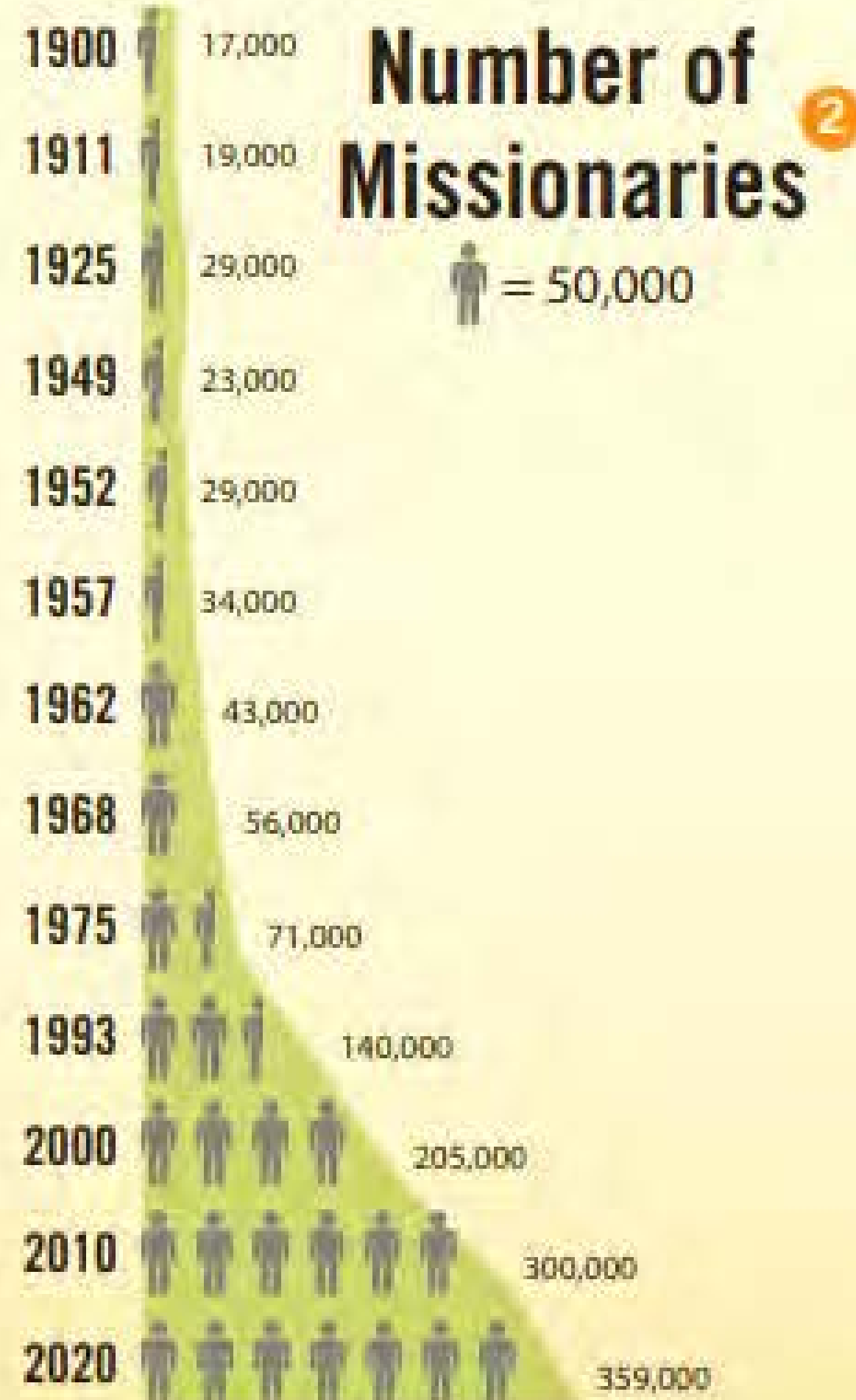
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GROWING COMMUNITIES DEMAND UNIFIED MINISTRIES

- 1. The vibrancy of the Gospel in our city is in proportion to the unity of the churches.**
- 2. Christian leaders that work together better engage their community.**
- 3. God displays his glory through the unity of His people.**

- The Church of England under Bishop George Lavington prided itself on its rationality, its moderation, its staid and decorous worship.
- He attacked the Methodists for their "enthusiasm" and manifestations: ecstatic visions, raptures, and mortifications, wailing, and convulsions





The church is not an institution
forcing us to follow rules but a
community inviting us to still our
hunger and thirst at its table.


— *Henri Nouwen* —

AZ QUOTES

The Responsibility of Evangelism

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:14-15

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“The Church — the bride of Christ with all of its imperfections — is a beautiful thing, but if we reduce the church to a 75-minute service, we have forgotten our purpose.”

Eugene Cho

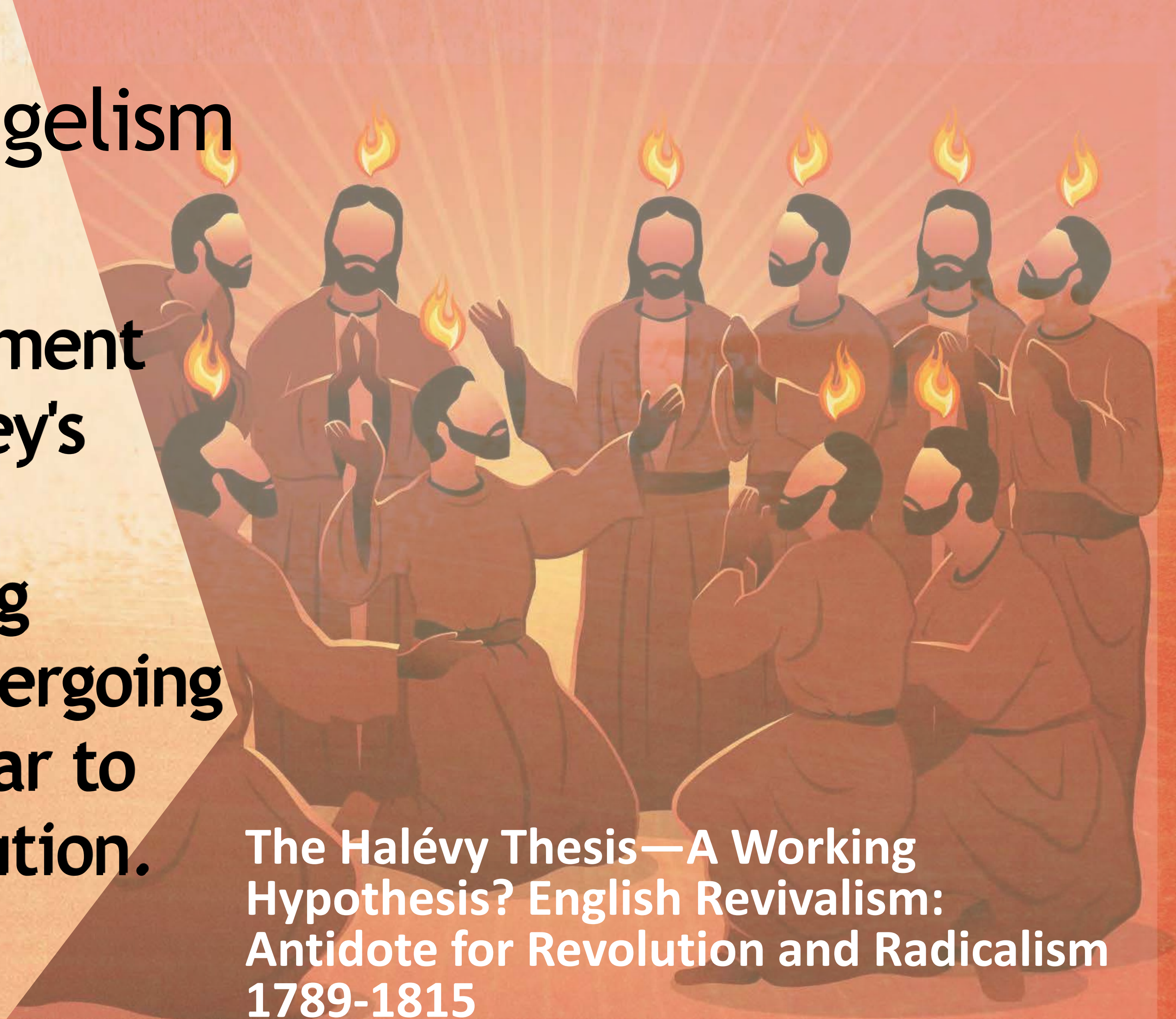
The “Beautiful Feet” of Evangelism

- ▶ Guides the believers in Discipleship & Spiritual Formation.
- ▶ Effective, Efficient, Efficacious Ministry that Brings Healing to Spiritual Brokenness.
- ▶ Spiritual Vibrancy Evidenced in Loving God & Loving Neighbor.

Responsible Evangelism Affects Society

the Methodist movement
during John Wesley's
time as antidote,
potentially sparing
England from undergoing
a revolution similar to
the French Revolution.

The Halévy Thesis—A Working
Hypothesis? English Revivalism:
Antidote for Revolution and Radicalism
1789-1815



“the Holy Spirit has the power to redirect our hearts towards holiness and that the grace of God continues to work, even after our justification, to sanctify us and to the uttermost.”



Timothy Tennent

A MOSAIC OF LI

- ▶ I write certain letters differently because I liked how one sister wrote hers; I love doing crafts because auntie Grace taught me; I love reading, and I read many books because auntie Jacqueline encouraged me. I wondered about God and asked questions, and love to hear uncle Sabashtain's explanations. The way I talk, eat, how I like the food cooked, and even how I live reflects the company I keep.
- ▶ Those 11 years in Sophia's Home transformed me. I wasn't only educated through attending school but matured spiritually and emotionally as well. I am all the people I have lived with. I am a mosaic of all of their lives. I am God's masterpiece.

The Responsibility of Evangelism

1. Christian social responsibility is rooted in the teachings of the Bible and guided by Christian tradition. It is an integral part of the Gospel which the Church is expected to proclaim, preserve and practise.



**Our Methodist Heritage
(BOD ¶81)**

The Responsibility of Evangelism

2. The Methodist Church has a special interest in social concerns because of its desire to be obedient to Christ in bringing the whole of life with its activities, possessions, relationships and environment into conformity with the will of God. Such obedience is exemplified in the life and labour of John Wesley who ministered to the physical, intellectual, spiritual and social needs of the people to who he preached the Gospel of salvation.



Our Methodist Heritage
(BOD ¶81)

The Responsibility of Evangelism

3. It is out of our gratitude for God's love and in affirmation of our belief in the inestimable worth of each person and the integrity of God's creation, that we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the Gospel and to live a life of personal and social holiness.

**Our Methodist Heritage
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Lord, You still call us by name, to be part of this family, the church, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Set us aside, especially from the world of instant everything. Consecrate our 17 CAC churches spread all over Singapore, that we, having our lives transformed, may be of use for Your Holy work of preaching the Gospel to the uttermost. May our hearts be opened exclusively to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we can truly love God and our neighbor, especially the poor, the marginalized, and the disenfranchised; be convicted of our many private and public sins; and seek to live in peace with God and one another; seeking the welfare of Singapore and beyond. AMEN.

Zeal & Responsibility for Evangelism

Romans 10:9-10

Central Truth: All who declare “Jesus is Lord,” will be saved.

Introduction

1. Christians as percentage of world population has hovered in the mid 30s: In 1900, 35.3%; 1950, 36.4%; 1980, 32.9%; 2015, 33.5% (www.missionarygraphics.com). Reflect on Romans 10:14-15, how we reach the other 2/3 of the world?
2. In 1900, 82% of Christians lived in Europe and North America. Today, majority of Christians now reside in the Global South. Reflect on Romans 10:8, thanking God for 20th Century missionaries who obediently brought us the gospel.

The Zeal of Evangelism - Romans 10:8-13

- In my view, the Gospel is [not vibrant / somewhat vibrant / very vibrant] in the CAC.
- Suggest ways that Christian leaders can work together and better engage their community.
- Share your encounter(s) with God displaying His glory through the unity of the people of God.

The Responsibility of Evangelism - Romans 10:14-15

- Discuss ways that guiding believers in disciple making and spiritual formation increases our church's soul winning capacity.
- Share examples of Effective, Efficient, Efficacious ministry that brought healing to spiritual brokenness.
- What steps can I take in loving God & loving neighbor?