

### Summary of Chapter

Tennent's primary focus in this chapter is laying the foundation for his term, theological translatability, which is the ability of the kerygmatic essentials of the Christian faith to be discovered and restated within an infinite number of new global contexts. He establishes that Christianity has always displayed a cultural and geographic translatability through examples like it moving from Jewish to Gentile circles, and how the "center of Christian gravity" is currently moving toward the southeast part of the world. Despite this clear shift, the authority on theology and Christian education remains in the Western world. Tennent believes that the Majority World church will play a crucial role in revitalizing and reforming Western theology. The key is that we actually take steps to become global in our theological perspective, and Tennent provides three implications of how that can be done (pg. 17).

### Key Learning/Questions

I explored these global shifts in my Perspectives on Missions class last semester, so this was good to read and reflect on again because it is so easy for me to lose sight of what is happening outside of my world. My main takeaway is the list of five trends from Majority World Christians, and how much we have to learn. I want them to be true of the church worldwide, but they clearly are not simply by stepping into churches and talking to believers near me in Dallas.

### Missional Implications

As I was reading, I kept thinking "words without actions will do nothing". We have to do the work and step into the discomfort of acknowledging that we have much to learn. I have grown more passionate about partnership in missions, and I think that is a practical way to step out to learn from the Majority World Church, breaking the belief that our experience of Christianity is universal, and help us to see where we have missed the heart of God in our theology.