

TH502 – Theology in Global Context  
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#### Summary of Chapter

- Christianity is perceived as Western religion, it was because the works of white missionary and the first encounter of Christianity for many is from that of a white person.
- When compared to other religion, Islam and Hinduism – Christianity spread throughout the world, from Israel to English speaking country/continent.
- Interesting stats and history of Christianity – largest church: Korea

#### Key Learning/Questions

- I am very new to theology studies aka seminary, I felt like it is heavily lead by white scholars. The terminology or the “standard” are made and defined and dominance by once race.
- Even churches or church leadership from my past experience is white dominance. Thus, as someone who get to know God so intimately since I was 12 years old, after arrived in the US I felt not welcome at the table, or perceived as too serious, too spiritual etc. – I question church operations in the US
- Churches in general very segregated, Korean wants to do churches Korean way, and Black/African, and White in their own way. It is a beautiful expression but I wonder if all churches could agree on “wedding dress” color when Jesus return for His bride (us the church).

#### Missional implications

- How can I build up biblical knowledge and not be “white wash”.