

Article Review #1

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### **Article Review**

#### **What is one concept that stood out to you in this article?**

This article was very interesting and profound. read. According to Thang Moe, author, "America is the most diverse and multicultural nation in the entire world when it comes to religion and linguistic ethnicity" (p. 18). The article is about how world Scholars have discovered that the center of Christianity has shifted from the Global North to the Global South. This means that global North Christianity is no longer influencing the Global South but vice versa. Prior to now, the North would want to dominate everyone from the South with their ideology of what Christianity should look like; this went on for many years.

One of the concepts within this article that stood out to me is the fact that in theological institutions from the Global North do not wish to listen to students from the Global South, yet the Global North just simply wants to transfer their Western knowledge to these students to which many times does not and cannot fit because the teaching is more of knowledge which oftentimes does not fit their Southern culture. Because we are living in a very multicultural world, the Global North theologians could not infiltrate the Global South successfully with their theologized teachings; the Global South (even though they had their own theological teachings) was more relational in their approach to salvation and being hospitable. Here is what Moe shared in his research "Jesus's mission it's a movement from the center to the margin in terms of being identified with the marginal people and in terms of being crucified at the outside of Jerusalem" (p.19) - Jesus's way of reaching people.

#### **What implications does this concept have for leading in the church?**

The implication this concept may have is one of acceptance, reason is there is going to be a lot of unlearning of missions a "certain" way and re-learning by choosing instead Jesus' model.

Another implication is a number of questions will be raised such as why is this now being done and why now

**What needs to change in your life as a result?**

My mindset towards missions must first be open and yielded to the Holy Spirit to work out his purpose and call on me within the ministry of the local church.

“One of the shortcomings in missions today is that of the Good Samaritan scenario, Jesus did not use this story as per chance it was deliberately placed in the Bible as a measurement for us as Christians to follow. We must have a heart in missions not just a Haha Hahaway to visit a new country mindset. Jesus wants us to serve our heart And with our hands” (p.23).

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