

Unreached People Groups

India is primarily a Hindu nation and is ranked number 10 (out of 50) on Open Doors USA's World Watch List. Religious nationalism is high, meaning to be 'Indian, you must be Hindu' this leads to widespread discrimination and persecution of Christians and other religious minority groups like Muslims. India also blocks the flow of foreign funds to many Christian run hospitals, schools, and church organizations as a way of protecting the Indian national identity.



Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world. There are thousands of different people groups that live in India and 90.0% of those are considered unreached people groups (UPG), meaning that less than 2% are Bible believing Christians. In the video you learned about how Sanjay used his talent and skills as a rickshaw driver to expose at least 80 people a day to the Word of God through the Treasure. Let's think about that. Even if Sanjay took weekends off from work, he has the opportunity to reach up to 400 people a week and over 20,000 in a year with his Treasure! Most of these people would have never had an opportunity to hear any part of God's Word in their entire lives. Sanjay said the Treasure gives him an opportunity to share the love of Christ with others.

The Joshua Project is a great organization where you can learn about the different people groups in the world! You can find the languages they speak – including if they have a Bible or parts of the Bible translated in their language, their primary religion, and what percentage is Evangelical-Bible believing. Joshua Project also has an 'Unreached of the Day' mobile app that joins thousands of people world-wide praying together for a specific unreached people group daily.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

We will be researching an unreached people group in India. Start by going to the Joshua Project website (www.joshuaproject.net). Click on the search magnifying glass at the top right of the screen. Under the "Focused Search" click the country drop-down menu and select India.

As you scroll down the page you will see a list of people groups. By looking under the "Progress Scale" column find groups with either a red dot (UPG) or a red sun shape (Frontier People Group, less than 1% Bible believing). Select one of these people groups for your research project. Answer the questions on the right as you go through the people group profile and share your findings!

QUESTIONS

- » What's the population of your group?
- » What's the largest religion and main language for that people group?
- » Write down 3 things you learned about this group.
- » What do you think may be a barrier for this people group in hearing about Jesus and becoming a Christian?
- » Is there a Bible translation available for this people group?