



Every Nation Update India (Jay) | Small Group Discussion

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Hindi
The individual's own language spoken in their daily interactions
2. What are some of the main reasons the villagers have not heard the Word of God?
Pastors and Evangelists have not gone there.
Low percentage of people who read or write.
There are many dialect and language barriers.
There are limited resources to allow access.
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40%
4. Why don't the pastors and the evangelists want to go into the remote villages?
In some cases, being ill equipped to reach the people in the manner that they are used to. In others, fear.

Discussion:

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Limited Reading Materials in their language - Translations
Who will be sent to teach?
Time consuming process.
They are often focused on their next meal or shelter vs. education.
2. Why do you think it's so important to hear the Word of God in your own dialect and language, read by someone fluent in the language?
Removes and miscommunication that occurs from translation and helps the listener focus on the message.

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