

# RESEARCH FOR ADOPTION AND ACQUISITION

JUDGES 18:8-16

**AN EVANGELICAL CHURCH FOR EVERY PEOPLE**

# THE NAGGING QUESTION

WITH THE VOLUME OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH FINDINGS ABOUT THE REMAINING TASK OF EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD TODAY,

WHY ARE THERE STILL MANY UNENGAGED, UNEVANGELIZED, UNREACHED, LEAST-REACHED, UNCHURCHED, UN-TARGETTED, UN-DISCIPLINED, UNCLAIMED, UN-OCCUPIED, ETC, PEOPLES, LANDS, TERRITORIES, ETC, AS WELL AS, INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT HAD A WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL TODAY?

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN  
REASONS FOR, AND PURPOSES OF, RESEARCH

THE REASONS ADVANCED FOR THE  
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN JUDGES 18 :1-31  
STRIKE A VERY CLEAR CORRELATION  
WITH THOSE OF JOSHUA 18:1-28 AS  
WELL AS UNDERSCORE THE PURPOSES  
FOR SUCH RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN  
REASONS FOR, AND PURPOSES OF, RESEARCH

REASON

**“BUT THERE WERE STILL SEVEN ISRAELITE  
TRIBES WHO  
*HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR  
INHERITANCE”***

( Joshua 18:2 NIV)

# REASONS FOR, AND PURPOSES OF, RESEARCH

## PURPOSE

**“HOW LONG WILL YOU WAIT BEFORE YOU  
BEGIN TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND**

**THAT THE LORD , THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER, *HAS GIVEN YOU.....*  
*GO AND MAKE A SURVEY OF THE LAND AND WRITE THE DESCRIPTION*  
*OF IT ....AND I WILL*  
**CAST LOTS FOR YOU****

**HERE AT SHILOH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD”**

**(JOSHUA 18:3; 8)**

# CORRELATIONS BETWEEN REASONS FOR, AND PURPOSES OF, RESEARCH

## REASON

“...the tribe of the *Danites was seeking a place of their own where they might settle, because they had not yet come into an inheritance among the tribes of Israel”  
(Judges 18:1 NIV).*

# CORRELATIONS BETWEEN REASONS FOR, AND PURPOSES OF, RESEARCH

## PURPOSE

“Come on, let’s attack them, we have seen that the land is very good. *Aren't you going to do something? Don't hesitate to go there and take it over....* A spacious land that God has put into your hands...”

(Judges 18:9-10)

# RESEARCH MUST RESULT IN SOME URGENT ACTION

**POSSESSION** : State of having, owning, or controlling something; a ***TERRITORY OR COUNTRY CONTROLLED OR OWNED BY ANOTHER***

**THROUGH**

**ACQUISITION** - Act of **GAINING Possession**

**ADOPTION** – Act of taking something on **AS YOUR OWN**

**ALLOTMENT /ALLOCATION** – The act of **DIVIDING AND GIVING OUT SOMETHING** for a special reason or to particular people



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**THROUGH**

**APPROPRIATION** - A DELIBERATE ACT OF ACQUISITION OF SOMETHING often without permission of the owner

**INHERITANCE** – The ACT OF INHERITING PROPERTY; act of ACQUISITION OF A POSSESSION

# THE ROLE OF THE RESEARCHERS IN FACILITATING REQUIRED ACTIONS

**The “Discerners & Discoverers” are in a better position to lead the way, guide actions, and determine best strategies of solving the problems they have observed, or appropriating the opportunities they have highlighted**

# THE ROLE OF THE RESEARCHERS IN FACILITATING REQUIRED ACTIONS

**I CHRONICLES 12:32 – MEN OF ISSACHAR**

**THE LEAST IN NUMBER BUT HAD MORE STRATEGIC ROLE**

**“UNDERSTOOD THE TIMES AND KNEW WHAT ISRAEL SHOULD DO”**

**“Issachar is a rawboned donkey, lying down between two burdens;**

**He saw that rest was good, and that the land was pleasant; (but)**

**HE BOWED HIS SHOULDER TO BEAR A BURDEN,**

**and became a band of slaves”**

**(Genesis 49:14-15).**

# THE ROLE OF THE RESEARCHERS IN FACILITATING REQUIRED ACTIONS

**JOSHUA 2:17-21, 23-24; 6:22-23 – THE 2 SPIES**

**HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF DISCOVERING WHAT THE  
LORD HAD ALREADY DONE BEFORE THE  
ISRAELITES APPROACHED JERICHO,  
RECOMMENDED MEANS OF SALVATION FOR  
RAHAB'S HOUSEHOLD, AND WERE INVOLVED IN  
RESCUING RAHAB AND HER FAMILY**

# THE ROLE OF THE RESEARCHERS IN FACILITATING REQUIRED ACTIONS

**JOSHUA 18: 4,6,8-9 – 3 MEN FROM EACH TRIBE**

**MADE A SURVEY OF THE LAND, DID THE  
ANALYSIS OF THEIR FINDINGS AND DIVIDED  
SAME INTO SEVEN PARTS WHICH FACILITATED  
THE EASY ALLOCATION (DISTRIBUTION) OF THE  
LAND BY JOSHUA TO THE SEVEN REMAINING  
TRIBES OF ISRAEL WHO WERE YET TO GET THEIR  
OWN INHERITANCE**

# THE ROLE OF THE RESEARCHERS IN FACILITATING REQUIRED ACTIONS

**JUDGES 18:8-10; 14-15**

**INSPIRED AND URGED IMMEDIATE ACTION TO  
POSSESS**

**'A SPACIOUS LAND THAT GOD HAS PUT INTO YOUR  
HANDS, A LAND THAT LACKS NOTHING WHATEVER',  
AS WELL AS DIRECTING THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING  
OF MICAH'S POSSESSIONS**

FOR REFLECTION - ASKING STRATEGIC  
QUESTIONS FOR MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS

**JUDGES 18:3 (NIV)**

**WHO?**

**WHAT?**

**WHY?**