

# SERVICE OUTLINE: NORTH AFRICA - WALKING IN SHADOW

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*This outline is designed to help you pull together different resources to create an engaging service focusing on cross-cultural mission and how God is at work. Feel free to use the different elements below in a way that is most helpful for your congregation and browse our resources section for alternatives to swap in.*

## INTRODUCTION TO NORTH AFRICA

In North Africa alone, 200 million people from 472 unreached people groups are unreached with the gospel. That's 200 million people unknowingly heading for a Christ-less eternity.

We talk about 'North Africa' instead of the individual countries across the north and into the horn of Africa because these countries are 'Creative Access' locations - nations where there is great hostility towards Christianity and where traditional 'missionary work' is not possible. Workers, therefore, need to access these countries using their skills in areas such as business, education and healthcare, giving a more 'creative' platform from which to proclaim the liberating news of Jesus Christ as they practically serve the local community.

Whatever role workers have, the aim is to be as intentional as possible. Whether it is buying bread for breakfast, meeting with a client to discuss business, dropping off children at school, or drinking tea with a friend, the intention is to always be ready to share the truth of the gospel.

The lost need to hear the good news of Jesus. Could God be working in the hearts of people in your church? We hope this service will encourage your church to a deeper engagement with our God and his mission to all peoples.

## ITEMS TO INTRODUCE THE SERVICE THEME:

- [Walking in Shadow video \(6:05 minutes long\)](#)
- [A focus on: North Africa - powerpoint slides and notes](#)
- [Stories and resources ideas](#)

## READINGS:

- Mark 10:17-39
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (*optional additional reading*)

## **SERMON:**

- [Sermon notes focusing on Mark 10 v. 29-31](#)
- [Stories and resources ideas](#)

## **SONGS:**

[See our Spotify list for song suggestions.](#)

## **CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:**

- Children's activity - [Henna hands colouring sheet](#)
- Children's talk: [Would you rather...? \(with accompanying powerpoint slides\)](#)