

WHOLISTIC WORLDVIEW IX:
God's Intention for the Nations

Date: 12/01

(1 HOUR)

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Participants will understand God's intention for the nations, and a wholistic interpretation of the great commission.
 2. Participants will gain a vision for a ministry that both saves souls and disciplines nations.

OVERVIEW FOR TRAINERS: This is the first in a series of lessons to teach a Biblical worldview and lay Biblical foundations for wholistic ministry.

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| <p>Role Play:</p> <p>1st The great commission says that we are to save souls.</p> <p>2nd The great commission says that we are to disciple nations.</p> <p>1st I guess that depends on how you interpret the phrase, "make disciples of all nations." I believe he was saying make disciples of people in every nation.</p> <p>2nd You have reduced the command to make disciples of all nations to a command to do soul winning. I do believe Jesus was saying that our preaching should save souls, but it should also reform cultures and build societies that are compassionate, just, and free.</p> <p>----SH questions---- S = What do you See? H = What is Happening?</p> | 10" | <p>Two people are arguing about the meaning of the great commission. One argues that the great commission is a command to save souls, the other that the great commission includes reforming cultures and building societies that are compassionate, just, and free.</p> |
| <p>I. God's Book in 12 Chapters Tell the story of the 12 Chapter Book of God's Story. Think if the Bible was condensed into 12 chapters. <u>Have a copy of an old paperback book available.</u> Outline what would be included in each of the 12 chapters: Chapter 1 would be creation. God created the world by just speaking it and he made man and woman to rule over it. the garden was perfect and all lived in perfect harmony.</p> <p>Chapter 2 would be the fall where sin entered the perfect world that God created and then Adam and</p> | 10" | <p>I. <u>God's Book in 12 Chapters:</u></p> |

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| <p>Eve were barred from it. Harmony was broken within God's creation. Chapters 3-9 would be seen as man's search to restore the perfect harmony that was in the world before the fall. Chapter 10 would be the birth, life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ who restored the broken harmony to those who would believe in Him. Chapter 11 would be the first century spread of Christianity by the disciples. Chapter 12 would be the wedding of the bride and the celestial city.</p> <p>Rip out Chapter 10 and say that in evangelical circles today, we only concentrate on Chapter 10 and we throw away the rest of the book. Throw out the rest of the book leaving only the one chapter.</p> <p>As you go through the rest of the lesson keep referring back to the fact that evangelicals only share one chapter out of the 12 in God's book.</p> | | |
| <p>II. God's intention for the nations. Break into small groups to discuss what the scriptures have to say about God's intention for the nations. Report findings back to the large group.</p> <p>A. All nations will be blessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Genesis 18:18 - Genesis 22:18 - Genesis 26:4 - Psalm 67:4-7 - Isaiah 2:3,4 - Isaiah 51:4,5 - Matthew 12:18 - Revelations 22:1-5 <p>B. God will rule over all nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psalm 22:27,28 - Psalm 46:10 - Zechariah 9:10 - Romans 15:12 - Romans 16:25-27 - Revelations 21:24-27 | 25" | <p>II. <u>God's Intention for the Nations.</u></p> <p>A. All nations will be blessed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God promised to bless all nations through Abraham 2. God will bring righteousness and justice as nations walk in His ways. 3. God will bring healing, peace and prosperity to the land. <p>B. God will rule over all nations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He will have dominion over every nation. 2. He will be exalted, worshiped, and adored by all nations. 3. He will be feared and obeyed by every nation. |
| <p>III. What does the New Testament say should be proclaimed to the nations?</p> <p>A. Matthew 12:18</p> | | <p>III. <u>What the New Testament Says Should be Proclaimed to the Nations</u></p> <p>A. Justice</p> |

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| B. Matthew 24:14 C. Mark 13:10 D. Luke 24:46-47 E. Romans 16:25-27 | | B. Good News of the Kingdom C. Gospel D. Repentance and forgiveness of sins E. Obedience |
| IV. Display the <i>Transformational Development</i> diagram. Give the information under the knowledge column. A. Ask the group "How might this view of the great commission change the way we view the mission and purpose of the church and how we carry it out?" | 10" | IV. <u>Transformational Development:</u> Transformational development is a dynamic process which begins with the proclamation of the gospel and involves the exchange of lies for the truth. But that is just the beginning as God intends for whole cultures to be reformed to reflect His goodness and glory. Society is changed as individuals change. Nations are disciplined one person at a time. A. Changes in the way we view the mission of the church and how we carry it out <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our preaching should not only be directed at saving souls, but also at reforming culture and building just and compassionate societies that are obedient to the law of God. 2. Our ministries should not only be concerned with man's future destiny, but also his present condition. 3. True disciples of Christ are not withdrawn from society, but involved changing it. 4. Our teaching in the church should encourage people to be good citizens and nation builders. |
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| V. What happens when the church fails to disciple the nation A. Display the quote from Darrow Miller in the knowledge column: B. Read II Kings 17:15 and show how this happened in Israel. C. Discuss this question in small groups: How has your church disciplined the nation, and how has the nation disciplined your church? Report your findings back to the large group. | 15" | V. <u>Examples of What Happens When the Church Fails to Disciple the Nation.</u> A. "When the church fails to disciple the nation, the nation disciplines the church." B. What happened to Israel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destruction of the family 2. Decline of moral values 3. Injustice |

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ATTITUDE: Participants are humble and understand the commitment to the truth that Christ has called His church to disciple nations.

SKILL: Participants will understand God's intention for the nations and a wholistic interpretation of the great commission. They will also be able to gain a vision for a ministry that both saves souls and discipled nations.

EVALUATION: Facilitators will know participants have learned the content of this lesson when they obtain a vision for a ministry that saves souls and discipled a nation as God intended.

MATERIALS:

- Newsprint
- Masking tape
- Marking pens
- Transformational Development Pyramid* diagram
- Old paperback book

TRANSFORMATIONAL FORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

