

Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast
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Discipling the Nation

WORD (20 MINUTES)

²⁶"And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. . . ." **ACTS 17:26,27**

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. . . ."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Paul faced a group of Athenians who were either pantheists (believed in many gods) or agnostics (believed there were gods, but did not care). He was talking to a group of men who knew with their minds only that God was probably sovereign, the creator and sustainer of all. Paul acknowledged this by saying, God gives man *life, breath, and everything* (Acts 17:25). However, Paul pointed out that God was more than just a Being who viewed them as creatures of His world. God purposely set each and every one of them, of us, in a *nation of mankind*. He *determined allotted periods*, and the boundaries of each nation's dwelling place according to those periods. The reason He did this is because He loves and cares for us, considering us His children. This was a new concept to the Greeks. God's purpose and plan for every nation is that we should *seek* Him, decide to move toward Him, and *find* Him, because of that love He has for every person in every nation.

Our role in God's plan and purpose for every nation is found in the Great Commission. As disciples of Christ, we are to *go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all that He has commanded*. The commission applies to where we were born, where we live, and where we go. As we fulfill the Great Commission, we should pray constantly for the nations, live and teach biblical principles, and prepare to preach the gospel at any time. Discipling the nations does not just fulfill the Great Commission; it fulfills God's plan and purpose for each and every nation to seek and find Him. This begins when we disciple individuals in our spheres of influence, in whatever sector of society we are in.

DISCUSSION (50 MINUTES)

1. What sector of society has God placed you in? How can you serve the purpose of God and fulfill the Great Commission in that sector?
2. How can you share God's plan and purpose for the nations with those in your Victory group? How will you encourage them to serve this plan and purpose through fulfilling the Great Commission in whatever sector of society they are in?
3. Together, how can you and those in your Victory group take time to pray for the nation and preach the gospel?

PRAYER (20 MINUTES)

1. Thank God for placing you in your nation and current sector of society. Pray that you will be able to serve His purpose for your nation and fulfill the Great Commission in your current situation.
2. Pray that you will share and communicate God's plan and purpose for the nations with those in your Victory group. Pray that they would be encouraged to fulfill the Great Commission in the sectors of society they are in.
3. Pray for those in your Victory group, that both individually and together, you would take time to pray for the nation and preach the gospel. Pray for opportunities to preach the gospel in any situation and in every nation.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.