Lesson 4 - God's Vision for Your People

Review

What were your top takeaways from Lesson #3?

7 Ongoing Elements in a Movement (7 Ways to Raise the Sails for Movement)

1. **Focus on God's Word** (palms up and hands together like a book)
2. **Multiply Extraordinary Prayer** (Cross arms like an X)
3. **Cast Vision** (like you're holding a fishing pole and casting line)
4. **Train Believers to go out among the lost** (like your curling dumbbells)
5. **Go Out Among the lost** (point upward and to the side)
6. **See Groups Start** (hand roll)
7. **Ongoing Coaching** (baseball signals with your hands)

Our vision is to see God glorified in our life and among those we serve.

- Before starting your ministry, first seek the Lord for direction. Ask Him what HIS vision is for the people you want to minister to. Then look for others with a similar vision or for those who will catch the vision.
- Significantly, the movement catalysts God uses seem to be people who are willing to receive a God-sized impossible vision to see a WHOLE city, nation, ethne, language reached.
- Stan Parks - *"CPM catalysts start with believing that an entire unreached people group (UPG), city, region, and nation can and will be reached. Instead of asking: "What can I do?" they ask: "What must be done to see a movement started?" This keeps their focus and the focus of the new believers squarely on God. It forces them to rely on God to see the impossible happen."*

1% Group Exercise (have them write this down)

> Question 1: If you just reached 1% of the people in your area, how many people would you reach?
> Answer: Out of the 1,000,000 in West Texas, 1% would be 10,000.
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> Question 2: How many churches would you need to reach 1% if there are about 20 people per church (average number of believers in churches in movements is 18)?
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> Question 3: But do you just want to reach 1% of your area?
> Answer: Of course not. We're wanting to reach all of them.
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> Question 4: So, how many churches would it take to reach all of the people in your area if there were about 20 per church?
> Answer: 50,000 churches to reach the 1,000,000 in West Texas — WOW!

Remember, It's not about how many churches YOU can plant. You will never be able to plant enough churches on your own! It's about how many churches could be planted if MANY people were aiming to plant churches.

[*Option to break into groups*. Small groups ~4. Have them answer: How would having a vision for your entire people group change the way you approach making disciples? Give them about 5 minutes in the small group.]

End Vision

What MUST BE DONE so that everyone in your People Group can have an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

Sample End Visions

To facilitate church planting movements so that all 300,000 N people are within walking distance of a reproducing house church that is taking the Gospel to the N, Asia, and the world. There will need to be at least one church in every village (16,000).

To glorify God through multiple church planting movements among the two million Muslims of S Town so that there is a reproducing house church in every Muslim neighborhood so that every Muslim can understand the Gospel and participate in a house church. There will need to be 20,000 house churches proportionately distributed through every Muslim sect and ethnic group in the city.

Our vision is for XF district is to have an indigenous CPM that is led by lay, unpaid, local Christians. Thus allowing all in XF district to hear the gospel, and have a chance to receive Christ. The DNA of this movement should be evangelism resulting in new churches from the beginning. Our end vision is to have 200,000 new believers worshiping together and training in 13,000 new house churches by 2015.

Our vision is to see tens of thousands of bivocational American people leading DMMs that produces over 1 million disciples in West Texas by September 2027. That's within a 10 year span of launching our first DMM churches in September of 2017. After seeing our dream for 1 million disciples within ten years we aspire to see 200 million Americans become disciples in the next 20 years (2037). From there we would long to see American missionaries moving among every unreached people group on this planet.

Your End Vision (4 Min)

Write your own End Vision (using the above examples as a guide) for your area based on the 1% Group Exercise.

- Remember that it is not what you can do but what it will take to make sure every person in your people group can hear and respond to Good News. NOT WHAT YOU CAN DO, BUT WHAT MUST BE DONE!!
- If you're in America, assume 90% in your area are lost.

Have a few people share their End Visions.

Review the 7 Question DBS Process

1. What are you thankful for today?
2. What are you stressed about or struggling with?
3. Is there anything this group can do to help with those challenges or stresses, or is there

any other need we can meet together?
4. What does this passage teach us about God?
5. What does this passage teach us about people?
6. What should you do this week in response to this passage? (I will...)
7. Who should you share with this week?

DBS - Romans 15:16-23

Before you begin with the passage for this week, ask:

- Can anyone remember and share in their own words the passage we applied last week? (John 17:1-5)
- Did you DO what you said you were going to do last week and did you SHARE with the person you said you would share with?
- How did 3-2-1 go (3 hours with Jesus this week, 2 hours among the lost, 1 hour in corporate prayer)?
- Did you have a chance to pray through the Heart & Field Cycle? If so, did God impress anything on your heart as you prayed?

Have 2 people read Romans 15:16-23 (ideally in 2 different translations).
Have everyone restate it in their own words (let the group help people to get it right).

We reviewed the typical 7-Question DBS Process above, but we're going to use a different set of questions today.

1. What do we learn from Paul's example as a disciple maker & movement catalyst?
2. How can that apply to our role as disciple makers and movement catalysts?
3. What should you do this week in response to this passage? (I will...)
4. Who should you share with this week?

Challenge This Week

Finalize your "end vision" and begin praying every day that it would become a reality & that God would use you to be a part of it.