

PATH TO GOD'S GLORY

How To Develop a Biblical World View

Leader's Guide

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Leading a Small Group Study of *Path to God's Glory*

Course Objective

The purpose of this course is to inform and inspire participants to develop a Biblical world view that sees God successfully restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations for His glory.

It is our hope that participants will...

- grow in love and commitment to Jesus Christ
- understand the Church's role and rejoice in God's redemptive movement in the world
- understand the universal appeal of the gospel to all cultures
- recognize and overcome barriers in sharing the gospel
- make informed and obedient decisions on how to join God in accomplishing His purposes today

Course Description

Path to God's Glory can be studied by an individual or small group, as either a four or eight-week study.

We recommend four weeks for an individual and eight weeks for a small group (plus the introductory session).

There are four units in the study, each with two sections.

See the chart below for how to use this course in an eight-week small group study.

<u>Session</u>	<u>8-week study</u>
Introductory Session	Introduction
Session 1	Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom
Session 2	Unit 1, Section B...The Nations
Session 3	Unit 2, Section A...Top Line, Bottom Line
Session 4	Unit 2, Section B...The 4,000 Year Connection
Session 5	Unit 3, Section A...God's Redemptive Work
Session 6	Unit 3, Section B...The Remaining Task
Session 7	Unit 4, Section A...Biblical World View
Session 8	Unit 4, Section B...Joining God

How to Use this Guide

This leader's guide will assist you in preparing, conducting and following up the small group sessions.

Each session plan includes four parts:

1. Session Goals
2. Before the Session
3. During the Session
4. After the Session

Session Goals

Each session begins with a list of goals.

Activities are recommended to be done before, during and after each session to accomplish the session goals.

Before the Session

This section includes activities that are to be completed before the group session.

Check boxes () are included for you to check as you complete each activity.

Preparation is a key to a successful small group session.

During the Session

This section includes learning activities for you to use while conducting the session.

Pray for discernment in deciding which activities are best-suited for your group's learning style in accomplishing the session's goals.

After the Session

This section assists you in following-up a session.

This will help you to improve future sessions while focusing on individual needs within the group.

Your Role as a Small Group Leader / Facilitator

Your primary role is that of a facilitator. You will pray for, encourage and lead the group to accomplish each session's goals, adapting the activities to best meet your group's learning style.

Introductory Session...*Path to God's Glory*

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to...

- overview the content of the course
- strengthen relationships between group members
- outline expectations of group members
- secure a commitment from each member to complete the study and session requirements each week in the course

Before the Session

- Pray – ask God to bring persons to the introductory session whom He wants to be involved, and also for wisdom in preparing for the session.
- Have enough copies on hand of the *Path to God's Glory* workbook for each participant.
- Read through “During the Session.” Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session’s goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group’s learning potential.
- Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
- Prepare copies of the commitment card below for each participant.
- Have nametags, markers, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

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Commitment Card

By signing this card, I commit to myself and to the members of this group to do my best in this course, *Path to God's Glory*. I will complete each week’s assignments and attend group sessions. I will be open to God’s direction as I deepen my understanding of His kingdom.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

During the Session

Arrival Activities

- Greet potential members as they arrive.
- Ask everyone to fill out and wear a nametag.

Introduction

- Prayer – bring the group together. Ask God to use this session to clarify the overview and expectations of the study.
- Introduce people in the group: Ask people to share...
 - their name
 - where they were born
 - what brought them to this group
 - something the group might not know about them
 - what they have heard about this Bible study course

Course Overview

- Hand out the workbooks.
- Share the course objective.
- Course layout: ask the group to turn to the contents page of the book and explain how each session will focus on one section.
(example: Session 1 will cover Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom)

Expectations

- Ask the group to turn to the beginning of Unit 1, Section A... The Kingdom.
- Share with the group that each week, members will be expected to read and complete all exercises for that week's section before the small group session.
- Ask the group to turn to the Key Thoughts page in Unit 1, Section A. Tell group members that each section will conclude with the Key Thoughts page, except at the end of each unit, where there will be an additional Summary page to complete before the group session.
- Example: Next week's Session 1 expectations include...
 - Prayerfully read and complete all of Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom, including the Key Thoughts page before the group session.
 - Bring the workbook, Bible and pencil to the session.

Commitment

- Distribute commitment cards for people to fill out, explaining how each person's involvement contributes to the success of the entire group.
- Collect the cards.

Next Week's Session Expectations

- Logistics: make sure everyone in the group knows when and where the next session will be meeting.
- Ask if there are any questions about what is expected from everyone before the next session...to read and complete all exercises in Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom as well as the Key Thoughts page.

Prayer

- Go around the group and ask if there are any prayer requests, questions or comments about the study.
- Close by praying for specific requests and committing the study of this course to God.

After the Session

- Pray Give God thanks for guidance. Pray for each person in the group by name.

- Reflect Did our group meet the session's goals? _____
What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week's reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session. Read through the next session's goals and "Before the Session" to get prepared for next week's session.

Session 1

Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand how they perceive the Bible today
- see the Bible as a Treasure Map
- discover or rediscover the riches of God's kingdom
- recognize that they carry the keys to God's kingdom and can open its doors for others to enter and share in its riches

Before the Session

- Pray for each member of the group - that they would complete this week's assignment and be open to God's direction. Ask God for wisdom in preparing for this week's session.
- Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom in the workbook.
- Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
- Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
- Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Arrival Activities

- Greet members as they arrive.
- Ask everyone to fill out and wear a nametag.

Introduction

- Prayer Thank God for this group. Ask Him to open hearts and minds to what He wants to share with each member in this week's session.
- Group Sharing Ask members to share what they hope to get out of tonight's session and write their responses on the board.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

1. **How is the Bible like a Treasure Map?**
2. **How does one enter the kingdom of God?**
3. **What is expected of us after entering God's kingdom?**

Discussion

- Ask members to get in groups of three to four people and turn to page two of Unit 1, Section A...The Kingdom. Ask them to share the two primary ways they checked as how they see the Bible and why.
- Bring the whole group back together. Ask four members to read the following passages of Scripture to the group:
 - Matthew 6:33
 - Ephesians 2:6-8
 - Colossians 1:27
 - Matthew 13:44
- Ask members to share their thoughts about the riches of God's kingdom (turn to page three in the workbook for their answers).
- God's kingdom is central to Jesus' teaching. Ask members to share the primary meaning of the kingdom (see page four)
- Ask if any member would like to share their experience in discovering the way into God's kingdom (accepting Christ as Savior and Lord).
- Ask three members to read the following passages of Scripture:
 - Luke 9:1, 2
 - Matthew 28:19
 - Matthew 24:14
- What does Jesus expect us to do after entering into God's kingdom?
- What are some things that keep us from doing this?
- How can we overcome these?

- Jesus promised to give Peter the keys to the kingdom. The Holy Spirit expanded Peter’s vision for the kingdom in the following passages of Scripture:
 - Acts 2:14-40 (Hebrews)
 - Acts 8:14-17 (Samaritans)
 - Acts 10:44-48 (Gentiles)
- Ask members to silently pray that they would meet Jesus’ expectations with respect to God’s kingdom.

Prayer

- Ask people to turn to page six, Key Thoughts page, and review the names of the people they had written. Pray that each of these people would enter God’s kingdom.
- Go around the group and ask if there are any prayer requests, questions or comments about the study.
- Close by praying for specific requests.

Next Week’s Session Expectations

- Confirm next week’s meeting time and place.
- Review next week’s session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 1, Section B...The Nations.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.
 - Complete the Summary page, Unit 1.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session’s goals? _____
What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week’s reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session’s goals and “Before the Session” to get prepared for next

Session 2

Unit 1, Section B...The Nations

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand what the word “nation” means in the Bible
- see the Bible as one book with a common theme
- discover God’s plan to bless all nations
- consider ways to join God in restoring His kingdom and redeeming all nations

Before the Session

 Pray for each member of the group, that they would complete this week’s assignment and be open to God’s direction. Ask God for wisdom in preparing for this week’s session.

 Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 1, Section B...The Nations in the workbook, including the Unit 1 summary page.

 Read through “During the Session.” Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session’s goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group’s learning potential.

 Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.

 Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Arrival Activities

- Greet members as they arrive.
- Ask everyone to fill out and wear a nametag.

Introduction

- Prayer Ask a member of the group to open the session with prayer and to focus on God's kingdom and the nations.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

1. What was your understanding of the word "nation" before this study?
2. What does the word "nation" mean in the *Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19*?
3. What is the Church's role in regards to these unreached nations?

Discussion

- Ask two members to read the following passages of Scripture from page seven of the workbook.
 - Matthew 24:14
 - Matthew 28:18-20
- Ask members to answer these questions:
 1. Who is Jesus talking to in these passages?
 2. What is a nation?
 3. How does the Bible's definition of nation differ from how the world defines a nation?
 4. What was your reaction to reading that 10,000 nations (people groups) are still unreached?
 5. Ask each member to pray silently for 30 seconds that God would bless the 10,000 unreached people groups of the world by establishing a strong, local, evangelizing church within each group.
- Ask members to get in groups of three to four people and turn to page eight of Unit 1, Section B...The Nations. Ask them to share their answers to the question, "What do the Scripture verses, comments, and shaded grid areas tell you about God's plan for the nations?"
- Ask the same groups to share their answers to the question, "What are these clues telling you?" on page ten.
- Bring the groups back together. Ask each member to read at least one passage of Scripture on pages nine and ten beginning with Genesis 1:26-27 and ending with Revelation 7:9.

- Ask members to comment on their answer to the statement on page twelve, “Describe in your own words the Biblical theme of God’s kingdom and the nations as evident throughout Scripture.”
- Ask members to share in what ways they see the Bible differently as a result of studying the two sections in Unit 1.

Prayer

- Pray the Lord’s prayer in light of today’s session and ask God to show members of the group how they can join Him in advancing His kingdom to all nations today.
- Ask a member to close the session by praying what he or she wrote on page twelve in response to that God’s kingdom would be restored and all nations redeemed for His glory.

Next Week’s Session Expectations

- Confirm next week’s meeting time and place.
- Review next week’s session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 2, Section A...Top Line, Bottom Line.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session’s goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week’s reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session’s goals and “Before the Session” to get prepared for next week’s session.

Session 3

Unit 2, Section A...Top Line, Bottom Line

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand the Top Line, Bottom Line concept that runs throughout the Bible
- acknowledge the blessings they have received
- recognize responsibilities that come with those blessings
- take action to uphold those responsibilities

Before the Session

- Pray for each member of the group, that they would complete this week's assignment and be open to God's direction. Ask God for wisdom in preparing for this week's session.
- Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 2, Section A...Top Line, Bottom Line in the workbook.
- Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
- Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
- Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Introduction

- Prayer Ask a member of the group to open the session with prayer and to focus on the Top Line, Bottom Line.
- Session Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

1. Describe the Top Line, Bottom Line concept.
2. What is the Top Line blessing of Psalm 67:1-2?
3. What is the Bottom Line responsibility of Psalm 67:1-2?

Discussion

- Ask the group to complete Psalm 67:1-2 out loud...
“May God be _____;
_____.”
- Ask the group to share their answers to the questions on the bottom of page 16 -the blessings and responsibilities of Psalm 67:1-2.
- Ask the group to turn to page 17 and share what they underlined and circled in Ephesians 2:8-10.
- Ask the group to describe the Top Line, Bottom Line concept in their own words.
- Write the following on a board:
TOP LINE _____
BOTTOM LINE _____
- Ask the group where we tend to focus our time and why.
- Then read Luke 12:48b. What does Jesus say happens to our responsibilities as we receive more blessings?
- Share with the group the new ways you may be able to extend your blessings to the nations as written on page 18.
- Ask members to turn to page 19 where they wrote at least one blessing for which they would like to take greater responsibility. Get into groups of two or three people and ask each member to share a blessing for which they would like to take greater responsibility, along with what the corresponding responsibility and action would be. Then ask each member to pray for one other person to help him or her uphold that responsibility with consistent action by God’s grace.
- Bring the groups back together. Ask each member to turn to page 19, Key Thoughts. Ask everyone to spread out and take five minutes to reflect and pray about their answers, renewing their commitment to

begin taking the actions identified with God’s help and the help of at least one other person.

Prayer

- Bring everyone back together. Praise God for all of His blessings on the group. Ask God for help in upholding the responsibilities that come with those blessings.

Next Week’s Session Expectations

- Confirm next week’s meeting time and place.
- Review next week’s session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 2, Section B...The 4,000 Year Connection.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.
 - Complete the Summary page, Unit 2.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session’s goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week’s reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session’s goals and “Before the Session” to get prepared for next week’s session.

Session 4

Unit 2, Section B...The 4,000 Year Connection

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand our 4,000 year connection with the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission
- discover the ultimate Top Line blessing and Bottom Line responsibility
- see the fulfillment of both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission in Revelation 7:9
- make an effort to join God in upholding the ultimate Bottom Line responsibility

Before the Session

- Pray for each member of the group, especially those who are earnestly seeking God's direction, that they would complete this week's assignment and be open to God's guidance. Ask God for wisdom in preparing for this week's session. Pray for members to understand the material.
- Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 2, Section B...The 4,000 Year Connection, including the Unit 2 summary.
- Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
- Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
- Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Introduction

- Prayer Thank God for guiding the group through half of the study so far, and ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to better understand our 4,000 year connection.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

1. What does “Abraham” mean?

2. Describe the 4,000 year connection.

3. What is the ultimate Top Line blessing and Bottom Line responsibility?

Discussion

- Ask members to open to page 20 in the workbook.
- Ask two members to read the following passages of Scripture:
 - Genesis 12:2-3
 - Matthew 28:19-20
- Ask members to share what they indicated were the Top Line and Bottom Line in both passages (note that the Top Line comes first in the Abrahamic Covenant but comes second in the Great Commission).
- What responsibility did God give Abraham and Jesus give His disciples?
- Ask members why God changed Abram’s name to Abraham.
- Ask members to fill in the blanks of the following statements:
 - “I am connected to the Abrahamic Covenant because I am Abraham’s _____ through faith.”
 - “I am connected to the Great Commission because I am Jesus’ _____ through faith.”
- Turn to page 21 to see that we are connected to the Abrahamic Covenant as Abraham’s seed and to the Great Commission as Jesus’ disciples.
- This is the 4,000 year connection.
 - How are we connected to the blessings of the Covenant and Commission?
 - What about the responsibilities?

- The fulfillment of both the Abrahamic Covenant and Great Commission is found in Revelation 7:9. Ask a member to read this verse out loud.
- Ask members to close their eyes and picture this scene for 30 seconds. Then ask the members to take 60 seconds and write down what scene came to mind. Then ask members to share what they wrote down.
- Ask members to comment on what the Church’s role should be in bringing this scene to fulfillment and how well members think the Church is doing. Ask for suggestions on what could be done better.

Prayer

- Ask members to get into groups of two or three. Then ask each member to pray the prayers written on the bottom of page 22, Key Thoughts and middle of page 23, Summary.
- Bring everyone back together. Thank God for the 4,000 year connection and for guidance in joining Him in practical ways to uphold our responsibility in the connection today.

Next Week’s Session Expectations

- Confirm next week’s meeting time and place.
- Review next week’s session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 3, Section A...God’s Redemptive Work.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session’s goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write, or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week’s reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session’s goals and “Before the Session” to get prepared for next week.

Session 5

Unit 3, Section A...God's Redemptive Work

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand how God has been actively keeping His promise to Abraham to bless all peoples over the past 4,000 years
- discover the pattern of kingdom advancement
- see the major emphasis of kingdom growth in the Three Eras of Modern Expansion
- deepen their understanding of the words “nations” and “peoples” in the Bible

Before the Session

- Pray for each member of the group, that they would see the big picture in God's plan to reach all peoples. Ask God for wisdom and concentration in studying God's Redemptive Work section and in preparation for this week's session.
- Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 3, Section A...God's Redemptive Work.
- Read through “During the Session.” Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
- Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
- Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Introduction

- Prayer Ask a member to lead prayer by thanking God for always keeping His promises and for actively keeping His promise for 4,000 years.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

- 1. Describe some reasons why God's kingdom has advanced and stagnated over the past 4,000 years?**
- 2. What was emphasized in the first, second, and third eras of modern day expansion?**

Discussion

- Ask members to turn to the chart of the Ten 400 year epochs of redemptive history on page 26 in the workbook.
- Ask members to get into two groups and review the chart again and comment on the following:
 - Overall impressions when first studied it
 - Answers to reasons God's kingdom has advanced
 - Answers to reasons God's kingdom has stagnated
 - Is the United States in a season of kingdom advancement or stagnation? Why?
 - Is the world in a season of kingdom advancement or stagnation? Why?
(This will be covered in greater detail in Unit 3, Section B)
- Ask the two groups to turn to pages 30, 31 and 32 of the Three Eras of Modern Day Expansion and discuss the following:
 - What do William Carey, Hudson Taylor, Cameron Townsend and Donald McGavran have in common?
 - Why do you think William Carey's message was not well received at first?
 - Is the message well received today? Why or why not?
 - Why is the 3rd Era that we are in today often referred to as the final era?
- Bring the two groups back together. Share some of the answers to the previous discussion questions.
- Ask members to turn to pages 28 and 29 in the workbook.
Review the map and statistics of the explosive growth of God's kingdom and do the following:
 - Praise God for the tremendous expansion of the gospel over the last two centuries.
 - Ask God to continue to bless Africa, China, Korea and Latin America.
 - Discuss possible reasons for this tremendous growth.
 - Pray that the good news expands to all the world.

Prayer

- God always keeps His promises. Ask each member to share one promise that God has kept to him or her in their lives.
- Close by thanking God again for keeping His promises, even His 4,000 year old promises. Then pray that God's kingdom would advance to all the nations until the promise to Abraham is fulfilled.

Next Week's Session Expectations

- Confirm next week's meeting time and place.
- Review next week's session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 3, Section B...The Remaining Task.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.
 - Complete the Summary page, Unit 3.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session's goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week's reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session's goals and "Before the Session" to get prepared for next week's session.

Session 6

Unit 3, Section B...The Remaining Task

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand what people groups are, both reached and unreached
- discover the major cultural blocs in which most unreached people groups are found
- deepen their understanding of God's master plan over the past 4,000 years

Before the Session

-  Pray for each member of the group, that their hearts would stir with excitement for what God is doing in completing the remaining task, and that they would complete the reading and exercises for this week. Ask God for wisdom and understanding of His master plan to redeem all people groups and in preparation for this week's session.
-  Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 3, Section B...The Remaining Task, as well as the Unit 3 summary.
-  Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
-  Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
-  Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Introduction

- Prayer Praise God for the tremendous growth of His kingdom in recent centuries, especially in the last 20 years. Ask God to bless the remaining 10,000 unreached people groups by establishing Bible-believing churches among each of them.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

- 1. What is an unreached people group?**
- 2. How many unreached people groups are in the world today?**
- 3. Who are the five major cultural blocs?**

Discussion

- Ask members to turn to page 36 and ask how many people groups need to be reached with the gospel to fulfill both the Abrahamic Covenant and Great Commission.
- Ask members to describe in their own words the definition of a people group, an unreached people group, and a reached people group.
- Ask members to get into five groups. Assign each group one major cultural bloc. Ask each group to pray for that bloc:
 - Thank God for creating all peoples within this bloc (example: Muslims).
 - Ask God to break down barriers within the 10/40 window to share the gospel to peoples within their bloc.
 - Ask God to establish a church among every unreached people groups within their bloc.
- Ask the five groups to turn to page 39 and discuss potential reasons why God's kingdom has grown so dramatically in recent centuries, especially since 1980.
- Discuss ways your group or church could join God in establishing Bible-believing churches within unreached people groups. (See the bottom of page 39)
- Pray for continued growth and church partnerships.
- Is it reasonable to expect a church to designate a portion of its income to unreached people groups, using its resources to establish churches within them?
- Why or why not?

Prayer

- Ask a member to read Revelation 5:9.
- Pray for the salvation of those mentioned in this verse.
- Ask God to show the group and each member how He wants to use them to reach those mentioned in this verse.

Next Week's Session Expectations

- Confirm next week's meeting time and place.
- Review next week's session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 4, Section A...Biblical World View.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session's goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week's reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session's goals and "Before the Session" to get prepared for next week's session.

Session 7

Unit 4, Section A...Biblical World View

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand the concept of world view
- discover how a person's world view affects their beliefs, values, and behavior
- see how the gospel can be more effectively shared with a person from another culture as well as one's own culture

Before the Session

-  Pray for each member of the group, that they would be inspired to reach out to others through friendships, and that they would complete the reading and exercises for this week. Ask God for wisdom in facilitating the discussions on the world view concept, in sharing the gospel of the kingdom with all nations, and in preparation for this week's session.
-  Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 4, Section A...Biblical World View.
-  Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
-  Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
-  Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

During the Session

Introduction

- Prayer Ask a member to thank God for his or her culture and all cultures of the world and to help each member to seek to understand and be sensitive to others' world views when sharing the gospel of the kingdom.
- Session Goals Share the session's goals with members either verbally or written on the board.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

1. **Describe the concept of world view.**
2. **Why is it beneficial to understand another person's world view when sharing the gospel with them, particularly when that person is from another culture?**

Discussion

- Ask members to turn to page 43 and write on the board 10-15 things that they had written down when they thought of the word church.
- Review the list and circle everything that has to do with culture.
- Put a star (*) by everything else.
- Ask the group which is more important when sharing the gospel with someone, the items with circles or stars. Why?

- Ask members to turn to pages 44 and 46 and ask what were their thoughts when they first saw these pages. We need to look at things from other people's perspectives and share the gospel in a way that makes sense to them.

- Ask members to turn to page 45, Our World View page. Ask members to get into two groups and assign each group one world view. Neither culture has yet been exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Group One is from the Accidental culture. They view the world as an accident, that the earth and all that is in it are here by chance. Ask the group to discuss and write down what are possibly their culture's beliefs, values, and behaviors.
Then discuss the strategy for how this culture could be evangelized.
 - Group Two is from the Created culture. They view the world as being created, that the earth and all that is in it are here by design. Ask the group to discuss and write down what are possibly their culture's beliefs, values, and behaviors.
Then discuss the strategy for how this culture could be evangelized.

- Bring the two groups back together.
 - Ask Group One to share their culture’s beliefs, values and behaviors.
 - Ask Group Two to share their culture’s beliefs, values and behaviors.
 - Now ask each group to share the strategy they would use to evangelize each culture.
- Ask members to share any experience they have had in sharing the gospel with someone from another culture. If someone in the group is from another culture, ask them to share their experience in hearing the gospel and being saved.

Prayer

- Ask a member to write down the name of at least one person they wrote down on page 50, Key Thoughts. Have one member pray for each of these people as follows:
 - Friendships deepened; world views learned; information shared; invitations given; opportunities taken; gospel shared; discipling begun.

Next Week’s Session Expectations

- Confirm next week’s meeting time and place.
- Review next week’s session requirements with the group.
 - Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 4, Section B...Joining God.
 - Complete the Key Commitment page.
 - Complete the Key Thoughts page.
 - Complete the Summary page, Unit 4.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session’s goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

What can be done to improve next session? (logistics, participation, etc.)

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to encourage them to complete this week’s reading and exercises in the workbook before the next session.
Read through the next session’s goals and “Before the Session” to get prepared for next week’s session.

Session 8

Unit 4, Section B...Joining God

Session Goals

The goals of this session are to help members...

- understand the concept of E-1, E-2 and E-3 evangelism
- discover the four major mechanisms God has used to advance His kingdom
- see practical ways to join God as an individual and group to bless the unreached people groups of the world

Before the Session

-  Pray for each member of the group, that they would complete the reading and exercises for this week, and commit to advancing God's kingdom right where they are today. Ask God for wisdom in closing this study with practical ways that individual members and the group can join God in fulfilling His master plan to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory.
-  Complete the reading and exercises in Unit 4, Section B...Joining God, as well as the key commitment page and Unit 4 summary.
-  Read through "During the Session." Select the activities that will best help your group meet this session's goals. Adapt or develop other activities to maximize the group's learning potential.
-  Decide on the approximate amount of time for each activity and write that time in the margin to indicate when each activity should begin.
-  Have nametags, markers, a board to write on, extra Bibles and pencils on hand.

Key Thoughts Review

- Ask members to silently write down the answer to the following questions without opening their workbooks:

- 1. Describe the concept of E-1, E-2 and E-3 evangelism.**
- 2. Describe the four major mechanisms God has used to advance His kingdom to all nations.**

Discussion

- Ask members to turn to page 53 and get into three groups.
 - Ask Group One to read and discuss their answers to Luke 9:1-10.
 - Ask Group Two to read and discuss their answers to John 4:1-42.
 - Ask Group Three to read and discuss their answers to Matthew 28:19-20.
- Bring the groups back together and discuss the similarities and differences of their answers.
- Ask members to turn to page 56 and share examples of when they have been or are involved in each of the four major mechanisms: Go voluntarily; go involuntarily; come voluntarily; come involuntarily
- Pray that God would use members of this group to effectively bless others within every mechanism.
- Ask members to get into groups of two or three and share their commitment page with one another, asking each person to pray for the person on their right to keep their commitment.
- Bring the groups back together and ask members if they would consider adopting an unreached people group or possibly finding out more about it. Your group could also prayerfully consider partnering with another small group or church. (See pages 87 through 90)

Final thoughts

- Ask members to share their thoughts on the *Path to God's Glory* study.
- Ask members for any specific prayer requests.

Prayer

- Ask members to turn to page 64, Summary.
 - Ask four members to read each passage of Scripture:
 - Matthew 24:14
 - Genesis 12:2-3
 - Matthew 28:19-20
 - Revelation 7:9
- Thank God for...
 - His master plan from Genesis through Revelation to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory.
 - the Top Line, Bottom Line concept that runs throughout Scripture.
 - His redemptive work over the past 4,000 years, from the Abrahamic Covenant to the Great Commission to today.
 - using the 4 major mechanisms to reach all nations.
 - the members of this group in completing this study.
- Ask God to...
 - use this group to restore His kingdom and redeem all nations for His glory.

Final Expectations

- Take action to uphold the commitments made to God in this week's study.

After the Session

- Pray Pray for each member by name.
List any special needs or persons for whom to pray this week.
Thank God for helping you throughout the study.
- Reflect Did our group meet the session's goals? _____
What went well this session? _____

- Contact Call, write or e-mail participants to thank them for their participation in the study and to encourage them to keep their commitments.

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