

Lesson 12: PLAN AND IMPLEMENT

1) Review: Before beginning prayer and planning on a DMM plan, the following is a fun way to test your understanding by considering this list of “counterintuitive” (paradoxical) DMM concepts below. Discuss in small groups your understanding of each point below, then be prepared to explain it to the large group.

Confucius the DMMer says...

- ⦿ Go slow to go fast
- ⦿ Focus on one to win many
- ⦿ Share only when and where people are ready to hear
- ⦿ A new/inexperienced insider is more effective than a highly trained, mature outsider
- ⦿ Start with creation not Christ
- ⦿ It's about discovery, not preaching or teaching
- ⦿ Obedience is more important than knowledge
- ⦿ Church tradition is stronger than the devil
- ⦿ Let the lost lead the Bible studies
- ⦿ The best church planters never plant churches
- ⦿ “Evangelism” is not the only way to do evangelism
- ⦿ Disciple to conversion, not convert to make disciples
- ⦿ Prepare to spend a long time but anticipate miracle accelerations
- ⦿ The best time for a church to plant a new church is when it is new
- ⦿ Buildings kill church planting movements
- ⦿ Outside funding of local leaders kills church planting movements
- ⦿ Small for-profit projects often yield much higher long-term access and goodwill than charity or free services
- ⦿ The more secretive you are, the more likely you will fail
- ⦿ No personal evangelism so that masses will hear
- ⦿ No mass evangelism so that the masses will hear
- ⦿ Focus on ordinary people not professional or vocational Christians
- ⦿ Addition does not add up to multiplication
- ⦿ Multiplication is not the same as division
- ⦿ Expect the hardest places to yield the greatest results
- ⦿ The least likely people may be exactly the ones God is preparing.

2) **DBS: 1 Cor. 3:6-15** using CPO. Focus the 3rd column on how can you apply these principles to seeking to make disciples and catalyze a DMM.

3. Illustrations

Some people just don't like to plan. Perhaps some illustrations will help...

- a. Planning for DMM can be compared to Master Chef and his assistants. God is the Master; we are his assistants. If we want Him to come in and work up a culinary delight, we need to put things in order. We need to buy the ingredients, wash and cut them up, and get everything prepared. Then, when all is set, the Master Chef comes in and turns normal things into a masterpiece. We can't control the Master Chef or even know when he'll come. And we don't always understand his ways. But we have to prepare everything if we want him to work. Applying this metaphor to DMM means we need to prepare and invite the Master to work – through strategic planning, prayer and hard work.
- b. Others have compared planning for DMM to be like a sailor on his yacht. If he wants to get anywhere, he has to know understand the seas, wind currents and his vessel. It is his responsibility to get everything ready and put his sails up for when the wind blows. So we need to prepare everything so that we're ready for when the Wind of God's Spirit blows.

4. Make a simple plan right now, before you leave this room!

First, spend some time listening to the Lord – let Him show you His plans.

Now, start planning. Be as specific as possible with who and when.

Do you remember the 7 commitments we challenged you to make at the start of this training? We will use those same six points now as our planning rubric. We added a few questions to get you started.

1. **Put aside** extras (what is limiting/slowing you down in moving toward DMM?)
 - How will you (and your team / co-laborers) evaluate your beliefs and practices related to disciple-making and church planting to discern which are biblically necessary?
 - What are extras do you need to stop doing? (These may be good and fine activities or principles that keep you from great activities and principles).
2. **Focus** only on God's Word
 - How can you (and your team / co-laborers) study the Bible now and in an ongoing way to evaluate your work and learn new principles you need to implement?
3. **Pray** more
 - How will you pray more (depth, time, sacrifice)? With whom?

- How can you mobilize more pray-ers and more prayer?
4. **Go** out among the lost & try to live out these ideas in your context
- Who will you invite to start a DG with his/her *oikos*? When?
 - How will you find other possible people of peace?
 - How will you and your team and partners, change or adapt your life, activities, perhaps job, to gain as much access as possible to more potential PoPs?

Note: It is crucial that we gain access to more potential PoPs. The best way to do this is to *meet needs* (we do this both in miraculous ways – by healing the sick, casting out demons, etc – *and* by serving our neighbors and meeting needs in the community.)

See “Resource – Gaining Access.doc” for some exercise to help you think through this access question.

5. **Visioncast** to believers about making multiplying disciples
- Who can you visioncast to? Make lists of people / groups / organizations.
 - How will you visioncast? Make some concrete plans of how you can do this. See “Resource - RELATE – Casting Vision to Local Partners.doc” for some very helpful ideas on how to visioncast.
6. **Train** believers – train those who respond (using these lessons) and model doing it (*Your best impact will be to multiply trainees and trainers so that many of you are going out instead of just you personally*).
- Who can you train with these same 8 or 12 lessons ASAP (As Soon As Possible)?
 - How will you help those you train to train others?
 - How will you cast vision?
7. **Stay connected** - pray for each other, learn from each other, and stay accountable.
- Who will you meet with who are also implementing these DMM lessons?
 - How often will you meet? Where? What will be your meeting agenda?
 - Who can help coach you as you progress?

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Hand Gesture: Ask how could you summarize the main teaching of this lesson with a body movement or hand gesture? Have all participants stand up and do the gesture together. (Example for Lesson 12 – Look at wrist watch and act like you’re contemplating what to do.)

THEN at the end, review ALL hand gestures from Lesson 1 to 12. Consider having a race and inviting people to come to the front to compete on doing it fastest.

Some work until the next training session:

- **Put aside** tradition
- **Focus** on the word of God
- **Pray** more
- **Go out** among the lost to find Persons of Peace
- **Visioncast**
- **Train believers** to do these same things
- **Stay connected**