**DMM Basics  
  
Lesson 4 – God’s Vision for your People**

1. **Review:** If you are doing lessons on a weekly basis, do this at the beginning of the session. If you are doing a training over several days, do this each morning.
2. **Invitation:** We are inviting you to do the following elements in an ongoing way.
3. **Focus on God’s Word. (**Put aside extra-biblical traditions: Christian, organizational, cultural.)
4. **Multiplying extraordinary prayer.**
5. **Go** out among the lost.
6. See groups **start.** (Note that outsiders would typically turn the contact over to a near-neighbor if at all possible and let them start the group.)
7. **Cast vision.**
8. **Train believers** to go out among the lost and train believers.
9. **Ongoing coaching**
10. **Vision**: Our goal is to see God glorified in our life and among those we serve.

In our ministry, we need to first hear from God – what is HIS Vision for our people? We 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.

1. **1% Group Exercise:**

Ask: “What is your focus? How many people are in that focus? How many churches do we need so everyone can hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ? (I did not ask how many churches can *you* plant – *you* will never be able to plant enough on your own!)”

You may do an example on the board if you are doing this with a large group.

* Have each person state the total population of the UPG or city they are trying to reach. Write it down.
* What is 1% of that population? Write.
* What is the average number of people in a typical house church in a nearby context? Write.
* Divide the 1% population number by the average church size. This will give you the number of churches that need to be started to gather only 1% of the target UPG. (This may surprise the person). Write.
* Ask, “Is your goal to only have 1% of your focus group be in churches?” (Of course they will say “no.”) Ask, “What would be your goal?” (You may need to coach them: 10 %? 20%?) Once they give a percentage, take that percent of the population and divide by average church size. This will tell the number of churches needed to reach their goal.
* Then debrief in the large group.

1. **Discovery Study: Romans 15:16-23** (40 min)

* Do you want to reach your people group or see your people group reached? What is the difference between these two options? What difference does one’s answer to this question make in one’s life and ministry?
* Talk about how Discovery Studies like we have done partially (we will add the other questions later) can be used for seekers and disciples. When we do it for seekers we stick to the same set of 7+ questions. But for believers we sometimes add questions.
* Do a Study on Romans 15:16-23 in small groups.
  1. What do we learn from Paul’s example as a disciple maker and movement catalyst?
  2. How can that apply to our role as disciple makers and movement catalysts?

Large Group Discussion – ask them to share what they learned. Here are additional questions to ask the large group if these points are not brought out.

* + What are the key lessons related to our part in God’s vision for our people?
  + What is encouraging to you from this passage?
  + What is challenging to you?
  + What could Paul have meant when he said he had “fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ” from Jerusalem to Illyricum?
  + What could he have meant when he said “there is no more place for me to work in these regions?”
  + What will it take for you to be able to say over your region or people group, “My work here is done?”

1. **Sample Visions**

Read the following “End Visions” out loud.

* To facilitate church planting movements so that a reproducing house church is located in all 16,000 villages of the 300,000 N people.

* To glorify God through multiple church planting movements so that 20,000 houses churches are planted among the two million Muslims of S Town so that there is a reproducing house church in every Muslim neighborhood encompassing every Muslim sect and ethnic group.
* Our vision for XF district is to have an indigenous CPM that is led by lay, unpaid, local Christians resulting in 200,000 new believers worshiping together and training in 13,000 new house churches by 2015.
* To plant reproducing house churches in all 45,000 villages in all dialects of Y State which results in radical transformation of Y State.
* To plant house churches with CPM DNA and led by a local person in every village and city neighborhood among the SaSumbi Muslims.

1. **End visions** - Emphasize “count what counts” in the heart and purposes of God

Discussion on Vision Casting/Training in our own areas…emphasis on trusting God to train 2-3 others immediately in First Steps and do together as action step

End Vision Components: (Road map which we carry with us everywhere)

1. God’s Glory Centric
2. Audaciously Specific
3. Movement Mindset
4. Time Bound

Crafting an End Vision: personally, coming together as those in given area, team (One favorite comment was a gal who mentioned that her husband says they will know they have multiplied effectively on the day that they are *Shema*-ed by someone from their focus group.)

Give time for participants/teams to work on their end visions. Then have them share in small group and pray for each other.

Restate 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!!

* **Pray**: share your vision statement (don’t discuss it) and then pray for each other.

