

Seven Spheres of Society - David Hamilton Call2All 2023

In this presentation, David Hamilton outlines a comprehensive vision for discipling nations by extending the influence of the Gospel into seven spheres of society, including family, government, and economics. He argues that the Great Commission requires a dual focus: reaching every individual through evangelism and transforming corporate structures through multigenerational discipleship. A central linguistic insight in his teaching is the concept of baptism as "marinating," suggesting that society must be deeply soaked in the character and nature of God to achieve lasting change. By utilizing the SourceView and SphereView tools, Hamilton encourages leaders to move beyond narrow religious boxes and apply biblical principles to every aspect of human life. This strategic approach aims to engage younger generations who desire to fight injustice by offering them a robust, biblical worldview for total societal transformation.

"good morning everyone if you can hear me okay can you just wave your hands great it's a greetings from Hawaii it's a delightful to be with you once again I believe that these that what I'm going to unpack from the scriptures today will be very key for you as you are preparing for the various calls to all be in the Philippines or in

Egypt or in Kenya or Paraguay and others that will be added to that list and I thank you for taking the time all of you have very busy agendas to come and have this time of Fellowship in in Thailand and God will use this to really lay foundations for great fruitfulness to be born in every one of the places where you are going today I'm going to walk you through uh some of the scriptures that are a foundation for understanding about the discipling of Nations and how to uh see the impact in all the Spheres of society the seven spheres of influence so I'm going to jump right away into a PowerPoint and I trust that this will be uh very

beneficial for all of you as you consider uh the these biblical issues we want to be clearly biblical in all

that we do and so we are asking ourselves today why Jesus came and why we should go and in Mark 138 this is Jesus after the very first day of ministry in capernum you know Peter in in is the one telling the story that Mark captures in this gospel and is a very fast moving gospel and so by this verse

38 Jesus is already on the second day of his ministry the first day we're told happened in capernum uh Peter's mother-in-law was healed many other people were healed and delivered and this unknown here to for unknown Rabbi all of a sudden was the Talk of the Town and his people gathered that morning uh uh they gathered at the house Simon Peter's house where uh Jesus and all the the followers of Jesus were being hosted and they were wanting to encounter Jesus aresh and the disciples went looking for Jesus and he wasn't anywhere in the house or in the yard they walked through the town and finally they went to up the hills behind capernum and they found Jesus praying and they said Jesus you got to come back down and minister in our town uh they had a very focused low local perspective and Jesus replied to them we must go onto the other towns as well I will preach to them too that is why I came and we often brothers and sisters have an vision of what God wants to do but jesus' vision is normally much broader and bigger the disciples were just wanting Jesus to come back to capernum to minister to the crowds that had gathered there

and do a repeat of what had happened the day before but Jesus explains that he's his call is to go to every single town in Galilee that is why I came he has a clear sense of purpose a vision a Clarity and that is what we want to see and call to all a Clarity to all that God purposes for the Great Commission to be that's why it's called call to all and we celebrate the alls and every and we we recognize that God want to touch all generations and All Nations and every person and go everywhere and every family every issue there's so many things that God wants to do and we understand clearly that if we try to box God in and compartmentalize him in one narrow area then we are determining where he can be God and where he can't be God as long as we don't allow God to Reign Over All

if Jesus is not Lord of all then he is not Lord at all we're restricting uh his action to fit our our worldview our limited understanding he must be Lord of all so this day we want to look at a Biblical Foundation of how to expand our understanding of the Gospel of Kingdom beyond what we often times have considered it so let's start off by comparing two passages of scripture both

both of these are known as the Great Commission we also have a parallel Passages at the end of of Luke and John and the beginning of Acts but this is jesus' final commands to his disciples before he leaves planet Earth they both start off in a similar way with the word go and of course go means that we must take the initiative we can't wait for the lost to come to us we must step out of our own comfort zone and step into their world

but then the next word in each of these passages different Mark 16:15 the word is preach and that's a short-term word you can preach for five minutes or for two

hours but sooner or later that message is done the word in Matthew is disciple that verb is much uh more stringent has much longer tail it takes a long time uh I'm sure you can all say I have been preached and I've been been preached to and you can count hundreds of times but who in the room can say I have been discipled as a completed task probably no one would raise their hands because we are still in the process of being taught the ways of God and aligning our heart with his heart our mind with his mind and our actions with his actions so that process of discipleship is a much longer process than the process of Simply communicating or preaching the gospel but not only is the verb different the object of the verb is different so in Mark 16 it says to preach to every person so the focus is on individual human beings and we're closing in on eight billion people and we need to preach the gospel to each and every one of them everyone should have a chance to hear in Matthew 28 the focus is not the individual human beings but corporate expressions of humanity the Greek is ethnos and were to disciple Every Nation so God is concerned with individual Kenyans but he's also concerned with the nation of Kenya how it goes God is concerned about individual Filipinos but he's also concerned about the story of the Philippines so as we look at this every person that part of the Gospel speaks of the breath we must go much further much faster with greater urgency than at any other time uh in history uh this requires great effort and Urgent action uh the nature of this aspect of the Great Commission is that it's monogen it means it has to be completed in one generation uh John Wesley he said God has no grandchildren and the fact that you were born into Christian family does not guarantee that you too will be a follower of Jesus in order for uh each generation to follow the lord it's not we can't say well right now our country is 177% followers of Jesus and assume that in 40 years from now we're going to build on that 177% many of those who make up that 177% in 40 years will no longer be alive and so you start a fresh each each generation something very simple that I think you can all attest to that for the gospel to be proclaimed both the preacher and the preachy have to be alive at the same time I know that I'm sure that was a great point of Revelation for you but I can't preach to someone who died before I was born or someone who will be born after I die we have it's incumbent upon us with great urgency to Proclaim the gospel to everyone alive in this generation at this same time period that we are alive in that is Jesus command and if he commands us to do it it certainly must be a possibility it must be something that we realistically can accomplish because he is a just God and a just God only commands us to do those things which are possible so the fact that it is not been done yet in Generations previous to us does not mean that it cannot be done now we must do it we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the passionate proclamation of the Gospel the other side of the story is Matthew 28 this aspect of the Great Commission is not just about the breath but the depth not only do does my heart

get changed but everything about my life all my social interactions all my relationships it's it changes my pocketbook and my bank it changes my everything okay and so

this requires a multi-generational approach to the Great Commission a multigenerational approach why why is Mark 16 monogen because it is ordained for man to live once and then to die so a human being lives 60 or 80 or maybe a hundred years and that's that decision to follow God has to be made in that lifetime but a nation lives

for many generations past many centuries God Appears to Moses the first time at the burning bush in Exodus 2 and when Moses says who are you God what is your name and God says I am the god of your fathers the god of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in other words I'm a multigenerational God I began doing something in Abraham's day that I continued in Isaac's day that

I built on in Jacob's day and now I'm visiting you Moses because the plan continues what I've began is not yet finished and so this aspect of the Great Commission doesn't happen in a 60 40 60 year time frame it happens over a longer period of time because the Nations live longer so um a paraguayan may live for 75 years but Paraguay as a

nation has lived for nearly 200 years already and will live longer than that so this requires a very strategic approach so when you combine these two aspects of the Great Commission you see Jesus's heart and this is a heart that God has always had think of let step back for just a moment and look at the meta Narrative of the scripture the bigger picture of of the word of God in

the prophets God at times spoke to individuals to a widow to a King to a general and other times he spoke to a corporate expression of humanity he spoke to a tribe like Judah or Benjamin or he spoke to a city like Jerusalem or Samaria or Nineveh or he spoke to a nation or to an Empire like Babylon or Persia and God had the

words for both individual human beings and care and toward corporate expressions of humanity why because God cares for the individual and God cares for the corporate we see this not only throughout the uh the story of the original Testament you'll hear me often say original Testament instead of old um because for our young people today something that's old is something that's just worth uh crunching up and throwing away um but the original means it has Legacy a foundational ongoing value and that's that's really important we must remember always that when the New Testament authors talk about the word of God being sharper than a two-edged sword or the word of God being able to teach and train Us in all righteousness what they're referring to is not what they're writing at that moment but they're referring to

Genesis to Malachi the original Testament was the only Bible that Jesus and the apostles knew and so they they built on a a biblical story in which we saw both individuals uh redeemed and Nations transformed we see this clearly when in Jesus's life when he walks on Earth the gospels records twice that he wept you remember those two times I'm sure

once when his friend Lazarus died and he received the news of his death and the other time as he was coming into Jerusalem and he wept openly over the City Jerusalem Jerusalem I've long to gather you like a hand gathers his chicks and you would not and so God's compassion his heart for the individual and for the corporate is always present in in the

biblical narrative in the biblical story and so as Great Commission leaders as Kingdom leaders we must think about how to bring Redemption to each individual and transformation to each society that is what we're seeking to do together as we go forward in in call to all now one of the ways to describe a nation is to focus on the seven major spheres of influence no matter

how developed a nation is how sophisticated or how primitive in every nation you find these these seven factors family religion economics government education media and celebration they're all there and um it's like you and me as individuals they're things that we do not choose to have but we they're given to us we have a skill

Al system we have a digestive tract we have um a lymphatic system we have a nervous system we have a respiratory tract all of those things exist and allow us to be the human beings that we are if I were to remove all of my skelet all the bones out of my body and could do that without destroying anything else I would cease to be a human being you look at me and I'd be a blob of of cells lying on the floor wearing a blue shirt and with a mustache

on top but I would not be a human being we didn't choose to have bones those were given to us by God no Nation chose to have economics or government they chose what kind they wanted to have but every every society no matter how small no matter how Stone AG have these elements in their society because this is part of God's design just like bones and

digestive tracts are part of a human being these are the stuff that make up a a society you can get more complex but you can't get more simple than these seven and these are they can be healthy family or they can be dysfunctional family they could be true religion or false religion it could be U prosperous economics or corrupt economics it could be just government or ungodly government you could they

they can be in various different ways we decide and what what we want to see is that without these things no Society exists now sometimes we think when we're talking about the kingdom of God that we envision that this orange slice of the pie which we've marked as religion grows and grows and grows and grows until it's like six days of the week or Sunday and the other seven six days all

squeezed into one this is this is not what we're talking about God has designed us to have all of these various things this would be like um this is what the Taliban seek to do in Afghanistan this is where just a few religious leaders determine everything make decisions about family make decision about economics make decision about government back to the example of our human body

IES if you could imagine me running a marathon and perhaps I got very tired at the end and was winded and didn't have the breath I thought oh before the next

attempt I'm going to have a surgery and I'm going to push my intestines down into my right leg and my liver down into my left leg I'm just going to create more space and double the size of my lungs well you say well that's not really fair that's not that's not

good you you're not becoming a better athlete you're becoming a monster uh when we try to enlarge one sphere over every other sphere and make it dominant we we misunderstand God's purpose as God gave us each of those different Dynamics in our human bodies that are needful for Life each of these things when aligned with God's purposes and that's the key thing when aligned with God's purposes each of them contribute to the well-being

of everyone in that Society but that's not what happens because just like we as individual human beings are broken and fallen and living the consequences of Genesis 3 so too with our societies just as individuals need Redemption so our societies need Kingdom transformation so let's look at this again it's we need to discover what God's Heavenly purpose and imagine here the kingdom of heaven uh what his design for family was what his design for economics was and to see his purposes increase more and more in each and every one of our various cultures societies Nations no culture has everything good right no culture has everything bad we we have some elements that we do okay but there's so much that is broken so much that needs a touch of God and God's word what we were looking at yesterday is not just a religious book it's a handbook for all areas of life God has something to say about every Dimension have you ever been reading through the original Testament and in the Torah those first five books and seeing that God giving guidelines on how to make perfume why why is that important this this is God inspired language he gives instructions about how to plan

your uh fields and when to give them a rest and how to rotate your crops and gives all kind of agricultural instructions why is that because see the Bible is not just about how you get saved it's about how you make sure that you have a productive land to care for people so they have the nourishment they have and that they can smell good when they are eating together at lunch time there all of these things about how we live our life together those are important things

if they weren't why would God have included them in his word so let's look it fresh now at Matthew 28 I'm using the new revised standard version with Modified by myself and um and I've arranged this so that it's very clear it's very easy to see um the structure of the Greek language okay so first of all I'll just read the whole thing all the way

through Jesus says all authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me going therefore uh disciple all the nations baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you and look I'm with you always to the end of the age now I've done it this way so that you can see first of all these four words all all everything and always are all the words in Greek pass is the same word in Greek all authority All Nations all things all times and uh and so we're

about call to all so so this very passage four times uses the word all the idea is that this is universal comprehensive nothing is to be left out now we want to look at the ver main verbs there are five key verbs

that I've highlighted in yellow In this passage and two of them are imperatives that means there are a command those are underlined disciple and look I'll come back to that in just a second the other three verbs are in Greek what is called a present participle don't get freaked out about grammar I'm going to make it really easy for you those are the words in English that end in ing and they never form a complete sentence in N of themselves

so if I were to say to you going to the store and I paused you'd want me to complete the sentence what happened I saw a friend I hadn't seen in years or going to the store I I found a \$100 bill on the sidewalk or going to the store I saw a car wreck at the intersection going to the store that phrase tells you that it's not the main idea it's a subordinate clause

and the main idea is another verb so I know in your Bibles it sounds like it says go baptize teach it sounds like commands in English it might sound like commands in your languages too Spanish or Portuguese or Swahili or ILO talic or Arabic it might be but in Greek is very clearly um uh this uh subordinate

Clause present participle so we're going to look at those words so first of all we're going to look at what are we to do we're just going to unpack this the key verb in there that's the main imperative is disciple all the nations and how are we supposed to do it by going by baptizing by teaching and then again what are we supposed to do where to look Focus pay attention that's a summary of this whole Passage

highlighting bringing to the four clarifying the Greek grammatical structure now let's look at this more carefully what are we to do disciple all the nations there four words in the English there it's probably not how your your English translation is um but this is an exact word for word for the Greek in the Greek it says MTH is disciple pant is all T is the ethn is Nations there's no question here and it's really important for us in your various languages as you think about the translation disciple is the action it's the verb it's not the result it's not the noun we're not talking about disciples who are followers of Jesus we're talking about the action of discipling training shaping molding a nation

reforming transforming it's a call to the corporate transformation of Nations you know before Jesus there 800 years of Greek language I did a research once of all the all the literature of Greek literature every little piece of um that has been found in archaeology of of Greek literature from Homer to Jesus and no one before Jesus ever put this sentence together to disciple

all the nations this is a brand new revolutionary kingdom of God thought that Jesus introduced on that last day with his disciples which was a culmination of the story of God from Genesis 1 to that moment now how are we supposed to do this by going we already talked about that taking initiative and uh reaching out to the our our neighbors around us that's what we're trying to do very intentionally with call to all

the next verb is by um as we step after we step out of our comfort zone is by baptizing by baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit now something's interesting here we'll think well my goodness how can you baptize all of Kenya you need a very very very big bathtub or you need to take everybody to the ocean um couple things here first note water is not mentioned here we'll come back to that

in a second but also note that the word baptize here in English is not translated from the Greek it's transliterated so the Greek word is baptizo and and in the in the church tradition instead of Translating that word they just anglicized it they made it sound like English baptis became baptism the same is true in

French and Spanish and Portuguese it may be in your language as well um so we just um made the took the Greek word and made it sound like an original word in our language we incorporated it into our language but we didn't translate the meaning so what did that word mean in the original well just to help us get a feeling of this word I've just in this slide and the next slide I've included all the times

that the word baptism baptis in the Greek is is used in the New Testament and in all of these instances that you have on the screen here baptizo is followed by the Greek word n which means to be baptized in and these are the things that you can be baptized in you can be baptized in the River Jordan at two times you can be baptized in water uh that's occurs five times in Cross three Gospels

you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit lots of times in every gospel plus acts and Corinthians you can be baptized in the wilderness you can be baptized in fire you can be baptized in the name of the Lord be baptized in the cloud baptized in the sea so you can see in the Greek you can be baptized in a lot more things than just water water is certainly one of the options but there's a lot more so what does this word mean let's look some more areas from the scriptures sometimes

the word baptis is followed by Ace meaning into you're baptized into repentance or the Forgiveness of sins or Christ death or baptized into one body baptized into the Jordan baptized into water or here in this passage that we're looking at baptized into the name of the Father and Son of the Holy Spirit or baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus or baptized into Christ Jesus or baptized into Jesus Christ baptized into the name of Paul baptized into Moses those are

all the times that the word baptizo occurs in the New Testament with an or ice and so that's a comprehensive so there are lots and lots of option options so what is Jesus talking about when he says baptized into the name of the father and the son of the Holy Spirit I'm gonna quote from a book that I'm sure is not on nobody's favorite reading list this guy is named aanus of notatus he lived a couple hundred years

after Jesus he wrote in Greek and this book The dapos sopus is called the after dinner guest would be the translation and he imagines and he why he's famous he writes many volumes in this multivolume book um is because he takes quotations from a thousand years of Greek literature before him from H to his days and includes all the greats um the the philosophical greats Aristotle and Plato and

the the playwrights like thiddies and and the the great political leaders like Sophocles and takes quotations from everyone who's written anything and he imagines them sitting at a table after dinner talking about things so he'll pick up a subject like justice and he'll find what

Aristotle said about Justice and what Pythagoras said about Justice and and create a fictional conversation around with true quotations from these various authors the reason this book is famous is because many of those author's Works have been lost but he kept them intact through his careful quotation of them my family does this we like enjoy watching good movies as a family and sometimes we'll start a

dinner and say tonight's uh movie talk night which means someone starts with a quotation from one movie and someone needs to build on that conversation with a quotation from another movie and it gets really funny it gets really crazy it gets silly after a while but we all laugh a lot and we all exercise our memories as we try to connect one movie to another movie and come up with some very uh hilarious stories well aanus in this particular instance a

is talking about culinary things about the kitchen which is you would expect your the eating dinner and so he quotes Someone who lived about 400 years before him so a couple hundred years before Christ n cander and he talks about two different ways you can make use turnips in a salad and he uses two different Greek words here's the key point you could either take a turnip which doesn't have much flavor in itself and slice it

and put it on the salad and and pour uh a salad dressing over the top and that would be that's called baptio that's pour over the top and that would give flavor to the otherwise flavorless turnips or you could you can take the turnip and pickle the turnip put the turnip in vinegar and mustard and leave it therefore time

Bean until it gets transformed and the flavors aren't just spread on top but go to the very heart of the turnip and and transform the turnup and once you've pickled the turnup and it's more flavorful then you can slice it and put it on that idea for pickling or marinating is the word baptizo the word that we don't translate the word that we just said baptism means to marinate

to soak to pickle okay so I just want you to think about this for a little bit back in the day in the days of Jesus and the Days of the New Testament obviously they did not have electricity and so food preservation could they couldn't use refrigerators so the way you preserved food was that you either salted it or you dried it or you pickled it okay and so here in front of you you see a picture of a cucumber and you have a picture of a girin or pickle a dill pickle I used to watch my grandmother make these in her kitchen when I was a little boy and uh she'd put in the dill and all the things that that changed it

what happens in the process of marinating or pickling the pH of the vegetable is changed from from alkaline to acidic and it changed through and through and when you can you can turn a cucumber into a girkin but you can't take a girkin and transform it back into a cucumber um the

the Cucumber that's there on the left side of your screen as you're looking at it if I

leave it out on the kitchen counter for summer day after few days it'll start getting mushy and then mold will start growing on it and a little bugs will start coming and nibbling on it and it'll be absolutely wasted it'll be spoiled it'll be good not good for human consumption anymore but if I pick

the Cucumber if I marinate it in dill and vinegar and the other elements that uh do this chemical transformation from the inside out um if I do that I can leave the pickle on the counter for weeks and months and it will never spoil do you see the imagery when

when when the Greeks use the word baptis they meant pickling or marinating them I want to marinate them I want to pickle them in the name of the father and the son of the holy spirit that means I want to transform them from the inside out by the very essence the character the nature the understanding of who God is that he would completely make them into a whole new thing and instead of being ones that will live for a very short life

like the Cucumber they will live a long life indeed an eternal life like the like the girin like the pickle and that's the imagery that that the New Testament authors had and all the audience had when they used the word baptism it wasn't just uh putting a little bit something on the outside whether it's on the top of the head or the whole body whether you're Methodist or Baptist or or whatever you are it was about this deep soaking

this marinating by the spirit of God so that there was a complete and permanent transformation that prolonged life so that is what God is dreaming about when he says disciple Nations by baptizing them what is the pickling sauce we don't use dill and vinegar to baptize Nations the pickling sauce The Secret Sauce the special thing is that they need to know the character and nature of our God

how just and true he is how faithful and wise how kind and loving he is how patient and forgiving is and when those attributes of God permeate every aspect of society when family loves like God loves when e economics is as Integrity like God is has Integrity When government serves like God serves when education is about championing your potential like God comes and champions us see when God's character comes in and and shapes reforms transforms every one of the Spheres of our society then God's kingdom is advancing across the face of the Earth were we not promised in Isaiah 9 when the prophet said his name is wonderful

counselor marvelous uh Everlasting father Prince of Peace and the increase of his kingdom will know no end God wants to see his Kingdom Come On Earth as it is in heaven that is his prayer and so we have to look to who God is see his character take hold of that heavenly vision and reach out to heaven and then pull that reality into our present day life that his character would be evidence in every sphere of society in my every social interaction in my way I deal with my every neighbor and colleague and work

place at school wherever I am so that God's kingdom is extended in all of its fullness so so what are we to do disciple all the nations this is the message of the kingdom of God this is the message that our young people are dying for this generation wants to make a difference they see the world as it is and they say it's

not as it should be so this is an opportunity to show them how the world should be by going by baptizing them by just uh pickling them in the character of God making knowing god intimacy with God a priority so that their lives are shaped by by God's life and the Third how to is by teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you you know I used to read this and said by teaching everything them to obey everything that I've taught you but it doesn't say just that I've taught you it says I commanded you and I thought oh my goodness that sounds like it's um could be very legalistic but look here the imperativ of God are first of all revelatory before they are obligatory let me explain God um God says love your enemies um why because that's what he

does when we understand that this obligation that we have is first of all a revelation of who he is then it draws us into a place of intimacy with him and a place of Fellowship where we are enabled by his Spirit to live like God lives our God and his commands are not like the gods of the world some God say declare Jihad on your enemies that's not what our God said

says he says love your enemies and so we we get a revelation of who God is excuse me this is highlighted in 1 John 3 says see how very much the father loves us for he calls us his children and that is what we are but the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we're God's children because they don't know him dear friends

we are already God's children but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears but we do know that we will be like him for we shall see him as he really is how do we become like Jesus by seeing him for who he really is we need to show the world the character of our god father Son and Holy Spirit and how that applies in economics

in family in government in media in entertainment and and when we do that transformation happens Revelation leads to transformation see how this verse finishes off and all who have this ego expectation will keep themselves pure just as he is pure friends God wants to bring a change to every individual and to every society so let's summarize

what are we to do disciple all the nations that's what call to all is about see the kingdom of God in all of its fullness to the maximum possible in our day thy will be done thy kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven how by going by baptizing by teaching these are the things that we do and Empower others to do and finally the final verb the final command that what we're supposed to do at the end of verse 20 it says

and look this little word in the King James says and lo I am with you always and I always thought low what is that that's an interesting word in Greek it's actually just a a small little uh vow it's e and it's um used 17 times by Matthew in his gospel by Jesus and uh more than half the times in your translations in mine is not even translated because it's not like really a word it's like it's like Clapping Your Hands saying hey pay attention focus listen up this is really important but I'm going to say you need to get this don't miss this so when he's given all these commands to

disciple by going baptizing and teaching he says here the most important thing for you to get is this I am with you always to the end of the age he has come he is here with us he is Emanuel he will not leave us he will do this with us and because he came let us go to see individuals redeemed Nations transformed it's not an NE or it's a both and and when we do that we'll see God's dreams fulfilled and that's what these tools are about that we're going to be launching the source view giving people a foundation for reading the Bible and this spherical view discovering God's design for society so I think when you meet with Nathaniel in the afternoons he'll be unpacking and showing you how we have in within the context of the scriptures we have done uh 52 key passages for each of the seven spheres and um that's because uh that way there are 364 passages uh one for every day of the year except for one and and seven spheres seven days of the week and these will just point you to uh God's Foundation sometimes people have three or four verses they look at for economics well now you got 52 and they all begin with the character of God the first six or eight or so they all end with how that sphere works with other spheres because no work no sphere works by itself and in the middle all the spheres talk about uh key um beliefs values principles and practices that the Bible teaches regarding that sphere when you go into those passages and Nathaniel will show you that in your afternoon sessions then uh there's a brief video that I have done uh so they're two and a half to three minutes most of them a few of them are longer a few of them are shorter but they're embedded right there they're not uh designed to be commentaries they're just what we call Discovery starters helping people start seeing the possibility start framing things up and then there's some questions to get people exploring and thinking how does God's kingdom come in economics how does God's kingdom come in education how does God's kingdom come through the media or entertainment and so I trust that this gives you an overview and a sense of how this is rooted in deep clear biblical reflection and there's much to discover there's much to teach there's much to understand and to apply if we're going to see God's dream fulfilled in our generation in a very careful inductive Bible study process over uh many months um actually several years 200 people from 50 countries invested 40,000 hours in uh working together to answer that question and if we look at the whole Bible uh 26% of the Bible of the words of the Bible talk about family 27% about economics 41% about government 62% about religion 32% about education 30% about Media communication and 21% about celebration Arts entertainment and Sports It's All Through the Bible you can see all of you add all those numbers many verses many words refer to several at the same time so they add up way more than a 100% but verses that don't have some reference to a societal impact of how the kingdom is supposed to touch one of

these spheres

uh it's a less than 2% of the Bible doesn't talk about the sphere one sphere or another so this is everywhere present this list of 364 is augmented with a an eighth um list of 52 that we call the foundational those are the key ideas of a Biblical Christian world view that apply to every single sphere so in a sense there are not just 52 but there are 104 uh passages for each sphere the foundational plus that sphere and those total 416 passages Mark and so you can people understand how carefully this has been done many of those passages like I said can refer to multiple spheres give you an example uh David commissioning Solomon at the end of his life he's talking about building the the temple well it's a family sphere a father and a son it's also a government sphere one current King to a future king it's also religious sphere because he talking about building a temple it's also um a celebration sphere when the Arts of architecture figuring out how to do that he takes an offering with him as an economic sphere so you can see that one that one passage these spheres overlap so

so when we pick these 416 passages that are in the SPH view reader that you've begun using these days and we'll be using throughout the call to all none of them overlap if they used if they're used for economics they're not reused for family so there are 416 unique passages some of them are only a verse long some are several paragraphs or even more than a chapter long but here's the interesting thing those

416 verses there's at least one from every one of the 66 books of the Bible so no part of God's story is left out of this selection it is the most comprehensive and complete selection of passages that help you reflect and study and Ponder and strategize about the Spheres that have ever been compiled uh maybe others can do it bigger and better that's fine but there's never been anything like this and so this is a gift for us to start using

and and digging deep with and seeing all of its potential applications in your various regions of the world every study that's done been done about the Millennials or gen Z and even Alpha that's following gen Z talks about uh how these These are Generations that were are born with a passion to give themselves to a Cause

they they want to uh correct Injustice they want to uh extend mercy and to uh establish justice forever and so they are an activist generation they want to see change happen they want to make change happen and if that change that they're motivated to happen is informed by the Bible by God's kingdom principles then we'll end up with Godly government

Godly economies Godly families if it's informed by uh other worldviews that are not biblical that don't begin with a loving Creator and a um servant-hearted Redeemer then they will come up with solutions that instead of though they are intent to do good will actually end up adding more woes and ills to the story of human history

so this this is a compelling message for any generation but I think as sociologist

look at this emerging generation there's never been a time such as this and if we can harness uh this generation with the clarity that that God's word is for all areas of life they will rise to the challenge and do great good for the kingdom they Tire when they think of the Bible as just something about what happens a few hours on one day of the week on a Sunday they think that's irrelevant they because they're caring about the homeless they're caring about the traffic they're caring about the economic inequities they're caring about these things and if we don't give answers biblical answers then they're humanistic answers they're Marxist answers they're they're all all kinds of different answers that are rooted in untruths and um so this this is where the the spiritual battle lies in this time in this generation so this message is really important that we get it that we work it that we apply it and that we discover together all of its implications is just essential for God's kingdom purposes to be advanced."