Mobilizing Others

What groups of people could I mobilize?

Best approach to mobilizing others? (dictator, expert, peer)

A Tool for Casting Vision: The Window Diagram

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The Window Script

God created and loves all the peoples of the world. He desires for them to know and worship Him.

God invites us, as believers, to join with Him in carrying out His plans for the nations.

I would like to share a diagram with you. It will help us better understand God’s heart for the world, His global purpose, and what our role is as followers of Christ.

(Draw a rectangle. Divide it into four boxes of equal size.)

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To understand God’s mission and to join with Him in the most strategic way possible, there are 3 areas we need to explore.

God’s Word (Label the top left box “God’s Word.”)

God’s World (Label the top right box “God’s World.”)

And God’s Work. (Label the bottom left box “God’s Work.”)

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Let us start with God’s Word. Do you know a verse that speaks about God’s love for the world? (Allow your peer to respond. Write the reference for his verse in the box labeled God’s Word. If he cannot think of a verse, just move on.)

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is full of verses that tell of God’s love for the nations. We will look at five. (In the God’s Word box, write the number “5.” Below this write Genesis 12:1-3, Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 49:6, Matthew 28:19-20, and Revelation 7:9)

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(Use your Bible to read Genesis 12:1-3.) Genesis 12:1-3 says,

*The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* (Genesis 12:1-3)

God’s promise of blessing is not just for Abraham and his family. God loves and desires to bless all the peoples of the earth.

(Now read Psalm 46:10.) Psalm 46:10 says,

*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted  
in the earth.* (Psalm 46:10)

What does this verse tell you about God? (Allow your peer to respond.) God’s plan is sure. He will not rest until He accomplishes it. Some day every nation will worship and exalt Him.

(Now read Isaiah 49:6.) In Isaiah 49:6, God speaks about His servant, Jesus.

*It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back  
those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.* (Isaiah 49:6)

What does this verse say about the scope of Jesus’ saving work? (Allow your peer to respond.)

(Now read Matthew 28:19-20.) In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says,

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* (Matthew 28:19-20)

What global command did Jesus give to His followers? (Allow your peer to respond.) This continues to show God’s heart and plan for all peoples.

(Now read Revelation 7:9.) Revelation 7:9 says,

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.* (Revelation 7:9)

Who did the apostle John see in this vision of heaven? (Allow your peer to respond.) This is the ultimate fulfillment of God’s desire and plan.

God desires to reach all nations and peoples with His gospel. In light of this, what does the world look like today?

More than one third of the world population lives in cultures with no access to the gospel. These unreached people have never heard about Jesus. Almost all follow one of five major belief systems.

(In the God’s World box, write the number “5.” Below this write Tribal, Hindu, Unreligious/atheist, Muslim, and Buddhist.) Have you ever heard of any of these groups? Do you know someone who is part of one of these groups? (Allow your peer to respond.)

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Tribal people do not know that their creator God loves them or wants to have a relationship with them. They believe in powerful spirits who live in nature. They fear these spirits and offer gifts and sacrifices to appease them.

Hindus believe in millions of different gods. They worship and pray to idols of these gods. They believe in reincarnation, a cycle in which they are continually reborn. They believe that a person’s actions in this life will determine the quality of his next life.

Unreligious people do not believe that God exists. They trust in their own intelligence and hard work to explain the world and meet their needs.

Muslims follow the religion of Islam. They believe in one god, Allah. They strive to please Allah by their good actions. They hope that if their good actions outweigh their bad actions, they will go to heaven.

Buddhists believe that every person contains a part of god within himself. By their own actions, they strive to empty their minds of selfish desires, escape suffering, and reach a state of ultimate peace.

In our churches, only a small part of our global mission efforts focus on these groups who do not have access to the gospel. About 10 percent of global workers serve in unreached cultures. Out of all money given for missions, about 2 percent goes to work among the unreached.

In light of God’s Word and the needs in God’s world, how can believers be strategic as we engage in God’s work? We can serve by practicing 5 World Christian Habits.

(In the God’s Work box, write “5.” Below this write praying, sending, welcoming, going, and mobilizing.)

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When we *pray*, we do not only pray for our own needs, but also intercede for the unreached peoples.

When we *send*, we partner with global workers by praying for them, giving them money, and caring for their needs as they minister.

When we *welcome*, we look for people from other cultures that live right around us. We become their friends and look for opportunities to introduce them to Jesus.

When we *go*, we are willing to move to a new culture where people have no way of knowing about Jesus.

When we *mobilize*, we share God’s global heart and purposes with others and invite them to join us as we partner with God. We also help connect them to ways they can live strategically to advance God’s purposes.

Do you know anyone who is serving in any of these five ways? (Allow your peer to respond.)

Why do you think we call these World Christian *Habits* and not *choices*? (Allow your peer to respond.)

So far we have looked at God’s Word and seen how He desires to reach all peoples.

Then we looked at God’s World and have a better understanding of the task remaining.

We just looked at five habits, strategic ways that believers can serve to advance God’s global purposes.

Now it is time to take an honest assessment of our own lives as believers.

(In the last box, draw a large question mark. Beneath it, make a line that begins at 0 and ends at 10.)

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(Point to the line in the box.) On this continuum, z*ero* means I have never head any of this until today. This is all new to me. *Ten* means I understand God’s global heart and purposes. I understand the situation of unreached peoples. I am practicing the World Christian habits with the vision of seeing the Great Commission completed. Where are you on this continuum? (Allow peers to respond.)

The Window Wrap-up

Sharing with an individual:

* Ask questions. Which of these areas interests or excites you? What was surprising to you? Which area would you like to learn more about?
* Let the person’s response determine your next step.

Sharing with a large group of teachers or parents:

* Connect the diagram to the children in their classes and homes with questions:
* Do our kids know that God loves the world as much as He loves them, and that His plan for the world is revealed throughout the Bible?
* Do they know that many people have never had a chance to hear about Jesus?
* Do they know that God invites them to play a part in what He is doing to make Himself known among the nations – now, while they are still young?
* Keep the vision in front of your participants. What would be the impact of a generation of children and families who embraced these concepts and acted on them?
* Invite your participants into this vision and share about any upcoming trainings you are planning.

Ongoing Support for Teachers

Entrust teachers with the mobilization vision. Invite them to share it (2 Timothy 2:2).

Emphasize that this is not a new resource or curriculum, but rather a framework.

Share the development chart for mobilizing children at different ages and stages.

Hold trainings where you model lessons and activities for your teachers. Consider smaller trainings designed for teachers who work with specific age groups.

Share testimonies of how teaching with this big vision is shaping both teachers and children.

Pray consistently for your teachers and provide opportunities for them to pray for each other.

Ongoing Support for Parents

Keep Biblical responsibility before your parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

Address their fear or not being qualified to lead their children spiritually.

Offer smaller trainings for parents with children at specific age levels.

Provide resources (like the development chart) that parents can use at home.

Emphasize consistency in everyday moments of life.

Help parents think through the long-term vision of mobilizing their children (2 Timothy 1:5).

Consider parent-to-parent mentoring (Titus 2).

Create safe places for parents to ask questions, share concerns, celebrate successes.

Model and provide opportunities for practice.

Create opportunities for parents and their children to serve together.

Parents Mobilizing Other Parents

Mobilize in the context of relationships. Pray and ask God to show you another parent that you can begin to invest in. This person should be a believer, have a growing relationship with God, and be open and teachable.

Share The Window diagram with this parent in an informal conversation.

Invite their family to join you and your kids in what you are doing.