

In Every Nation

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I. Introduction.

A The focus of the ministry is on multiplying ministers. (Luke 24:45)

B. The four basic principles of the Navigators.

1. The Great Commission.

2. Laborers.

3. Multiplication.

4. In every nation.

II. China report.

III. In every nation.

A. The goal is global. (Luke 24:45, Revelation 3:8)

B. The Navigators are part of a broader movement.

C. God is concerned with the whole world. This is where we need our prayer and focus. (Genesis 22, Isaiah 49:6, Acts 1:8, Revelation 5)

D. "Nations."

1. This means people living under certain commonalities such as languages. There can be more than one nation in a country.

2. Countries are also in view here.

3. This also concerns ethnic groups.

4. There remains much "land to be possessed." (Joshua)

5. There is all the room in the world for creativity to express that Jesus is the Son of God and that the Bible is the Word of God.

E. How to reach the nations.

1. Begin with your "Jerusalem."

- a. You begin where you are at because you cannot work where you are not at.
- b. You begin there because that is where we need to face our failures and find victory first.
- c. Where you are is your Jerusalem.
- d. Your little Jerusalem can have an impact around the world. Little is much when God is in it. (Isaiah 60:22)
- e. God is not looking for creative people to carry out their ideas but obedient people to carry out His ideas.

2. Begin with you.

- a. God wants to use “little old you.”
- b. What makes a successful ministers. (2 Samuel 26:5)
 - 1) As long as Uzziah sought the Lord, God helped him.
 - 2) First, God makes successful ministers.
 - a) It is not our responsibility to keep a ministry together. (Psalm 127:1)
 - b) Our job is to represent God and not be Him.
 - c) Grace is God doing something for us.
 - d) The key is to surrender to God and to keep surrendered.
 - e) Take time alone with God and surrender each of your problems one by one to Him. Count on His power.
 - 3) Second, men make someone successful.
 - 4) Third, bands of men make one a successful minister.
 - 5) Some fail though like Uzziah because of pride. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. This is related to resentment, bitterness and anger.
 - a) Resentment comes from frustration.

b) Bitterness is a great threat to being used by God.

c) Anger can destroy since anger and murder are a matter of degree. (Matthew 5)

6) A prayer-less life is a powerless life. Uzziah failed because meeting with God was not built into his life.

Application questions

1. What are two foundations that are necessary to address before reaching the nations? Why is this so?

2. How does Uzziah illustrate what it is to be successful and fail at ministry?

3. Being connected to God is important for ministry. What does this look like for you? In what ways would you like to improve over the coming weeks?
