

Promises and Principles for New Movements

Seeking God's Promises and Vision for Your Nation

This guided experience is designed to help as you seek God and His promises about what He wants to do to build His kingdom in your country among students and beyond. His heart, Who He is, and what He has promised to do in the world is our sure foundation. This study is designed to help facilitate your meeting with God and listening to both His promises and hearing from Him next steps that He may have for your unique context. This can be used individually or with your team. It is recommended to have an unhurried time to read the passages and mediate on them, as well as listen to hear from the Lord. You may need to break this study into several segments.

Please begin by reading Luke 24:27 and 45-47. In this passage Jesus opens the disciple's minds to understand all that was written about Him in the scripture that must be fulfilled, from Genesis to Malachi.

Please take a few minutes right now to pray based on Luke 24 that Jesus would open your mind to understand all that was written about Him that "must" be fulfilled.

While many of the things promised about Him were already fulfilled relating to His birth, life, death and resurrection, many others relating to Him building and extending His kingdom have been promised and are part of our confident expectation as we dream about "movements everywhere". These too "must be fulfilled" These promises cannot be shaken or undermined even by opposition, failure, or lack of results. These are things God will do.

The following Scriptures are just a few texts that underline both God's heart and His purposes in the world. As you read and meditate on these passages and others the Lord may bring to mind, expect the Lord to answer your prayer and open your mind even more to understand all that He has promised.

Key questions to ask as you study and listen to the Lord:

What does this passage teach me about God? (Who are You Lord?)

What can we learn about what God has promised He will do in the world? (Lord, what have you promised to do?)

- Genesis 12: 1-3
- Exodus 19:4-11
- Psalm 2:7-8
- Psalm 22:26-28
- Psalm 46:10



- Psalm 67
- Psalm 110: 1-3
- Isaiah 9:6-7 “no end to the increase of His Kingdom”
- Isaiah 54:2-3
- Isaiah 61:11

A few promises from the New Testament:

- Unstoppable work of the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:8, John 16:7-16 (Even in the face of seeming insurmountable opposition, political, cultural, and religious barriers.)
- Matthew 16: 18 “I will build My Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it”
- Matthew 24:14
- Revelation 7:9-10

The Book of Acts: Principles for seeing God’s promises become reality:

Case studies from the book of Acts,

Key question: How did the Apostles experience fellowship with God as He fulfilled His promises and build His unstoppable kingdom through them?

- Acts 2ff,
- Acts 4:13, and 4:23-31

(For further study you can look at Antioch: Acts: 9:19-30, The First Missionary Journey: 13:1-52, etc.)

Key question: What principles can you learn from how Paul and Silas launched new movements in a new city?

- Acts 16: 1-40 , Paul and Silas in Philippi

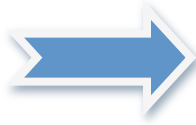
Which principles are most applicable for you and your country?

What is your next step to enter into what God is already doing to launch new movements in your country?

Global definition: What is a Movement and How Do I Launch One?

Focus on Our Global Mission...

*Launching spiritual movements
by winning, building and sending
Christ-centered multiplying disciples.*



...Moves Us Toward Our Vision

*Movements Everywhere... so that everyone
knows someone who truly follows Jesus.*

So, what is a MOVEMENT? A spiritual movement is...

God Working

Through a **Team**

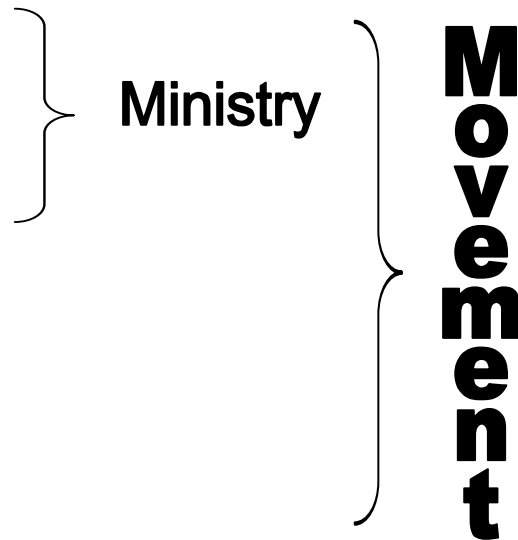
Of **Like-Hearted Disciples**

To **Win, Build and Send**

Toward the fulfillment of the **Great Commission**

Over time, people in prayerful dependence on God's grace will take action, resulting in the following four characteristics:

- **Connecting Lost People to Jesus**
- **Life-changing Discipleship**
- **Multiplying Leaders**
(who mobilize and mentor others to lead)
- **Generating Self-sustaining Local Resources**



How do I LAUNCH a movement? How did Jesus and the early disciples do it?