



Gideon Global Network MANUAL

Demonstrate Jesus!

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Mission

Gideon Global Network is just a name for a strategy that helps us to connect and disciple through networking. The connection is made with men in our immediate surroundings: family, friends and colleagues. The result of this connection will be a (virtual) group that you create around you. When we say virtual, we view this as a group that doesn't necessarily gather at your house or a church. It's a group you connect with on an individual level. Your family comes over for a barbeque; you visit a colleague during the week or even join a friend to watch a football match. During these times of connection, you ask them what you can do for them. You can even ask them if you can pray for them. The **Disciple Making Plan (DMP)** can be downloaded [here](#). This document gives an example of how you can disciple them during a year. *One whole year dedicated to discipling a group of people, who want to be disciplined.* We start with a group of 7 people, but feel free to form a group as large (or small) as you can handle.

It's not about asking them to join you in church or any church for that matter. It's about taking Jesus to them. The decision to join a church (or not) is up to them. This Harvest Global Network strategy tries to follow Jesus' example as close as possible. Most of His time, He spent teaching the word to those outside the synagogue and making disciples. Jesus asked us to do the same. We're not talking about people who don't want to be disciplined, but those who clearly long for us to show them who Jesus is and how to **'Demonstrate Jesus'**. We

hope that this will be such an inspiration to them, that they will **'Demonstrate Jesus'** in their own network.

The network can be created after or even during the year that we are discipling the people (network) who clearly and willingly want to be disciplined. We don't force it on them. They will disciple their family, friends and colleagues as we disciple or have disciplined them. We want to engulf the world with this network. This is the opposite of the phenomenon Matthew 24:12 so clearly paints for us: **"12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."**

Our values and norms are based on the Bible. We want to let our identity in Christ be seen. This identity consists of the characteristics we can find in Galatians 5:22-23.

"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control."

By doing this, we want to do our part in fulfilling the promises and circumstances that will lead to Jesus' return. The rest is up to God!

Vision

With God and each other we want to reach people who have the same vision or are receptive to it and want to expand their network. As 'sons of God' (Romans 8:19) this network is worldwide and in position, expecting Jesus' glorious revelation. We believe that it's not only Jesus (the Head) who will be revealed, but His whole Body (Sons of God) will be revealed with Him (Collosians 3:4). Sons of God are the people who are led by the Spirit of God.

It's about transformation on the level of character! We're not talking about just winning souls for Jesus. People are longing for change in their circumstances. When we change from the inside out (develop character as Galatians 5:22-23 describes), we influence our environment.

Gideon defeated an army of 130.000 men with just 300 of his own men. God promised that the army would be defeated, and that it would look like it was just one man who executed this. Judges 7:16: "I am with you."

At present we are talking about a large crowd of men. We are focusing on reaching 3.389.702.988 men by the end of 2022. If we start with 12 people, who educate and disciple 7 people, we get the following calculation.

		Disciples	Start	
1	2013	84	7	12
2	2014	588	discipel	man
3	2015	4.116		
4	2016	28.812		
5	2017	201.684		
6	2018	1.411.788		
7	2019	9.882.516		
8	2020	69.177.612		
9	2021	484.243.284		
10	2022	3.389.702.988		

Our own behavior and growth

Our behavior and our growth dependents on these keys:

- Self-control - in Greek this is translated as 'enkrateia' and means: power, strength, dominion, having things under control, having desires and longings under control.

Proverbs 25:28

28 Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

- Spending lots of time with the Father.
- Learning to obey the Father through suffering instead of our own will. Learning that it is His Spirit, so get back up again when you have fallen back.
- Functioning from your identity
- Discipline
- Purity, rest, routine, relationship, calling
- Increasing experiences and the manifestations of wonders.

Strategy

We want to achieve our mission and vision by gathering a group of people around us and see them (in a group or individually) for 40 weeks long. During this period we make known to them who they are in Christ.

We do this by teaching them:

- That 'You are a son of God', examples Daniel, Paul, etc.
- Change is possible through discipline. Disciplining our children is never done because we dislike them, but because we love them.
- To rule our own spirit: Proverbs 16:32.
- That the victory is much closer than we can imagine: it's in our ruling over our own spirit.
- What it means to be mature and set an example of maturity. Being mature means being obedient even through suffering. This means not choosing your own way. Submitting your will to the will of God. We might say that 'I am a son of God', but God sees our heart and knows what the source is: pride or humility.

In our behavior the following aspects are important to keep in mind:

- That the Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21). Everywhere you go, God's kingdom is present. Just like Jesus, we can be of influence on our surroundings.
- Our identity in Christ, To know who you are and what you are called to do
- Be aware of attacks on our imperfections
- How we handle negative situations

- Understand that the emotions Jesus displayed were never for Himself but always for others. His compassion made Him a ruler.
- Do not think less about yourself. Don't look at your shortcomings

We must realize that:

- The new Spirit is unlimited in actions;
- What we have is sufficient to be victorious, despite problems and corrections;
- Each suffering is a lesson. Paul learned to be happy about his suffering. "When I am weak, then am I strong", "I die, Christ in me is greater";
- Everything will work together for our good; deliberately to get us higher.

The dangers are:

1. Insufficient adherence to God's plan;
2. Mid-journey stops;
3. Shifting your focus thoughtlessly. Not keeping your goal in mind and getting off track;
4. Insufficient show of the class and dignity of God.

Organization

To help and inspire each other, you can agree to come together in small groups before or while starting to build your network. This group can exist of your fellow church-attendees, friends and even non church-attendees who embrace this vision. The following is an example of how these meetings can look like.

The weekly meeting has a chairperson, who keeps track of the agenda and the time. This can rotate. Every week someone else can be the chairperson.

Create a report and care for catering (if possible outsource to some people in your group).

If you can't make it to a meeting, always look for someone to replace you, preferably an outsider. This helps you to stay involved and connected to the network. And since it's about getting in touch with people, you help spread this idea when you invite someone to come in your place.

The meeting has a tight schedule. The maximum duration is 2 hours. Again, this is an example of how your program may look like. Feel free to change and alter this, for the groups benefit.

Program:

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. (If necessary) Introduction round. Duration 30 minutes max (approx. 3 minutes per person)
 - Name, job, hobby, relationship with church, etc.
 - Personal vision and strategy, what are you doing, developing, what's the plan.
 - What are you looking for, what do you need: knowledge/training/ job/etc.
3. Show the progress of the previous meeting. Discuss the results of the previous sections. Duration 20 minutes max.
4. What did you encounter the previous week? Maybe wise to do this in

groups of 3 instead of central.

Duration 20 minutes max.

- What are the problems that occurred while recruiting 7 people? What do you need to help each other?
- Where can we work together?
- How can we complement each other?
- What keeps us busy in our relationships, finances, health, etc? Is there a problem somewhere?

5. Summary of problems and solutions from point 4. Duration 15 minutes max.

6. This is optional! When you start your own group, sometimes it's helpful to create an activity for the whole group to participate in., (Up to 30 min.)

Some examples:

- Short evaluation per person
- Auction
- Shows
- Education
- Testimonials
- Leads. We can help those who own a business, by looking (and asking) around in our networks for a lead.
- Group performance

7. Assignment for the next meeting, example max 5 min

- o What did you encounter
- o How can we work together? Think about ants. They work together to overcome massive challenges.
- o How can we set an example for our environment?
- o How can we support the creative force of the people we work with?

- o How can we make the class and dignity of God known through our actions?
- o How do we help people to start a relationship with Jesus?

Purpose: Everyone gets a share of the responsibility. By doing this regularly a review is formed from the strong and weak points.