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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson One – Getting Started**

**Leadership Tip of the Week**

*Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9

**Main Teaching Points**

- This lesson unites personal mission with what we typically call “missions,” or the church’s global outreach efforts. The term “insider” from Module 3 now becomes “*global* insider.” Help your group become comfortable with that term.
- The goal of this module is that members would discover how the identity of “global insider” fits them personally.
- Focus some of your group time on what everyone learned during their multiple readings of the book of Jonah.

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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson Two – What Type of World**  
**Do We Live In?**

**Leadership Tip of the Week**

*“You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.”*

Periodically ask yourself if you are taking too much personal responsibility for the growth of the members of your group. Your own growth and deepening love for Jesus is the model they need.

**Main Teaching Points**

- This lesson is meant to be a reminder that our world has an enormous “marginalized” population. How will each of you deal with that? Help your group form a group response and their own personal responses to how you will love the poor, the brokenhearted, the wounded, and the otherwise marginalized population to whom God calls you.
- This week holds the Global Research Project. Be certain to spend time discussing the information everyone gathered about the mega-city they studied.

**Start Making Plans...**

In next week’s lesson there is a suggested day of *fasting and prayer* directed toward the area of the world studied this week. Be sure to mention that as a heads-up to your group members.

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Three – Where in the World**  
**Is the Church?**

**Main Teaching Points**

- The 21<sup>st</sup> century church must pattern itself on the 1<sup>st</sup> century church, in principle, because God's purposes for the church have not changed.
- Scholars commonly refer to the age we live in as post-modern, post-Christendom. Encourage discussion so that you all come to a deeper understanding of the big picture of what God is doing through His Church at this time in history. This is another opportunity to understand the reality of The Church's present-day status. The church is vibrant, but not necessarily BECAUSE OF the west. We in the west are not on center stage, as had been the case for the great majority of Christian history.

**Start Making Plans...**

It is suggested that your group meet next week for a movie night to watch the film *The Gods Must Be Crazy* to highlight the concept of cultural diversity and, perhaps, have some fun with a lighthearted depiction of how worldview actually shapes behavior.

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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson Four – Understanding**  
**Worldview**

**Main Teaching Points**

- This lesson is about accepting that all humans live with a particular (although not entirely conscious) worldview that addresses the following universal issues:
  1. Where did we come from? (Creation)
  2. What has gone wrong with the world? (Fall)
  3. What can we do to fix it? (Redemption)
- Your group should be able to define “worldview” as a concept and know some details about the prevalent views that shape the cultures around the globe.

**Start Making Plans...**

Remind your group to allow enough time next week to listen to the Audio on the Web; it is 62 minutes long.

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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson Five – Developing a**  
**Christian Worldview**

**Main Teaching Points**

- The important point in this lesson is to be able to articulate how knowledge of who Jesus is and how a relationship with Him relates to the three universal questions that shape worldview. Those questions are:
  1. What are our origins?
  2. What is wrong with the world?
  3. What can we do to fix it?
- Use your accountability time to discuss how the world’s thinking overly influences you and how, as Christ followers, you can renew your minds in His likeness.



**TRANSFERABLE CONCEPT # 1**

During your group time, go over the transferable concept challenge on the opening page of the lesson so that you know each group member has adequately reflected on how Christian worldview is not merely theistic, but has *Christ* at the center of it.

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Six – Biblical Foundation for**  
**Missions**

**Main Teaching Points**

- **God** is the original missions agency and **Christ** is the original missionary. Christ followers are staying in-step with Jesus' eternal mission—to seek and save that which was lost. **The Holy Spirit** is the resource for all authentic church activity. The New Testament demonstrates this truth.
- Your purpose in studying a world religion for the globetrotting exercise this week is to appreciate that there truly are differences in how mankind has answered the age old universal questions of our origin, what is wrong with this world, and what we can do about it. All paths do not lead to the same place.
- Discover if anyone in the group has a cross-cultural relationship in which they could use help discovering where their friend's views can lead to a discussion about the truth and Jesus.

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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson Seven – Becoming a World**  
**Christian**

**Leadership Tip of the Week**

*The price of greatness is responsibility.*  
**Winston Churchill**

**Main Teaching Point**

A key “take away” from this lesson is that Christians can be intimately involved in the global work of Christ by their prayers.



**TRANSFERABLE CONCEPT # 2**

Your group discussion time is divided into several categories that help the behavior of a “global insider” become practical: prayer, a simpler lifestyle, finances, being better informed. These are starter spots for defining what it means for a Christian to truly live as a *world* Christian.

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Eight – Transformation for**  
**Kingdom Purposes**

**Main Teaching Points**

- This is the review lesson that takes you back over the other three modules for a look at what the Soul Purpose experience has done for you.
- The only discussion point for your group meeting time is for each person to report on two things:
  - 1) Where have I seen transformation in my life?
  - 2) How am I prepared and positioned to influence others for the kingdom?
- Spend your prayer time in thanksgiving for work done and work still in progress in everyone's life and sphere of influence.

**Start Making Plans...**

Starting next week, you will be reading the Greg Ogden book, *Transforming Discipleship*. Over the course of the next three lessons you will discuss this book as you focus on passing on the vision for disciplemaking.

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Nine – Transforming**  
**Discipleship**

**Leadership Tip of the Week**

*If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.*  
Thomas Edison

**Main Teaching Points**

- Keep your sights on how fully everyone is accepting ownership of the ministry of discipling.
- It is **not** expected that everyone's discipling investment would be as a leader of a Soul Purpose group.
- It **is** expected that everyone speaks of themselves and intentionally acts as a discipling-maker in whatever way God is directing them. It may seem like nothing more than terminology, but actually this is a matter of **vision**.

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**Soul Purpose Leader’s Guide**  
**Lesson Ten – The Empowerment Model**

**Main Teaching Points**

- *Intentionality* is vital to the process of making disciples. The church cannot fulfill its mission accidentally.
- Make a point of discussing the question in the In Class section that asks:  
“How does the principle of multiplication differ from the way the church often operates today?”



**TRANSFERABLE CONCEPT # 3**

This is the concept that all church ministry is built upon: *all disciples are to be disciplemakers*. That is the greater purpose underlying each of our individual callings. Does everyone in your group own this vision? Can they articulate this principle so that they are able to cast the vision into the lives of others?

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Eleven – Principles for**  
**Investing for Eternity**

**Main Teaching Points**

- During the group meeting for this lesson, there is a formalized time to discuss what will happen to your group as you finish Soul Purpose and move on in disciplemaking. Some general options for how you will make this transition are suggested.
- Mention to your group their reading of the Greg Ogden book is the final training point all new leaders of Soul Purpose groups go through in preparation for shepherding a group. They are not all called to this, but they are all prepared to invest as a discipleship group's leader. If you, as a leader, feel anyone in the group needs the challenge to consider taking on small group leadership, now is a good time to discuss this with them.

**Start Making Plans...**

The final meeting of your Soul Purpose experience next week is a **commissioning prayer** time. Emphasize how important it is that everyone take time to write out an individualized prayer of blessing and commissioning for each of the other group members.

The **Life Plans** that everyone is formulating in the next week are not meant to be fancy documents. Rather, encourage everyone to be really honest and direct about where they stand as ministers in the Kingdom at this point and receive the blessing of Jesus from each of their groupmates for being exactly who they are.

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**Soul Purpose Leader's Guide**  
**Lesson Twelve – A Global Disciple's**  
**Life Plan**

**Main Teaching Points**

- Be certain that each person gets the chance to read or explain their Life Plan. It makes absolutely no difference if they are long, short, detailed, or still in formation. This is simply the “public” chance for everyone to say, “I’m in the game, and here’s how I think it looks right now.”
- After each person shares their Plan, pray over them, using the commissioning prayers each group member has prepared for them.