

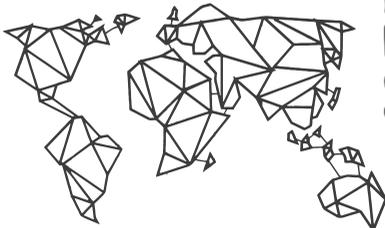


¹ Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest: An Updated Edition in Today's Language* (Uhrichsville, OH: Barbour Publishing, 1992), Devotion for February 27th.

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GREAT COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

HOMEWORK PACKET TWENTY-SEVEN



LEADERS USE GREAT TOOLS

*Beware of sitting back, and saying, "It can't be done." You will know it can be done if you will look to Jesus. The well of your incompleteness runs deep, but make the effort to look away from yourself and to look toward Him.*¹

Oswald Chambers

BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER, IS CHRIST ON THE THRONE?

If not, make sure He is!

MEMORY VERSE

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 [NASB⁹⁵]

STEWARDING EVERY RESOURCE

Jesus taught that much would be required of those who had been given much (Lk. 12:48). He also expects His followers to steward all He has entrusted them with for Him and His purposes (Matt. 25:14-30). Everything you have can be used as a tool for the Great Commission. Barnabas understood that. Barnabas' real name was Joseph but his fellow believers called him Barnabas which means "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36). He was obviously quite the encourager to be given such a nickname. He also owned property which he sold so he could contribute to the needs of those around him (Acts 4:37). He took Paul as a young believer and helped him integrate into the Body of believers (Acts 9:27). He worked as a courier, messenger, evangelist, teacher, ministry encourager, church planter, and leader (Acts 11:22-30, 12:25, 13:1-50, 14:1-23). In addition to all of this, he even worked for a living to support his ministry (1 Cor. 9:6). Barnabas masterfully used every resource at his disposal to further God's kingdom, making the most of every opportunity for Him. Leadership requires an ability to use all sorts of tools and avenues to get the job done and great leaders will be keenly aware of all the different tools and resources God has placed around them that can be used to fulfill His Great Commission.

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RE-THINKING MINISTRY RESOURCES

Ministry is a process of investing in people for God. The resources we have to accomplish the ministry that Jesus invites us to join Him in go far beyond the scope of what we define as “ministry”. God has given you so many resources to be used for fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt. 25:14–30). These tools include your time, talent, and treasure. Even beyond that, consider Jesus, who utilized many tools to accomplish His ministry—tools like. Jesus is the only person in all of history that has ownership over all things, but He modeled for us the right way to steward not only the resources He gives us directly, but also those He provides through other’s generosity. Col. 4:5 says, “Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.” That includes using everything we have been entrusted for ministry. It is imperative that we learn to use every resource at your disposal to maximize the Great Commission process!

→ **Consider all the Lord has entrusted you, and list 5 of these resources you can use to maximize the Great Commission process.**

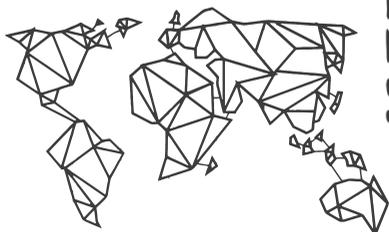
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EVERY RESOURCE FOR JESUS’ MISSION

God has given you talents, resources, and tools to maximize the Great Commission process. We can use these for our own enjoyment, fearfully squander them, or maximize His ministry with them. None of these tools stands alone; all exist to maximize the process. Below are just a few types of tools.

EVENTS

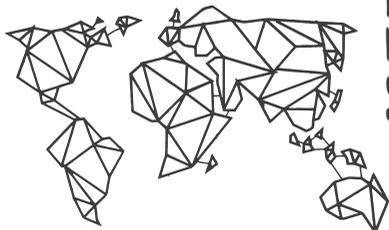
Events aren’t the ministry. Events begin and end, while ministry never stops. Events cannot be the focus of a ministry, but must be seen as tools that help ministry happen. Meetings are a great example, they provide fellowship and encouragement for believers, opportunities for believers to take steps of faith (learning to lead, speak, etc.), and other



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opportunities for growth. A meeting, however, should never be the focus of a ministry. People know when you see them as a project or a number rather than the person God made them to be. Use meetings to influence people and assist the Great Commission process, but never make the meeting your main thing. Make people the main thing and maximize the process of influencing them for Christ with events. Use the following events to maximize the Great Commission.

- » *Church.* A local, weekend church service is a great tool for ministry. Of course, this is distinguished from the Church as a whole, the Body of Christ (which is obviously much more than a tool).
 - » *Weekly meetings.* Other weekly meetings, like campus meetings, are a great tool for training leaders and equipping believers in an encouraging setting of authentic fellowship.
 - » *Conferences.* Conferences are a great tool for training and developing group unity.
 - » *Retreats:.* It has long been said that 80% of major life decisions are made at retreats. Use these to help people get away and make big decisions with God.
 - » *Meals.* Food always brings down defenses and builds relationships. Use meals to maximize the Great Commission process.
 - » *Current events in town.* Piggyback on local events, using them as opportunities for reaching new people for Christ. Similarly, use them as a discipleship tool, training believers in outreach.
 - » *Concerts.* Christian concerts are a great way to expose people to the gospel.
 - » *Sporting events.* Some ministries do tailgate party evangelism. There are many ways you can use sporting events as ministry tools.
 - » *Others.* Be creative. Use any events you can to do the ministry process.
- **What events are you currently using to maximize the Great Commission process?**
- **What are some steps you can take to make these more effective for the Great Commission?**





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- **What other events can you begin using to maximize the Great Commission process and how will you do it?**

MISSIONS TRIPS

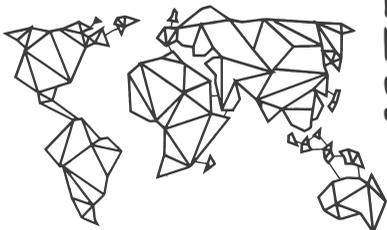
Anyone that has ever been on or led a mission trip knows those that go on the trip usually grow more and benefit more than anyone they minister to. Strategically use missions trips to develop and train those you lead, helping them grow into the world changers God made them to be.

- **Have you ever been on a mission trip? If so, explain how you grew. If not, how have you seen mission trips impact those you know who have gone on them?**

- **Have you ever led a mission trip? If not, talk with whoever is discipling you about growing into a leader that could. If so, explain how you could better develop those you bring, for ministry, in the future.**

RESOURCES

Resources, especially transferrable resources that aid multiplication, are great tools that can and should be used to maximize the Great Commission. Books, websites, apps, videos, workbooks, workshops, Bible study materials, and similar resources are all great resources that help maximize the Great Commission. In order for these resources to be most effective, they need to be gospel-centered, simple-to-use, understandable, and transferable. We have discussed several resources through this class that fit these categories, like the *One-Minute Witness* tool and the *One-Year Discipleship* tool.





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→ **What transferable evangelism and discipleship resources are you currently using?**

→ **What transferable Bible study resources are you currently using?**

→ **What training resources are you currently using?**

FOOD

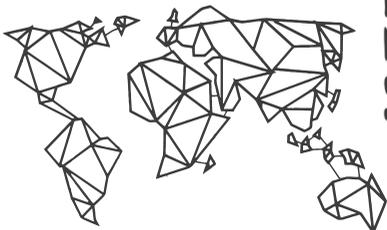
Everyone loves free food and ministries have used food as a tool since Jesus fed the multitudes (Matt. 14:21). You can bring food to events, invite groups to your home for a meal, have a meal one-on-one with someone or give food away to the needy. However you use it, food is a great tool for maximizing the Great Commission process.

→ **How have you used food in ministry?**

→ **What new way can you use food to maximize the Great Commission process?**

POSSESSIONS

Your time, talent, and treasure are a gift from God that he intends for you to use for Him. Your possessions are His and should be used for His





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glory. Your money is a gift from God to be used for Him. If you live in America, you are one of the richest people on the planet, even as a college student. Your home is a gift from God to be used for Him. Make it a ministry headquarters. Your vehicle is a gift from God to be used by Him. Your phone, computer, sports equipment, tools, and other possessions are resources that you can use to maximize the Great Commission process.

- **How can you better use your possessions to maximize the Great Commission process?**

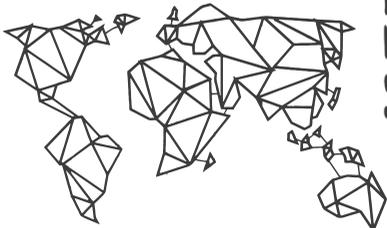
- **Do you have any reservations about using your possessions for the Great Commission?**

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Your interests and hobbies are great tools for God's use. Anything that you do for fun automatically builds bridges for evangelism with non-Christians that share those interests and bridges for discipleship with Christians that share those interests. Your interests and hobbies also make you more interesting and give you great conversation topics that you can use to bring up spiritual conversations. Learn to use all of your interests and hobbies for His Great Commission (remember 1 Cor. 10:31).

- **Consider all the Lord has entrusted you, and list 5 of these resources you can use to maximize the Great Commission process.**

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BUILDINGS

Buildings and venues are just a tool. Do not seek to own them for any other reason and recognize the commitment they require. Pick meeting locations that are close to those you want to reach and that will have easy access and minimal distractions. Learn to use buildings, rooms and resources as tools for the Great Commission.

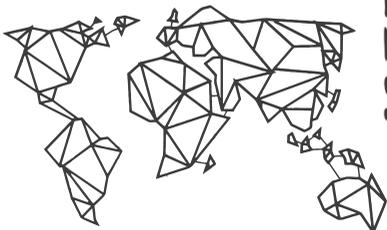
- **How can you be strategic about selecting buildings, rooms or facilities for ministry?**

TECHNOLOGY

Communication, transportation, information, media, health, and other entire realms of our society have been absolutely transformed through modern technology in ways that have created greater opportunities for influencing the world for Christ than ever before. Learn to use communication resources to maximize the Great Commission. Learn to use transportation resources to maximize the Great Commission. Learn to use educational resources to maximize the Great Commission. Never stop learning and always keep teaching. Multiply good training resources. Learn to use media (T.V, newspapers, radio, etc.) to maximize the Great Commission. Learn to use social media to maximize the Great Commission. Learn to use other web resources (YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, etc.) to maximize the Great Commission. Stay up on technology; don't choose to be technologically illiterate, minimizing your influence.

- **How can you use technology to maximize the Great Commission process?**

- **How can you share your faith on your social media?**



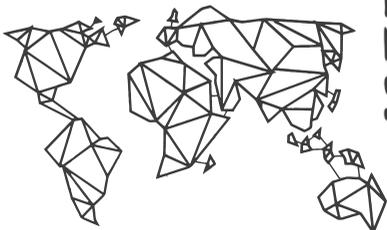


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ALL IN

Make it your ambition to use everything you are, do, and have for Him and His Great Commission. The Christian can't compartmentalize areas of control but must be willing to surrender everything strategically for Christ's use. Be a wise and strategic steward of all God has given you, using it all to do His work, investing everything you can in people. Remember, Love Him with everything (Mk. 12:30-31) and do whatever it takes to reach others for Him (1 Cor. 9:19-27). He is worthy; go all out and all in with all you have! Do the Great Commission process and maximize the process with good tools and you will be a part of reaching this world in your lifetime. Whatever the vision He has given you, it can be done: use the resources and tools He's given you to accomplish it.

Remember, your weaknesses, inabilities, failures and past present no challenge to God's will for your life. Your willingness does. Be willing to be and do what God made you for. You don't have what it takes but God's Spirit in you does so be the leader He made you to be and turn this world upside down for Him!



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ACT NOW

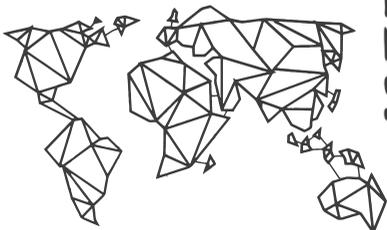
PRACTICE USING GOOD TOOLS

- **Use an event you already have scheduled as a discipleship tool.**
Delegate responsibilities to those you're leading and let them grow. If you don't lead the event, ask someone who does how you can serve this week and grow in the process. Write down the event you want to use, and record how it went.

- **Continue using resources for ministry.** Think of a resource you haven't yet used in ministry (the *Finding Jesus* tract, *Soularium*, the *BEST FACTS* workbook, the *One-Year Discipleship* tool, etc.). Schedule a time this week to use that resource, and record how it went.

- **Use food as a tool for ministry.** List the name of someone you will invite to coffee or a meal this week. How did it go?

- **Steward finances for ministry.** Pray and ask God how you can better steward the finances He has entrusted you with for ministry. (Note: Re-visit the *Act Now* section of Homework Packet 6 for the budget worksheet.)





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- **Use your intrests/hobbies as a tool for ministry.** Make a plan to meet-up with someone you can share the gospel with that you know that shares a common interest or hobby. Record how it went.

- **Steward buildings for ministry.** Consider how you can better use facilities, rooms, and buildings for ministry. Make a plan for how you might use the resources for personal ministry activities this week (ex. appointments, Bible studies, etc.).

- **Use technology for ministry.** Share your testimony on a social media account that you have (TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.). If you are in a sensitive area, you could consider a video call with a friend in another city. Record how it went.

- **List any other areas of your life that you can steward for ministry and describe how you will do so.**

