



FOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MULTIPLYING DISCIPLEMAKERS LEARNING MODULE

In 2007-2008 The Navigators International Executive Team studied the Bible and identified four contributions needed for the advance of the gospel: Pioneering Teams, Local Disciplemakers, Local Leaders, and Mobile Alongsiders. Of course, Scripture mentions other contributions. But we continue to believe that these Four Contributions are needed in every context in order for the gospel to advance through spiritual generations of disciplemakers, leading to movements of the gospel.

These contributions can be and should be explored and expressed in all our Navigator ministry contexts. Let's be clear about the word "*contribution*". It is not a job description. Navigators can serve in several contributions at the same time, depending on what they are doing or where they are. For example, you might contribute as a disciplemaker on the soccer field sidelines, as a local leader with your missional community, and as a mobile alongsider who travels around the country/world.

We hope that this interactive learning module, built around personal study, will bring understanding to the Four Contributions from the Scriptures and clarity to the implementation of our National Strategy and how it will help fulfill our Navigator Calling, Values, and Vision.

May God bless you and His Spirit fill you as you engage with one another over the Scriptures.

Laboring with you,

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U.S. NAVIGATOR NATIONAL STRATEGY

One God-Sized Goal

Three Faith Initiatives

Four Contributions for Multiplying Disciplemakers

Five Characteristics of a Disciplemaker

Six Attributes of our Desired Culture

The heart of the national strategy lies in a goal and three initiatives:

God-Sized Goal

By 2030, our goal is to have one million multiplying disciplemakers living and discipling together among the lost

Faith Initiatives → Abide, Ignite, and Multiply

ABIDE: Abide Deeper in Christ

- To grow deeper in our dependence on Jesus and His Word—as individuals, in community, and on an organizational level—resulting in biblical fruitfulness

IGNITE: Catalyze Disciplemaking Movements

- To focus existing staff and recruit diverse staff to equip and mobilize disciplemakers and local leaders for the fulfillment of our Calling

MULTIPLY: Maximize Disciplemakers' Impact

- To see disciplemakers reach the lost, multiply, and build disciplemaking communities

PART ONE: Building Our Foundation

LEARN

Before you launch into your personal preparation of Bible Study 1, view “Drawing out the Navigator Four Contributions.”

→ You can find this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yv91eCnbCxo>

Your Notes:

FOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MULTIPLYING DISCIPLEMAKERS DEFINED:

1. Pioneering teams

Those who move into new places or new contexts, often across cultures (ethnicity, geography, language, customs, or generations) to plant the gospel and to lay the foundations of a generational ministry. These can be planned or natural, organic efforts.

2. Local disciplemakers/laborers

Often referred to as “insiders” or “natural laborers,” these are primarily people who work a job and are making disciples in their local contexts.

3. Local leaders

These are mostly people who work a job and also make disciples, committed to caring for, leading, and building community among disciplemakers in a local contexts.

4. Mobile alongsiders

Leaders who are available and committed to come alongside local disciplemakers, local leaders, and pioneering teams to encourage and strengthen them in their lives and ministry

*(The concept of the “alongsider” comes from the Greek word for encouragement **paraklesis**, which has the sense of “calling from alongside” or “being called alongside.” The alongsider is the person who comes alongside insiders. Insiders need alongsiders! Lorne Sanny, former Navigator president, used to say, “Laborers need encouragement all their lives.”)*

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PROCESS: Bible Study 1 on Biblical Foundation for the Four Contributions

PERSONAL PREPARATION: Read the following Bible verses and record observations on page 8. Where do you see the Four Contributions in the growth of the church in Thessalonica and from them to others? *(All texts shown are in ERV.)*

→ *NOTE: Thessalonica, Amphipolis and Apollonia are cities in the Roman province or country of Macedonia.*

ACTS 17:1-9

¹ Paul and Silas traveled through the cities of Amphipolis and Apollonia. They came to the city of Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ² Paul went into the synagogue to see the Jews as he always did. The next three weeks, on each Sabbath day, he discussed the Scriptures with them. ³ He explained the Scriptures to show them that the Messiah had to die and then rise from death. He said, "This Jesus that I am telling you about is the Messiah." ⁴ Some of the Jews there believed Paul and Silas and decided to join them. Also, a large number of Greeks who were worshipers of the true God and many important women joined them.

⁵ But the Jews who did not believe became jealous, so they got some bad men from around the city center to make trouble. They formed a mob and caused a riot in the city. They went to Jason's house, looking for Paul and Silas. They wanted to bring them out before the people. ⁶ When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the other believers to the city leaders. The people shouted, "These men have made trouble everywhere in the world, and now they have come here too!" ⁷ Jason is keeping them in his house. They all do things against the laws of Caesar. They say there is another king called Jesus."

⁸ When the city leaders and the other people heard this, they became very upset. ⁹ They made Jason and the other believers deposit money to guarantee that there would be no more trouble. Then they let them go.

1 THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1:1 Greetings from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. To the church of those in Thessalonica, who are in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be yours.

² We always remember you when we pray, and we thank God for all of you. ³ Every time we pray to God our Father, we thank him for all that you have done because of your faith. And we thank him for the work you have done because of your love. And we thank him that you continue to be strong because of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ Brothers and sisters, God loves you. And we know that he has chosen you to be his people. ⁵ When we brought the Good News to you, we came with more than words. We brought that Good News with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with the sure knowledge that it was true. Also you know how we lived when we were with you. We lived that way to help you. ⁶ And you became like us and like the Lord. You suffered much, but still you accepted the teaching with joy. The Holy Spirit gave you that joy.

⁷ You became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's

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teaching has spread from you throughout Greece and beyond. In fact, your faith in God has become known everywhere, so we never have to tell anyone about it. ⁹ People everywhere are already telling the story about the good way you accepted us when we were there with you. They tell about how you stopped worshiping idols and changed to serve the living and true God. ¹⁰ And you began waiting for God's Son to come from heaven—the Son God raised from death. He is Jesus, who saves us from God's angry judgment that is coming.

CHAPTER 21 Brothers and sisters, you know that our visit to you was not a failure. ² Before we came to you, people in Philippi abused us with insults and made us suffer. You know all about that. And then, when we came to you, many people there caused trouble for us. But our God gave us the courage we needed to tell you his Good News. ³ When we encourage people to believe the Good News, it's not out of wrong motives. We are not trying to trick or fool anyone. ⁴ No, we did it because God is the one who gave us this work. And this was only after he tested us and saw that we could be trusted to do it. So when we speak, we are only trying to please God, not anyone else. He is the one who can see what is in our hearts.

⁵ You know that we never tried to influence you by saying nice things about you. We were not trying to get your money. We had no greed to hide from you. God knows that this is true. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people—not from you or anyone else.

⁷ When we were with you, as apostles of Christ we could have used our authority to make you help us. But we were very gentle with you. We were like a mother caring for her little children. ⁸ We loved you very much, so we were happy to share God's Good News with you. But not only that—we were also happy to share even our own lives with you. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, I know that you remember how hard we worked. We worked night and day to support ourselves, so that we would not be a burden to anyone while we did the work of telling you God's Good News.

¹⁰ When we were there with you believers, we were pure, honest, and without fault in the way we lived. You know, just as God does, that this is true. ¹¹ You know that we treated each one of you the way a father treats his own children. ¹² We encouraged you, we comforted you, and we told you to live good lives for God. He calls you to be part of his glorious kingdom.

¹³ Also, we always thank God because of the way you accepted his message. You heard it and accepted it as God's message, not our own. And it really is God's message. And it works in you who believe. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, you are just like God's churches in Judea. I mean that you were treated badly by your own people, just as those believers in Christ Jesus were treated badly by other Jews—¹⁵ the same Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets. And they forced us to leave their country. They are not pleasing to God, and they are against everyone else. ¹⁶ And they are trying to stop us from teaching those who are not Jews. They don't want them to be saved. But they are just adding more and more sins to the ones they already have. Now the time has come for them to suffer God's anger.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, we were separated from you for a short time. But even though we were not there, our thoughts were still with you. We wanted very much to see you, and we tried very hard to do this. ¹⁸ Yes, we wanted to come to you. I, Paul, tried more than once to come, but Satan stopped us. ¹⁹ You are our hope, our joy, and the crown we will

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be proud of when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. ²⁰ You bring us honor and joy.

CHAPTER 3:¹ We could not come to you, but it was very hard to wait any longer. So we decided to send Timothy to you and stay in Athens alone. Timothy is our brother. He works with us for God to tell people the Good News about Christ. We sent Timothy to strengthen and encourage you in your faith. ³ We sent him so that none of you would be upset by the troubles we have now. You yourselves know that we must have these troubles. ⁴ Even when we were with you, we told you that we would all have to suffer. And you know that it happened just as we said. ⁵ This is why I sent Timothy to you, so that I could know about your faith. I sent him when I could not wait anymore. I was afraid that the devil who tempts people might have defeated you with temptations. Then our hard work would have been wasted.

⁶ But now Timothy has come back from his visit with you and told us good news about your faith and love. He told us that you always remember us in a good way. He told us that you want very much to see us again. And it is the same with us—we want very much to see you. ⁷ So, brothers and sisters, we are encouraged about you because of your faith. We have much trouble and suffering, but still we are encouraged. ⁸ Our life is really full if you stand strong in the Lord. ⁹ We have so much joy before our God because of you! So we thank God for you. But we cannot thank him enough for all the joy we feel. ¹⁰ Night and day we continue praying with all our heart that we can come there and see you again. We want to give you everything you need to make your faith strong.

¹¹ We pray that our God and Father and our Lord Jesus will prepare the way for us to come to you. ¹² We pray that the Lord will make your love grow. We pray that he will give you more and more love for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love everyone in the same way we love you. ¹³ This will strengthen your desire to do what is right, and you will be holy and without fault before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy people.

ACTS 18:5

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ACTS 19:21-22, 29

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²⁹ The whole city was thrown into confusion. The people grabbed Gaius and Aristarchus, men from Macedonia who were traveling with Paul, and rushed all together into the stadium.

ACTS 20:1-4

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Then he went to Greece ³ and stayed there three months. Paul was ready to sail for Syria, but some Jews were planning something against him. So he decided to go back through Macedonia to Syria. ⁴ These men were traveling with him: Sopater, the son of Pyrrhus, from the city of Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus, from the city of Thessalonica; Gaius, from the city of Derbe; Timothy; and two men from Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

ACTS 27:2

We got on a ship from the city of Adramyttium that was ready to sail to different places in Asia. Aristarchus, a man from Thessalonica in Macedonia, went with us.

COLOSSIANS 4:10

Aristarchus, the one here in prison with me, sends you his greetings. Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, also sends his greetings. (I have already told you what to do about Mark. If he comes, welcome him.)

PHILEMON 23-24

²³ Epaphras is a prisoner with me for Christ Jesus. He sends you his greetings. ²⁴ Also Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke send their greetings. They are workers together with me.

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Record observations for each of the Four Contributions below. Who are the people that made these contributions? What vital part does each play?

PIONEERING TEAMS:

LOCAL DISCIPLEMAKERS:

LOCAL LEADERS:

MOBILE ALONGSIDERS:

PRACTICE *with a partner*

Now that you have learned about the Four Contributions through Scripture Study, take turns explaining the Four Contributions in a group of two or three.

PART TWO: Expanding Our View

LEARN: Bible Study 2 Together

Organize into small groups of five or so, with a facilitator. Select **ONE** of the New Testament locations below to study together (Galatia or Philippi). Notice the mix of the Four Contributions in the planting and growth of the gospel. What do you see?

PROCESS: Biblical Foundation for the Four Contributions

GALATIA. Read the following Scriptures together and record observations on page 11. Where do you see signs of the Four Contributions in the growth of the church in and from the province/country of Galatia?

→ *NOTE: Iconium, Lystra and Derbe are cities in Galatia.*

ACTS 14:1-23

¹ Paul and Barnabas went to the city of Iconium. As they did in Antioch, they entered the Jewish synagogue. They spoke to the people there. They spoke so well that many Jews and Greeks believed what they said. ² But some of the Jews did not believe. They said things that caused the non-Jewish people to be angry and turn against the believers.

³ So Paul and Barnabas stayed in Iconium a long time, and they spoke bravely for the Lord. They told the people about God's grace. The Lord proved that what they said was true by causing miraculous signs and wonders to be done through them. ⁴ But some of the people in the city agreed with the Jews who did not believe Paul and Barnabas. Others followed the apostles. So the city was divided.

⁵ Some of the Jews there, as well as their leaders and some of the non-Jewish people, were determined to hurt Paul and Barnabas. They wanted to stone them to death. ⁶ When Paul and Barnabas learned about this, they left the city. They went to Lystra and Derbe, cities in Lycaonia, and to the surrounding areas. ⁷ They told the Good News there too.

⁸ In Lystra there was a man who had something wrong with his feet. He had been born crippled and had never walked. ⁹ He was sitting and listening to Paul speak. Paul looked straight at him and saw that the man believed God could heal him. ¹⁰ So Paul shouted, "Stand up on your feet!" The man jumped up and began walking around.

¹¹ When the people saw what Paul did, they shouted in their own Lycaonian language. They said, "The gods have come down to us in the form of humans!" ¹² The people began to call Barnabas "Zeus," and they called Paul "Hermes," because he was the main speaker. ¹³ The temple of Zeus was near the city. The priest of this temple brought some bulls and flowers to the city gates. The priest and the people wanted to offer a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas.

¹⁴ But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, understood what the people were doing, they tore their own clothes. Then they ran in among the people and shouted to them: ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing this? We are not gods. We are human just like you. We came to tell you the Good News. We are telling you to turn away from these worthless things. Turn to the true living God, the one who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them.

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¹⁶ “In the past God let all the nations do what they wanted. ¹⁷ But God was always there doing the good things that prove he is real. He gives you rain from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

¹⁸ Even after saying all this, Paul and Barnabas still could hardly stop the people from offering sacrifices to them.

¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the people to turn against Paul. So they threw stones at him and dragged him out of the town. They thought they had killed him. ²⁰ But when the followers of Jesus gathered around him, he got up and went back into the town. The next day he and Barnabas left and went to the city of Derbe.

²¹ They also told the Good News in the city of Derbe, and many people became followers of Jesus. Then Paul and Barnabas returned to the cities of Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. ²² In those cities they helped the followers grow stronger in their faith and encouraged them to continue trusting God. They told them, “We must suffer many things on our way into God’s kingdom.” ²³ They also chose elders for each church and stopped eating for a period of time to pray for them. These elders were men who had put their trust in the Lord Jesus, so Paul and Barnabas put them in his care.

ACTS 16:1-5

¹ Paul went to the city of Derbe and then to Lystra, where a follower of Jesus named Timothy lived. Timothy’s mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. ² The believers in the cities of Lystra and Iconium had only good things to say about him. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to travel with him, but all the Jews living in that area knew that his father was a Greek. So Paul circumcised Timothy to please the Jews.

⁴ Then Paul and those with him traveled through other cities. They gave the believers the rules and decisions from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. They told them to obey these rules. ⁵ So the churches were becoming stronger in their faith, and the number of believers was growing every day.

ACTS 18:22-23

²²When Paul arrived at Caesarea, he went to Jerusalem and visited the church there. After that he went to Antioch. ²³ Paul stayed in Antioch for a while. Then he left there and went through the countries of Galatia and Phrygia. He traveled from town to town in these countries, helping all the followers of Jesus grow stronger in their faith.

OPTIONAL:

Galatians. This book addresses significant questions about what the true gospel is. As you readg ask, “How is Paul’s teaching building up the disciplemakers? How does it contribute to disciplmaking movements of the gospel?”



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PIONEERING TEAMS:

LOCAL DISCIPLEMAKERS:

LOCAL LEADERS:

MOBILE ALONGSIDERS:

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PROCESS: Biblical Foundation for the Four Contributions

PHILIPPI. Read the following Scriptures together and record observations on page 14. Where do you see evidences of the Four Contributions in the growth of the church in and from Philippi and Macedonia?

→ *NOTE: Philippi is a city in the Roman Province or country of Macedonia*

ACTS 16:11-40

¹¹ We left Troas in a ship and sailed to the island of Samothrace. The next day we sailed to the city of Neapolis. ¹² Then we went to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city in that part of Macedonia. We stayed there for a few days.

¹³ On the Sabbath day we went out the city gate to the river. There we thought we might find a special place for prayer. Some women had gathered there, so we sat down and talked with them. ¹⁴ There was a woman there named Lydia from the city of Thyatira. Her job was selling purple cloth. She was a worshiper of the true God. Lydia was listening to Paul, and the Lord opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ She and all the people living in her house were baptized. Then she invited us into her home. She said, "If you think I am a true believer in the Lord Jesus, come stay in my house." She persuaded us to stay with her. ¹⁶ One day we were going to the place for prayer, and a servant girl met us. She had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell what would happen in the future. By doing this she earned a lot of money for the men who owned her. ¹⁷ She started following Paul and the rest of us around. She kept shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how you can be saved!" ¹⁸ She continued doing this for many days. This bothered Paul, so he turned and said to the spirit, "By the power of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her!" Immediately, the spirit came out.

¹⁹ When the men who owned the servant girl saw this, they realized that they could no longer use her to make money. So they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them to the public square to meet with the authorities. ²⁰ They brought Paul and Silas before the Roman officials and said, "These men are Jews, and they are making trouble in our city. ²¹ They are telling people to do things that are not right for us as Romans to do."

²² The whole crowd turned against Paul and Silas. The officials tore the clothes off both men and ordered that they be beaten with rods. ²³ They were beaten severely and thrown into jail. The officials told the jailer, "Guard them very carefully!" ²⁴ When the jailer heard this special order, he put Paul and Silas far inside the jail and bound their feet between large blocks of wood.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. The other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so strong that it shook the foundation of the jail. All the doors of the jail opened, and the chains on all the prisoners fell off. ²⁷ The jailer woke up and saw that the jail doors were open. He thought that the prisoners had already escaped, so he got his sword and was ready to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't hurt yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer told someone to bring a light. Then he ran inside and, shaking with fear, fell down in front of Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?"

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³¹ They said to him, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all who live in your house.” ³² So Paul and Silas told the message of the Lord to the jailer and all the people who lived in his house. ³³ It was late at night, but the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Then the jailer and all his people were baptized. ³⁴ After this the jailer took Paul and Silas home and gave them some food. All the people were very happy because they now believed in God.

³⁵ The next morning the Roman officials sent some soldiers to tell the jailer, “Let these men go free.”

³⁶ The jailer said to Paul, “The officials have sent these soldiers to let you go free. You can leave now. Go in peace.”

³⁷ But Paul said to the soldiers, “Those officials did not prove that we did anything wrong, but they beat us in public and put us in jail. And we are Roman citizens. Now they want us to go away quietly. No, they must come here themselves and lead us out!”

³⁸ The soldiers told the officials what Paul said. When they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were afraid. ³⁹ So they came and told them they were sorry. They led them out of the jail and asked them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ But when Paul and Silas came out of the jail, they went to Lydia’s house. They saw some of the believers there and encouraged them. Then they left.

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OPTIONAL:

The book of Philippians. How did Paul use this letter as an alongsider?



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GROUP PROCESSING: In small groups discuss the following.

Imagine you are a believer in one of these areas where Paul and his team pioneered, laid foundations for local disciplemakers and leaders, and where they came alongside you through visits and letters.

1. How did you benefit from each contribution:

PIONEERING TEAMS?

LOCAL DISCIPLEMAKERS?

LOCAL LEADERS?

MOBILE ALONGSIDERS?

2. How did each contribute to the growth of the gospel in your city, province, or region?

Now imagine you have missed receiving one of these contributions.

3. How might it have impacted your growth and the movement of the gospel in your city, province, or region if you had . . .

NO PIONEERING TEAMS

NO LOCAL DISCIPLEMAKERS

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NO LOCAL LEADERS

NO MOBILE ALONGSIDERS

4. Discuss how you see these contributions in your Navigator context.

Where are the strengths in contribution?

Where are the gaps or weaknesses?

5. How do the strengths and weaknesses in our ministries impact how we see the spread of the gospel and the growth of multiplying disciplemakers?

PART THREE: Unpacking Our Core, Values, and Vision

LEARN: Review National Strategy Overview and Definitions

The U.S. Navigator National strategy is rooted in our Core documents: Our Vision, Calling, and Core Values. The heart of the national strategy lies in a goal and three initiatives.

Read carefully our Navigator Calling, Values, and Vision statement below. As you read:

- Identify (underline) the Four Contributions
- Identify (circle) attributes, values or descriptions of how these contributions should be carried out

OUR CALLING: *To advance the gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost*

OUR CORE VALUES

The passion to know, love and become like Jesus Christ.

The truth and sufficiency of the Scriptures for the whole of life.

The transforming power of the gospel.

The leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Expectant faith and persevering prayer rooted in the promises of God.

The dignity and value of every person.

Love and grace expressed among us in community.

Families and relational networks in discipling the nations.

Interdependent relationships in the Body of Christ in advancing the gospel.

OUR VISION

We see a vital movement of the gospel, fueled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks and out into the nations. Workers for the Kingdom are next door to everywhere!

What characterizes this movement? A heart for the whole person ... climates of grace ... compassion for the vulnerable and broken ... sacrificial unity embracing diversity ... cultural relevance and sensitivity ... interdependence with others in the wider family of God ... transformed men and women, fragrant with humility and the aroma of Christ.

They are marked by a deep engagement with and obedience to the Scriptures as the

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Word of God. They believe the promises of God. Both personally and in committed communities, they seek to know and pursue the purposes of God.

Laborers and leaders are emerging, with an increasing passion for Jesus Christ. They demonstrate faith and courage as they live and move among their friends and families. As spiritual parents, they model authenticity and relevance.

Ordinary people, in many walks of life, are joyfully leading integrated lives. They live as fruitful insiders among the lost. There is perseverance in the face of hardship and suffering. Around the world, many are coming to faith. As they become established in discipleship, some grow to be foundational for further generations. The gospel spreads naturally and powerfully, as believers share Christ ... life upon life ... family to family.

Crossing cultures into new cities and nations, teams of mobile pioneers intentionally proclaim and embody the good news of Jesus Christ, in such a way that transformed communities multiply. These communities are bringing joy and hope to their surrounding environments as relationships are healed and justice increases. Indeed, the lost and unreached burn in their hearts, as they move the Gospel into the nations.

The leaders of this movement, developed and empowered for God's service, live out a growing commitment to Christlikeness. They are dependent upon the Holy Spirit. New generations of leaders are emerging, rooted incarnationally in their local and national contexts. An international leadership community brings focus, alignment and energy to their movement. These leaders are clearly committed to long-term impact in generational ministry.

Discuss what you marked and whatever else stood out to you.

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DISCUSS: Review the National Strategy (PAGE 2).

God-Sized Goal

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EXERCISE: How do the Four Contributions support the National Strategy in helping to fulfill *our Calling, Values, and Vision*?

PRACTICE: Consider what you will apply personally from what you have learned. Then share and pray together.



FOUR CONTRIBUTIONS LEARNING MODULE LEADER'S GUIDE

TARGET AUDIENCE

All staff and conventional income disciplers (CID's).

LENGTH

Approximately 1 hour pre-work and 4 hours group processing including breaks.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Our new National Strategy depends on the full contribution of both staff and multiplying disciplers. At the May 2019 Field Leader Gathering national leaders asked for a study/learning module to use in missions, cities, and networks.

PURPOSE

To support the new National Strategy with a learning module as a foundation for strengthening our convictions and understanding of the Four Contributions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

1. State and define the Navigator Four Contributions for multiplying disciplers.
2. Identify examples from Scripture of how God used each of the Four Contributions in the early church to help accomplish the Great Commission.
3. Explain the role, importance, and progression of each contribution in supporting the National Strategy in carrying out the Navigator Calling, Values, and Vision.
4. Engage with other Navigators (staff and CID's, inside and outside their contexts if possible) on how the Four Contributions, especially the pioneering teams and mobile alongside contributions, apply to each of us.

This learning module is composed of 2 basic parts:

1. *PREWORK*

Participants are expected to complete an initial Bible study before coming together as a group. The study is found at www.SDCResourcehub.org. They will need approximately 1 hour to do the prework in Acts and I Thessalonians. The passages are provided in the ERV translation.

2. *GROUP PROCESSING AND LEARNING*

The Group Session is designed to fit in a 4 hour timeframe. Activities have been included to use a variety of learning approaches. Please form the small groups with a variety of gender, ethnicity, gifting, age, and ministry experience/context if possible. Learning from one another will be enhanced or diminished depending on the interactions in these small groups. Switching up groups at breaks might be beneficial.

LEADER'S GUIDE: Module Plan

PART 1: Building Our Foundation

5 MINUTES	PREPARE: Pray. Read Welcome letter .
10 MINUTES	LEARN: <i>Video Introduction to the Four Contributions</i> Watch “Drawing Out the Four Contributions” video by Mike Treneer. Ask: “Any thoughts from the video?”
45 MINUTES	PROCESS. Personal Preparation: Bible Study 1 on Biblical Foundation for the Four Contributions <i>Discuss as a large group</i> BIBLE STUDY 1: What did they observe about the people who made the Four Contributions in Thessalonica and the region of Macedonia? (p. 8)
8-10 MINUTES	PRACTICE: In groups of two or three, explain the Four Contributions to each other.
10 MINUTES	BREAK

PART 2: Expanding Our View *(PICK THE ELEMENTS THAT BEST FIT YOUR AUDIENCE AND TIMEFRAME)*

30 MINUTES	LEARN: <i>Bible Study 2 Together</i> Organize into small groups of five or so, with a facilitator. Have each group select one New Testament location. Together read the passages and study how each of the Four Contributions helped advance the gospel.
20 MINUTES	DISCUSS: Pages 15-16 (in large or small groups)
20 MINUTES	LARGE GROUP INTERACTION: 1. Have each small group role play the Four Contributions: How were you impacted as new believers who became a multiplying disciplemakers at that New Testament location? 2. Have small groups work together to come up with a picture that captures the Four Contributions. Present to large group.
10 MINUTES	BREAK

PART 3: Unpacking Our Core, Values, and Vision *(IN LARGE GROUP)*

20 MINUTES	LEARN: <i>Review National Strategy Overview and Glossary (p. 17-18)</i> EXERCISE: How do the Four Contributions support the National Strategy in helping to fulfill our Calling, Values and Vision ? (Directions on p. 17)
45 MINUTES	DISCUSS: How do these contributions apply to your context and other contexts?
15 MINUTES	PRACTICE: Consider what you will apply personally from what you have learned. Then share and pray together.

