



RUN WITH IT

One Pagers

What is the ultimate goal?

Jesus' heart for the world! We must begin with the end (*telos*) in mind. While on earth, Jesus empowered his followers to do great deeds and to finish (*telos*) their task of making disciples of all nations with power by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). God promised this reality in Joel 2:28-29:

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

Key Term

τέλος

telos = ultimate goal, destination, last

You can ride a bike with one pedal, but it sure is easier with two!

The “Five Families” offer a framework to understand how men/women can relate.

- **Ideal Family** - In the beginning God revealed his perfect plan. One man and one woman, side-by-side, shoulder-to-shoulder. Both holy, sinless, honorable, and blessed with a clear mandate to fill the earth and rule over it.
- **Fallen Family** - God’s enemy deceptively attacked the first man and woman. Sin entered the world and brought sickness, oppression, shame, fear and death. Every culture and every person now struggle under the burden of the fallen world. The Fall shattered God’s beautiful design for mutual sharing between man and woman.
- **Redeemed Family** - Jesus’ cross and resurrection brings life and hope to all men and women. Forgiven people can live beyond and above the normal, cultural expectations. In Christ, men and women can once again lead and love as co-regents of God’s kingdom and co-equal heirs who are gifted by the Holy Spirit.
- **Multiplied Family** - We are not content to just *be* blessed and gifted! Followers of Jesus are to *be a blessing* to the nations. Jesus instructed his followers to multiply disciples, fill every corner of earth, and help humanity flourish!
- **Forever Family** - God’s original intent will be realized and celebrated in eternity. Holy, honorable relationships.

God’s character is the ultimate foundation.

Godly categories guide this study.

- **God’s character** - Everything ultimately (*telos*) comes down to God’s nature and character. No other foundation will last. Every action, belief, and motive that lines up to God’s holy standard remains. All else will fade away.
- **God’s kingdom** - The kingdom was Jesus’ first and main message. God’s reign and rule shows God’s character demonstrated in every sphere of life. The world’s kingdoms will pass away; but God’s kingdom will last forever.
- **God’s mission** - God desires that all people know him in relationship and worship him in glory. Numerous unreached people groups remain beyond access to the name of Jesus. All people need the Good News of Jesus.
- **God’s laborers** - To accomplish God’s mission of demonstrating God’s kingdom, ALL of God’s laborers are needed. This resource seeks to equip and multiply God’s harvesters to engage all people, especially the least reached.

Solid foundations

The entire Bible is authoritative and is useful for teaching and correcting. We must understand male/female relationship in light of God’s character and kingdom as found in His Word. Desire for rights (women) or defense of position (men) is not the correct starting or ending point (*telos*).

The completion (*telos*) of God’s global mission should compel us to discover how to multiply and release laborers who reflect His character, kingdom, and mission.

Conclusion

In the end (*telos*), we pray the eyes of your heart will be enlightened, and God’s mission will be complete (*telos*)!

4 Crucial Questions

1. What does this teach us about **GOD**?
2. What does this teach us about **PEOPLE**?
3. What command should I **OBEY**?
4. With whom can I **SHARE** this?