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**Welcome**



Hi Friends!

It is my desire for your life and your church to be blessed by God as we work together to do the unimaginable.

Together, let's care about what God cares about most: his lost children being found, caring about "the least of these" and growing his church, that is, growing warmer through fellowship, deeper in discipleship, wider through ministry, and all around the world through evangelism. That is what God wants.

At Saddleback Church, we focus our outreach efforts to do the five things that Jesus did during his ministry time on earth, the five things that we call The PEACE Plan. It is our desire to not only do what Jesus did but also to focus on empowering churches around the globe to do the same.

Get ready for God to use ordinary people in your church in extraordinary ways!

I am so glad that you are here on the very front end of this exciting and world-changing adventure.

Pastor Rick Warren

*Rick Warren*

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# WHAT IS THE GLOBAL PEACE PLAN?

## THE GLOBAL PEACE PLAN

The Global PEACE Plan is not an organization or a denomination. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that can be used through your local church.

One of the most important words of faith in the Bible is the word “\_\_\_\_\_!” It is used 3,000 times in the Bible. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Great Commission to “GO to all nations.”

In John 17:18, Jesus said: *“In the same way that you Father gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”*

**If you’re a Christian, God expects you to care about the \_\_\_\_\_, not just your church or your community.**

**It is not a sin to have a small church. It IS a sin to have a small \_\_\_\_\_.**

**In Isaiah 49:3–6, God’s solution for Isaiah’s discouragement was a bigger vision. God expanded his \_\_\_\_\_. He increased his \_\_\_\_\_ and he enlarged his \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The mission of every church is the global glory of God. He wants us to be concerned about \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The only way we can do that is by:**

- working together
- partnering
- networking
- associating
- sharing
- encouraging

## **FIVE BIG PROBLEMS THE CHURCH NEEDS TO TACKLE**

**1. Spiritual emptiness:** People living without hope, purpose, meaning, God. This leads to broken relationships and reconciliation issues, battles, divisions. \_\_\_\_\_ is a spiritual issue. James 4:1 says that the source of all war and all conflict come from the spiritual battle of desires warring inside of you. Spiritual emptiness leads to:\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Self-serving, corrupt leadership:** Two kinds of leaders: A) Selfish leaders who lead for their own benefit (corrupt) B) servant leaders who lead for the benefit of others. Most people when they start, really want to be a service to their community, to their business, to their nation, to their church. They want to be involved in service. Over time, the attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ turns to \_\_\_\_\_, in other words \_\_\_\_\_.

*Without wise leadership, a nation falls. Proverbs 11:14*

Selfish leadership leads to: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Extreme poverty:** Poverty keeps billions of people stuck in a miserable hopeless living condition. Half of the world lives on less than 2 dollars a day—that's three billion people. One billion people live on less than 1 dollar a day.

**4. Pandemic disease:** Every day, 30,000 children die from preventable disease. Jesus cares about these children and these illnesses.

**5. Illiteracy and lack of education:** Half the world still can't read or write.

The **ONLY** group large enough to handle these global giants is \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus modeled five things in ministry. If we did them, these giants would fall.

## THE PEACE PLAN

1. Plant reconciliation churches: 2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

He reconciles us to each other and he forms us in a family and that family is called the church. We call this promote reconciliation and plant churches.

2. Equip servant leaders: In Matthew 20 Jesus said we are to be different that godless leaders. "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

**Leadership is not being a \_\_\_\_\_. Leadership is being an \_\_\_\_\_.**

Key Verses:

- Mark 3:14
- Matthew 20
- John 10:11
- 1 Peter 5:3
- 2 Timothy 2:2

The PEACE Plan is built on 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul says, "What you learned from me, I want you to pass on to reliable leaders," and he said, "Those leaders should be faithful and competent to teach others." This is the way The PEACE Plan expands, as one teaches another, teaches another, teaches another.

**Jesus equipped leaders by \_\_\_\_\_ and he taught those leaders how to \_\_\_\_\_ to others.**

3. Assist the poor: In Jesus' first sermon he read from Isaiah in Luke 4:18 "*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*" There are over 2,000 Bible verses about the poor such as Proverbs 14:31.

**The test of our faith is how we treat \_\_\_\_\_.**

4. Care for the sick: Matthew 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

**Key Verses:**

- Matthew 9:35
- Ezekiel 34
- Matthew 25

God wants us to be healthy in every area.

Jesus ministry was preaching, teaching, healing.

- **Evangelism: He cared about the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Education: He cared about the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Healing: He cared about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

5. Educate the next generation: In Mark 10:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Psalms 78 says, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." In every nation of the world, the first hospital and the first schools were started by Christian missionaries.

**Five Global Problems**

- Spiritual emptiness leading to conflict
- Self-serving and corrupt leadership
- Extreme poverty
- Pandemic disease
- Illiteracy and lack of education

**Five Global Solutions from the Ministry of Jesus**

- **Plant churches that promote reconciliation**
- **Equip \_\_\_\_\_ leaders**
- **Assist the poor**
- **Care for the \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Educate the next \_\_\_\_\_**

**Definition of The PEACE Plan**

“**Ordinary** people empowered by God’s Spirit, doing what Jesus did together in the church, wherever they are.”

**Every person in every local church can be on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The PEACE Plan Is . . .**

A Jesus Plan

Small-group based

Personal and local and global

Simultaneous (personal, local, global)

Done 100% by local churches through local churches

- **PERSONAL PEACE:** MY mission to my friends, my neighbors, the people I work with, the people in my community, and my relatives who are close to me. Personal PEACE is the people around me.
- **LOCAL PEACE:** To my city, my village, my area.
- **GLOBAL PEACE:** To the whole world.

**When God sees that your church is \_\_\_\_\_, he begins to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.**

It is done 100% by local churches through local churches to local churches for local churches led by pastors.

**A Great Commission Congregation**

**“Taking the whole Gospel to the \_\_\_\_\_ world in all the ways all the time.”**

# WHAT MAKES THE PEACE PLAN UNIQUE?

## *PILLARS OF THE PEACE PLAN*

To explain what makes The PEACE Plan unique, we use an acrostic called “The PILLARS of PEACE.” The plan does all five things that Jesus modeled in His ministry.

**P**lant reconciliation churches.

**E**quip servant \_\_\_\_\_.

Assist the poor.

**C**are for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**E**ducate the next generation.

The church has to do all of them. It has to be wholistic. What makes The PEACE Plan unique is not WHAT is done but HOW it's done. The first reformation was about theology. This “reformation” is about biblical methodology—doing ministry the way Jesus and the apostles did it. This is what makes The PEACE Plan unique.

## *PILLARS OF THE PEACE PLAN*

**P**lants and **P**artners with local churches.

**I**mitates Christ's model.

**L**iberates **L**ay army.

**L**inks public, profit and **c**hurch sectors.

**A**ttacks all five global giants. **R**eleases the power of networks.

**S**ustainable, scalable, reproducible solutions.

**This balanced methodology is doing ministry the way \_\_\_\_\_ did it.**

**Plants and Partners with Local Churches**

**The PEACE Plan is a local church-based strategy. It values the role that only churches have. Why? Because of their location, composition, motivation,**

**longevity, credibility at the grass roots level. NOT the government, not organizations, NGO's, or charities but the \_\_\_\_\_. This Plan makes the church the hero, doing the five things Jesus did at a local level. Purpose Driven trusts pastors! We come to a church and ask, "What do YOU need?" We ask the church. We serve the church. Then, the local church serves the community. In the PEACE plan, the \_\_\_ gets the credit. God gets the glory.**

### **Imitate Jesus' Model**

Key verses: Matthew 10 and Luke 10

**We do oral training for oral learners. We used to think that missions was pray, study, give and maybe go. In the PEACE Plan we reverse that. We say, "Just GO!" It will capture your heart. Then, return home from going to pray, study and give. You will then have a church full of \_\_\_\_\_!**

### **Liberates a Lay Army**

**The PEACE Plan is a lay-member movement. It's transforming ordinary members of churches from spectators into \_\_\_\_\_ and mobilizing them for \_\_\_\_\_ all around the world.**

**Everybody can participate. It is done by \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ .**

Amateur = out-of-love (in Latin).

Never send individuals. Send groups of two or more. Volunteers equipping volunteers. Volunteer leaders training volunteer leaders. Liberating a lay army.

The PEACE Plan transforms ordinary members of churches from spectators into participators, mobilizing them for ministry and mission all around the world.

Links Public, Profit and Church Sectors

PEACE is about partnership. As the faith sector, the church sector grows, it can partner with government and business on the three legs of a stool. Some things only government can do, some things only business can do, some things only the church can do. It takes all three legs of the stool for stability of The PEACE Plan.

### **Attacks All Five Global Giants**

- 1. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**
2. Self-serving, corrupt leadership
- 3. Extreme \_\_\_\_\_**
4. Pandemic disease

5. Illiteracy and lack of \_\_\_\_\_

We cannot outsource this responsibility to do what God has called the church to do.

### **Releases the Power of Networks**

**It is a framework, a network of networks, a coalition, a partnership of missions. It unleashes bottom-up energy (not top-down). We use technology that wasn't even available 15 years ago for global collaboration. It is church-to-\_\_\_\_\_.**

Modules to help; Resources available at:

- Pastors.com
- Saddleback.com
- Saddleback.com/PEACE

Sustainable, Scalable and Reproducible Solutions

- **Sustainable: Runs on its own, it doesn't need a \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Scalable: It can go from \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Reproducible: You can \_\_\_\_\_ it over and over and over and over.**

The PEACE plan is a reproducible model by training local churches rather than doing it for themselves.

In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Teach them to DO everything I commanded you." That is training. On an international level we only train others to do. We do not do it for them. On a local level the people actually do. The PEACE Plan fosters development, not dependency which = sustainability.

**The antidote for poverty is job-creation, not \_\_\_\_\_. Wealth-creation is always better than wealth-redistribution.**

**We are responsible TO people not responsible \_\_\_\_\_ people.**

**The resources for the harvest are in the \_\_\_\_\_ itself. We create self-sustaining work by creating trade, not aid.**

**Stop outsourcing missions. Accept the responsibility to DO missions \_\_\_\_\_ the people, BY the people, FOR the people, \_\_\_\_\_ the people.**

# ANSWER KEY

## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL PEACE PLAN?

### Part 4

The Global PEACE Plan is not an organization or a denomination. It is a **strategy** that can be used through your local church.

One of the most important words of faith in the Bible is the word “**Go!**” It is used 3,000 times in the Bible. We are **commanded** in the Great Commission to “GO to all nations.”

If you’re a Christian, God expects you to care about the **whole world**, not just your church or your community.

It is not a sin to have a small church. It IS a sin to have a small **vision**.

In Isaiah 49:3–6, God’s solution for Isaiah’s discouragement was a bigger vision. God expanded his **vision**. He increased his **perspective** and he enlarged his **commission**.

The mission of every church is the global glory of God. He wants us to be concerned about **all nations**.

## FIVE BIG PROBLEMS THE CHURCH NEEDS TO TACKLE

**Reconciliation** is a spiritual issue Spiritual emptiness leads to: **conflict**.

Over time, the attitude of **service** turns to **serve us**, in other words **serve me**.

Selfish leadership leads to: **corruption**

The ONLY group large enough to handle these global giants is **the church**.

# THE PEACE PLAN

Leadership is not being a **boss**. Leadership is being an **example**.

Jesus equipped leaders by **being an example**, and he taught those leaders how to **be examples** to others.

The test of our faith is how we treat **the poor**.

- Evangelism: He cared about the **soul**.
- Education: He cared about the **mind**.
- Healing: He cared about the **body**.

## Five Global SOLUTIONS from the Ministry of Jesus

- Equip **servant** leaders
- Care for the **sick**
- Educate the next **generation**
- Every person in every local church can be on **mission**.

When God sees that your church is **unselfish**, he begins to **bless it** in order to **bless others**.

“Taking the whole Gospel to the **whole** world in all the ways all the time.”

# ANSWER KEY

## WHAT MAKES THE PEACE PLAN UNIQUE? Part 5

Equip servant **leaders**

Care for the **sick**

This methodology is doing ministry the way **Jesus** did it and makes it unique.

In The PEACE Plan, the **local church** gets the credit.

You will then have a church full of **missionaries!**

Liberates a Lay Army

The PEACE Plan is a lay-member movement. It's transforming ordinary members of churches from spectators into **participators** and mobilizing them for **ministry and mission** all around the world.

Everybody can participate. It is done by **amateurs**, not **professionals**.

Spiritual **emptiness**

Extreme **poverty**

Illiteracy and lack of **education**

Releases the Power of Networks

It is church-to-**church**.

- Sustainable: Runs on its own, it doesn't need a **new source of money**.
- Scalable: It can go from **small to large**.
- Reproducible: You can **multiply** it over and over and over and over.

The antidote to poverty is job-creation, not **charity**.

We are responsible **TO** people, not responsible **FOR** people.

The resources for the harvest are in the **harvest** itself.

Stop outsourcing missions. Accept the responsibility to **DO** missions **OF** the people, **BY** the people, **FOR** the people, **TO** the people.