

# The Principles Session 8

1. **The Land of Promise is the exhilarating completion of the dream.**
2. **The Land of Promise is the picture of the need having been met.**
3. **Meeting the need should be a skill that fits into your particular gift mix.**



## The Pitfalls Session 8

Myths and misconceptions about the Land of Promise

1. **"The Land of Promise is the end line for me."**

Truth: It is the starting point for another dream.

2. **"The Land of Promise will remain exciting."**

Truth: The thrill is temporary. We begin to look for other needs and other dreams beyond the present borders.

# The Pattern Session 8

## 1. Empathize: Stay in touch with the need.

*"Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for those people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.'" Mark 8:1-3*

Jesus stayed among the hurting and felt their pain.

## 2. Effectiveness: Increase your productivity.

*"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.: Acts 6:2-4*

The early church organized itself to "work smarter."

## 3. Expansion: Push your borders outward for greater impact.

*"So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ." Romans 15:28-29*

Paul completed three dream journeys and to the very end he was pushing his borders outward, receiving the "full measure of the blessing of Christ."

## 4. Searching for need takes us deeper into the heart of the Dream Giver.

The dreamer asks God to place within us His own heart and His own compassion.

*"Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles." Psalm, 103:2-5*

# My Own Journey Session 8

1. I was most surprised to learn the following about the Land of Promise:

2. Here is how I would evaluate or grade myself in the area of compassion toward the needs of others:

3. If I fulfilled my dream, the world might be different in the following way:

4. If I fulfilled my dream, my own life and character would be different in the following way:

5. Here is what I can be doing to help my heart be more like the Dream Giver's heart in relation to the needs of others:

6. Having completed The Dream Giver study course, reflected carefully and spent time with the Dream Giver himself, I feel that he is asking me to take the following action:

What:

When:

Who to tell:

Signed:

Date:

# My Groups Journey Session 8

1. Describe the emotions you experience when you think of accomplishing your dream.

2. An elderly Joshua, having completed the dream of entering Canaan, asked for "one more mountain" (Joshua 14:10,12) What do you think motivated him to make this request of God?

3. Read Philippians 3:13-14 What aspects of Paul's attitude best typify a dream chaser? How does his heavenly perspective make a difference?

4. How does it change us personally when God places within us His heart toward hurting people? How would it change your life right now?

5. In groups of two, close your session in prayer, encouraging one another to take practical and concrete steps toward following the dream God has given to each.