

## The Gospel of Grace for Leaders

The task of making and leading disciples of all nations is enormous and can be daunting, thus Paul encourages the church to be “filled with the fullness of God” as they develop in shepherding and shaping followers of Christ. This first portion of session one will focus the group on the overwhelming strength, love, knowledge, and God’s glorious riches that are at their disposal as they faithfully fulfill the Great Commission.

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1. Greetings and introduction of network team
  
2. Key principles of the network
  - a. We are a learning community
    - i. Concentrated content
    - ii. High amount of active participation
    - iii. Clear action steps and accountability to take home
  
  - b. Gospel truths applied to disciple-making leadership (from pre-network reading)
    - i. Resurrection power trumps the challenges of the task; this network gives practice to demonstrate that truth
  
    - ii. Those in ministry can easily fall off the cycle of grace into the cycle of grief; we must intentionally rely on grace
  
    - iii. Discipleship is life on life; pursuing others for gospel growth through influence, development and even conflict