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Hello, my name is David Garrison. In addition to being the Church-Planting

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I service the Executive Director of Global Gates. Global Gates is

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a missionary organization that seeks to reach the ends of the earth

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through global gateway cities. Our missionaries with Global Gates are serving

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in sixteen global gateway cities across North America and Asia where

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we engage the world's least reached people groups that God has brought into our own backyard.

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Groups like Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs. We

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found that in reaching them here, we have an opportunity to reach through them back to the ends of

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the earth - the homelands from which they come. Our topic today is Church

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Planting Partnerships to Reach The Ends of The Earth in our Own Backyard.

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Let me begin by introducing a new term to you, a life-changing term that we call

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Wigtake.

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Wigtake. W-I-G-T-A-K-E is short for: "What's It Going to TAKE". What's it going to take?

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Ask the bigger question, 'What's it going to take to see a people group come to faith

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in Jesus Christ?' Now to grasp the significance of wigtake, you really need to contrast it

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with a more common question. A more common question we ask is, "What can I do?"

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But "What can I do?" limits us to our own abilities, our own resources, and

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often times it falls short of what's needed to accomplish the task.

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Many people who set out with a well-intentioned 'What can I do?' either failed to

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grasp the normative challenge before them or they launch out in faith

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and soon become frustrated when their own efforts fail. But when we ask the

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wigtake question 'What's it going to take' question, we're immediately lifted up to see the

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people group that we're trying to reach from God's perspective. We realize this is not our

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ministry, it's His ministry. What we need to do is get on the same page with Him.

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When we ask wigtake, we realize we're part of something much bigger that God is

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doing and it compels us to develop a comprehensive strategy.

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A comprehensive strategy that addresses the question, 'What's it going to take to see

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this people group come to faith in Jesus Christ?'

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So, what does a

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wigtake or comprehensive strategy entail? Well, here's 8 elements that you don't

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want to miss. Number One is prayer. Prayer is the beginning

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and is the foundation for everything else you're going to do. In fact, it's the secret to success

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in each of the other six elements. The second element is to pull together a missional

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team or task force either from your church or if you're a small church, from

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an association of churches in your area. We found the best way to pull together

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a team is to invite Christians to come and pray for the unreached in your town, in

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your community, or in your in your country. Out of this God will raise up

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a task force that you can work together with.

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The third element is good research. Fortunately today, you don't have to just be a great

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researcher, you can go online. There's websites like, PeopleGroups.info

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that have ethnographic informational people groups all

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over the world. And even here in North America: sites like Ethnolog

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and Joshua Project also provide online resources. In addition

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to these, you'll find some missionaries who have started pulling together

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some great resources like Chris Clayman and Meredith Lee's

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EthNYcity: A survey of the nation's tongues, and faiths

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of Metropolitan New York. Or one that's just come out in Los Angeles called

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EthnoLA by Jerome Hannaman, Gerry Gutierrez, Don Overstreet

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and Kallie-Jo Ho. These types of resources are popping up in cities all across America

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as Christians are awakening to the need to understand who God has

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brought into their neighborhoods and, how they can reach them.

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The fourth element you don't want to miss in your comprehensive wigtake strategy is

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God's Word. No one comes to Christ without having God's word in their own language and

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yet most churches don't have these New Testaments and Bibles

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available in the languages of the people groups that God's brought to their

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towns and neighborhoods. This will take going online, finding some resources from places like

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United Bible Society's; American Bible Society's;

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Wycliffe Bible Translators' websites. Also keep in

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mind that many of these people groups don't really read in their own language

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or they may struggle. So you want to be able to provide God's Word in

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oral, in video formats. Fortunately, that's easier today with resources like

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The Jesus Film - it's been translated into multiple languages and

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Faith Comes by Hearing which provides audio recordings. Groups

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like Global Recordings also have testimonies in the languages of

people groups all

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over the world. Your task force will want to become familiar with these available

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resources. Fifth is Ministry Engagement. People don't come to

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Christ unless Christians reach out to them where they are and this means asking the people,

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"What are their heart-felt needs?" or "What do they need?", "What do they desire?" rather than what we want to

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provide to them. When we understand what they need, we can better meet them where they

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are. A friend of mine defined ministry best as Christians answering

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the prayers of lost people. That's what your team wants to do. Sixth is Evangelism.

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As hearts open up

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and communities open up, you can share the Gospel with them in a way that they understand

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and can respond to. Evangelism is more than just proclamation. It means that they also

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hear it and understand what God has done on their behalf. There's a lot

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of great resources that are appearing today and I encourage you to familiarize yourself

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with things like the Jesus Film; Discovery Bible studies and

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for Muslims, there's a course of study that's come out in Europe.

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It's been very effective called the "Al Massira" course. Al Massira is an Arabic

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word that means 'The Journey'. It's sort of modeled after the Alpha Program that's been

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so successful in bringing un-churched and lost people into the kingdom of God.

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And, finally remember that the aim of your ministry is not just

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the evangelism or ministry. It's to form discipleship groups which

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are emerging new churches and one of the things you want to watch out for, it's tempting to pull

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those new Converts into your own church but often times when you do that you

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break their connection with their own community and this can lead to the abortion of

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a movement but when you empower them and you encourage them to remain in

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their community where they can share their faith where they can win their friends and family to Christ,

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you hold the potential to launch a movement among that community. One of the things

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you'll discover is that new believers from within that ethnic community will

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be exponentially more effective in both evangelism and ultimately discipleship

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and church planting than you, as an outsider can be.

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I know I've given you a lot to think about so let me recap some of the main points: First,

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God has brought the ends of the earth to our own backyard for a purpose. Don't miss that

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purpose. Don't miss that opportunity. Second, go beyond the question of

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'What can I personally do?' to the bigger question of, 'What's it going to take?', 'What's it

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going to take to see this entire community of immigrants from unreached

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lands come to faith in Jesus Christ?' This will empower you and cause you

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to create partnerships far beyond your own limitations and finally,

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as you develop a comprehensive strategy, keep these seven points in mind:

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Number One: the beginning for all that we do is prayer. This prayer will permeate your

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work. It will permeate the ministry and it'll even permeate the fruit that God ultimately

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provides. Second, create a missional team or task

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force from your church or from association of churches of those who are interested so that

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you can share the responsibilities and accomplish more. Third, some of

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your team members will want to take the lead and research,

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research is so readily available now on the internet you can find out a lot about the people

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groups so lost them in that direction but don't forget to also go into the community you're

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trying to reach and ask the people there what are their felt needs so you can best

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know how to minister to them. Fourth,

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You want God's word available to them in ways that they can accept it and respond to it.

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In some cases this means getting contextualized bible translations. In other

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cases, it means getting orality or video products such as the 'Jesus Film' or 'Faith comes

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by Hearing' cassettes. Fifth, you want to engage them in ministry.

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This is where Christians touch non-Christians and lost people.

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The best definition we've said for ministry is when Christians answer the prayers of

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lost people. Sixth, Evangelize. Evangelism is more than just

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proclaiming the gospel. It's communicating the gospel so that they can hear

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it and understand it within their own cultural context.

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And, finally remember that your aim is to form discipleship communities and

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out of those disciples within the unreached that you're trying to engage

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with the Gospel, God will raise up Evangelists, Disciplers, Church-

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planters who frankly will be far more effective in the long-run than you

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or I as outsiders can ever hope to be.

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Let me conclude by encouraging you to realize that this

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is God's work. He's done all the heavy lifting here. He is simply inviting, even

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commissioning us to be a part of this great kingdom journey.

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Remember also that you're not alone. Organizations

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like Global Gates exist to help you in reaching the unreached that

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God has brought to our own backyard. Most importantly though,
recognize

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that the Holy Spirit is out in front of you. He's already at work in
these communities giving

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them dreams and visions and convicting them of their need for
salvation

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in Jesus Christ. He's waiting for us to catch up. Together,

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we can partner to reach the very ends of the earth God has brought to
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