

In A Word What Is Dawn?

The word “DAWN” is an acronym for “Discipling A Whole Nation.”

It is a strategy of ministry developed in terms of our Lord’s command to “make disciples of all nations.” It takes literally the idea that the Lord wants *nations* to be *discipled*. To do this, DAWN seeks to mobilize the whole Body of Christ in whole countries in an optimum strategy for the discipling of all the “nations” or peoples of those countries.

In the words of Dr. C. Peter Wagner, “It is the best and most effective delivery system for getting church growth principles to the grassroots on an international scale.”

DAWN aims at mobilizing the whole Body of Christ in whole countries in a determined effort to complete the Great Commission by working towards the goal of providing an evangelical congregation for every village and neighborhoods of every class, kind and condition of man in the whole country.

DAWN is concerned that Jesus Christ become incarnate in all His beauty, compassion, power and message in the midst of every small group of people--500-1,000 in number--in a country on a long-term basis.

It therefore wants to see every existing church truly incarnate the Lord Jesus Christ and to see such churches multiplied so that no person in a country is out of range either in a practical or cultural sense of the living Christ.

When this is accomplished, it is *not* assumed that the Great Commission for a country has been completed, but that the last measurable goal has been reached towards the discipling of that country.

With a witnessing congregation in every small community of man, it is now possible to communicate the Gospel in the most direct and productive way to every person in that land.

Every person in the country now has the optimum opportunity to see the Gospel lived and preached by his own kind of people in his own setting.

Everyone now has a reasonable opportunity to make an informed, intelligent decision for or against Jesus Christ.

Everyone now has a church to attend where he can be further trained in discipleship should he become a believer.

The penultimate step for completing the Great Commission among all the peoples in a country has been reached.