

GAP 19: PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Driving Question for Collaborative Design

How might Christians in the church, parachurch, and workplace collaborate to reach and disciple the many people and groups relocating from their homeland, to live for Christ wherever they are?

Description

In our contemporary age, the numbers of people who have moved from their homeland, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, is significant. Whether migrating, fleeing as a refugee, or pursuing international education or employment, people on the move experience relocation challenges ranging from community formation, ethnic identity, religious expression, economic status and more. These challenges create opportunities for hospitably sharing Christ in word and deed, forming whole-life disciples wherever they go to the places they live, learn, work, play, shop, and serve.

As the global church seeks to reach all for the gospel, this conversation prayerfully explores:

Collaboration Questions

- How do we wisely reach/serve diaspora communities?
- How do we wisely reach/serve refugees?
- How do we wisely reach/serve international students?
- How do we wisely reach/serve international workers, and empower Christian employees deployed internationally, especially in contexts largely closed to traditional Christian mission?
- What action plans/collaborations are needed to better accomplish this?
- What are wise practices for community development and unity with these groups?

Sub-Topics

- Diasporas
- Refugees
- International Students
- International Workers
- Migrants

Preparation before Seoul 2024

Please read these sections of the State of the Great Commission Report:

- Introduction from the Theology Working Group
- Part I, on the State of the Great Commission globally, captured by text and graphics
- Part II, with the article on 'People on the Move'
- Part III for your particular region in which you primarily work or serve in church or parachurch
- Please read [Lausanne Occasional Paper #70](#)