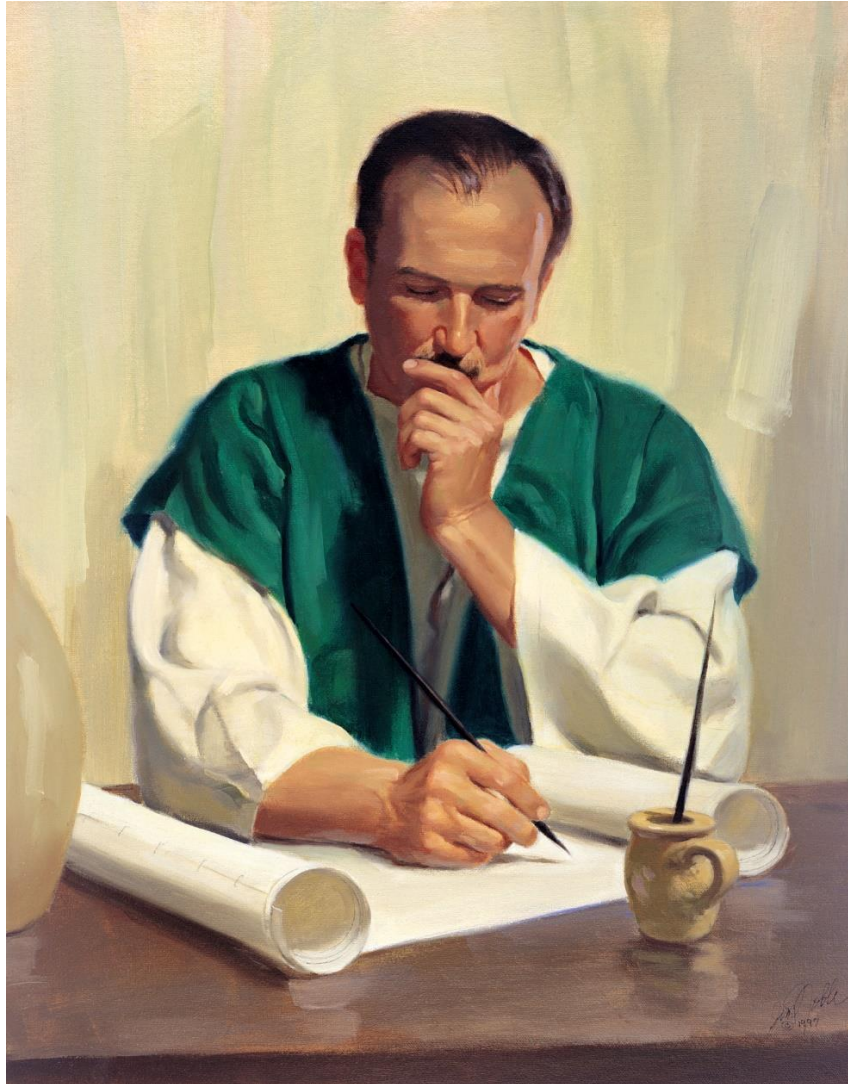


2024 R12.2 Men's Leadership Conference

Following Jesus: What It Means To Be His Disciple

A Weekend Unpacking Luke 9:23-26



**Callaway Gardens
Pine Mountain, Georgia
October 18-20, 2024**

And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

Mission Statement

An annual conference by laymen for laymen which strives to:

1. Teach men the Word of God
2. Help laymen get exposed to teaching the Word
3. Support men in their ministries

This annual conference focuses on bible study (alternating annually between key books or chapters from the Old Testament and those from the New Testament) and providing a forum to discuss the Word of God and application for men.

Scripture References for Ministries

A reproducing ministry – 2 Timothy 2:2 “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

A transforming ministry – Romans 12:1-2 “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

A Scripture-based ministry – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

A discerning ministry – Acts 17:11 “Now these (Bereans) were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the Word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Resources Available

Resource Table – Please take some time during the breaks to not only network with other men, but to visit the Resource Table at the back of the room. There are many incredible resources available to you. Prices are marked and payment is on the honor system. If you have any questions or would like to order additional resources, please see Billy Uelze during the conference or contact him at billyuelze@me.com. You may also visit <http://mimworldwide.com>.

Audio Recordings – Are available from past conferences at <http://r122conference.org>. Audio recordings from this conference will be posted to the site in the future.

~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~

***Next Year's Conference is Tentatively Scheduled for
October 17-19, 2025, at Callaway Gardens***

A G E N D A

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.	Check-in Begins	The Lodge
4:15	Opening/Welcome/Conference Objectives	Eric Williams
4:45	Hymn #1 – <i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Fern Taylor
5:00	Devotional #1: <i>Forgiveness</i>	Mo Aleman
5:30	Small Groups & Announcements	Eric Williams
5:40	Conference Dinner at the Cottages¹	Joe Hitt
6:45	Background & Intro to Luke’s Gospel	Rodney Dill
7:45	Small Groups & Announcements	Eric Williams
7:55	Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders

SATURDAY MORNING

8:00 a.m.	Good Morning	Eric Williams
8:05	Hymn #2 – <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Fern Taylor
8:15	Devotional #2: <i>The Struggle is Real</i>	Seth Austin
8:45	The Cost of Discipleship	Bill McCurine
10:00	Networking Break – Coffee & Soda available	
10:15	Prayer	Allen Cheatham
11:15	Ready, Alert & Faithful	Danny Davis
12:15 p.m.	Announcements	Eric Williams
12:20	Lunch & Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders
1:50 – 6:00	Free Time / Optional Group Discussions	

¹ Note: This meal is provided; all other meals are on your own or with your group.

SATURDAY EVENING

6:15 p.m.	Good Evening	Eric Williams
6:20	Hymn #3 – <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Fern Taylor
6:25	The End of Christendom	Jerry Bangert
7:40	Networking Break – Coffee & Soda available	
7:50	Testimony	Dan Russell
8:20	Communion	Rodney Dill
8:35	Group Discussions at the Cottages	Group Leaders

SUNDAY MORNING

7:45 a.m.	Sponsors Meeting (by invitation only)	Sponsors
8:20	Good Morning	Eric Williams
8:25	Hymn #4 – <i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	Fern Taylor
8:30	Devotional #3: <i>Lost & Found</i>	Chris Jackson
9:00	Biblical Stewardship	Hank Miltenberger
10:00	Concluding Thoughts & Take-A-Ways	Eric Williams
10:30	Final Instructions & Adjourn	Eric Williams

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin - not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 state, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well
 more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend, "E - ven so" - It is well with my soul.

— with my soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 well with my soul,

Background and Introduction to Luke's Gospel | Rodney Dill

Who is Luke? When and why did Luke write Luke-Acts?

- Beloved Physician. (Col. 4:14)
- Fellow worker. (serving on Paul's missionary team) (Philemon 24)
- Only Luke is with me. (Paul's companion) (2 Tim. 4:11)
- Date & Purpose of the Gospel of Luke
 - Time of Luke's writing
 - To present Jesus as the Messiah, Israel's long-awaited Savior into whom gentiles are also engrafted.

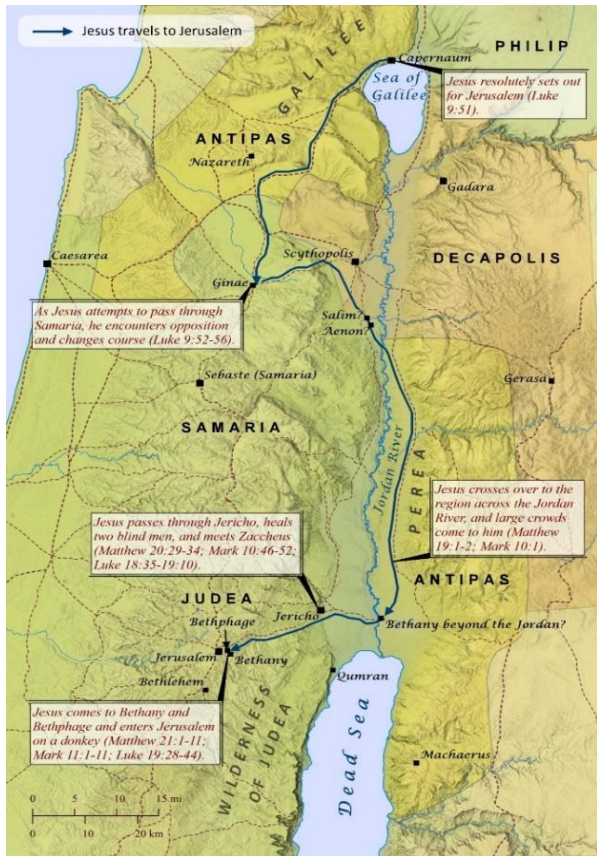
Prologue to Luke (LK 1:1-4): Luke's Sources and Orderly Account

- Gospel of Mark (earliest of the gospels, influenced by Peter)
- Hebrew sources (Hebrew gospel – in circulation during the early church period)
- "Eyewitnesses and servants of the Word" (LK 1:2)
 - Disciples in Galilee
 - To those whom Jesus appeared after the resurrection
 - Expanding out to Barnabas and Paul, others
- Luke determines to write an "orderly account" (narrative structure)
 - Followed things "closely" – Indicating the "how" or in what way Luke carries out his research
 - "Orderly" – Word appears in Acts ("in sequence") but not necessarily a *chronological order*
 - Luke is concerned with a *persuasive order*
 - Purpose: "You may have certainty of the things you have been taught."
- Who is Theophilus?

Gospel of Luke: High-Level Outline

- The Birth and Childhood of Jesus (Infancy Narrative) (1:5-2:52)
 - Announcements of John's and Jesus' Birth
 - Mary's Response to God's Favor
 - Prophecy of Zechariah
 - Simeon's Revelation
- Preparation for the Ministry of Jesus (The Forerunner) (3:1-4:13)
 - John Proclaims the Good News
 - Son of God | Temptation of Jesus
- The Galilean Ministry of Jesus (Galilean Section) (4:14-9:50)
 - Good News Proclaimed in Nazareth
 - **CH 9 – Jesus' Identity & the Nature of Discipleship**

- Mission of Jesus and Discipleship (Travel Narrative) (9:51-19:48)
*“When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,
 He set His face to go to Jerusalem.” LK. 9:51*



Luke 9:1-50

- The Identity & Mission of Jesus (v.18-22)
- The Call to Discipleship (v.23-26)
- Complementary Relationship Between the Two
- The Kingdom of God

- Jesus Teaching in the Jerusalem Temple (20:1-21:38)
 - Question of Authority
 - The Question That Ends All Other Questions
 - Destruction-Redemption-Readiness
- The Suffering and Death of Jesus (22:1-23:56)
 - Passover-Lord’s Supper
 - Crucifixion of Jesus
- The Exaltation of Jesus (24:1-53)
 - Resurrection of Jesus
 - Encounter on the Road to Emmaus
 - Continuity of Luke-Acts

Luke closes and leaves his readers with questions. Will the disciples obey? Will they receive the Father’s promise of empowerment to be a witness?

“You are witnesses of these things.” (Luke 24:48-49)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be *my witnesses...*” (Acts 1:8)

‘Acts of the Apostles’ will go on to answer these questions.

Small Group Discussion | *Possible Conversation Starters*

- (1) Discuss the way Luke portrays the identity of Jesus.
- (2) What do you think it means to be a disciple of Jesus? Does your view impact your daily life and daily decisions?
- (3) What’s your understanding of the Kingdom of God?



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Isaac Watts

Gregorian chant Arr. Lowell Mason

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the Prince of
2. For - bid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and love flow
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent

Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me
min - gled down: did e'er such love and sor - row
far too small; love so a - maz - ing so di -

loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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The Cost of Discipleship | *Bill McCurine*

1. *GUIDING PRINCIPLE: You must never read God's word without asking:*

- a. How does this apply to me?
- b. What does this say about me, my life, and how I am living?

2. *Luke 9:57-62* As they were going along the road, **someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."** 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 **To another he said, "Follow me."** **But he said,** "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 **Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."** 62 Jesus said to him, "**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back** is fit for the kingdom of God."

3. *Luke 12:49-53*

- a. "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and **how great is my distress until it is accomplished!** 51 **Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.** 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
- b. The offence of the cross.
- c. Conflict with ourselves and conflict with our culture.
- d. The demands of discipleship
- e. Being a disciple requires that we obey, even when we do not understand.
- f. Discipleship often leads us to place ourselves under the authority of someone who has been walking in the faith as long as we have or longer than we have.

4. *Luke 14:25-33* Counting the Cost of Discipleship

- a. "Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 **For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it.** 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 **So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."**

- b. **Jesus commands us to count the cost of being His disciple.** Jesus is very upfront and direct about the cost of following Him.
- c. Jesus wants us to enter discipleship with our eyes wide open.
- d. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a conscious, deliberate decision. It is never accidental.
- e. **Luke 14:33**—'So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

Small Group Discussion | *Possible Conversation Starters*

Consider and discuss Bill's admonition to continually ask ourselves:

- (1) What is the **foundation of my life**?
- (2) Where is **my hope**?
- (3) Am I willing to **die for Christ**?
- (4) Am I willing to **live for Christ**? – *my story*.
- (5) To whom are you accountable in your walk with Christ?
- (6) Is your walk with Christ strong enough that someone else is willing to be accountable to you?

Prayer | *Allen Cheatham*

Luke 11:1-13 & Luke 18:1-14

Lord's Prayer

Father

Hallow

His kingdom, His will

Daily bread

Forgiveness

Parables on Prayer

Persistence

Boldness

Humility

Small Group Discussion | *Possible Conversation Starters*

- (1) Why is persistence in prayer so important (Luke 18:1, 5; 11:8; 1Thessalonians 5:17)?
- (2) Who does Jesus (Luke 18:10-14) tell us went home justified? Who might people watching the Pharisee and the tax collector say went home justified? Who would the Pharisee say went home justified? Who would the tax collector say went home justified? Why the different viewpoints?
- (3) What words stand out to you in Luke 18:7? What is our role in verse 7?
- (4) What is Jesus' point in Luke 11:9-13?

Ready, Alert & Faithful | *Danny Davis*

- Luke 12:35-48: The Master and Servants
- Luke 17:5-10: Faith and Duty

Outline + References

- i. For whom and why?
 - a) Luke 9:51 On His way to the cross
 - b) Matt 13:35 Fulfilling Prophecy
 - c) Matt 7:13-14; Luke 13:24; The Narrow Gate

- ii. Luke 12:35-48: The Master and Servants
 - a) The Faithful Servant
 1. Dressed in Readiness (Luke 12:35-36, 38)
 1. Ephesians 6:10-17
 2. 1 Peter 1:13, 5:8
 3. 1 Cor 10:12-13
 4. Rom 12:1-2
 5. James 1:22
 2. Lamps Burning (Luke 12:35)
 1. Matt 5:14-16; 25:1-13
 2. Eph 5:8-9
 3. Wise Steward (Luke 12: 42)
 1. 1 Peter 4:10
 2. Matt 20:8
 3. Acts 20:28-29
 4. Blessed (Luke 12:37; 43-44; 48.b.)
 1. Col 3:23-24
 2. Matt 5:11-12

 - b) The Son of Man (Luke 12:39-40)
 1. Revelation 15:16
 2. 1 Thess 5:2
 3. Matt 24:36
 4. Luke 17:34-35

 - c) The Evil Servant (Luke 12:45-46)
 1. Eph: 5:5
 2. Heb 10:26
 3. Luke 13:24-27; Matt 7:21-23

 - d) Accountability (Luke 12:47-48)
 1. Romans 10:10-12
 2. 2 Cor 5:10
 3. 1 Cor 3:11-15

- iii. Luke 17:5-10: Faith and Duty
 - a) Faith (Luke 17:5-6)
 - 1. Previous charge: Luke 17:3-4
 - b) Duty (Luke 17:7-10)
 - 1. Romans 1:1
 - 2. Luke 18:9-14
 - 3. Luke 13:30, 14:11

Small Group Discussion | *Possible Conversation Starters*

- (1) In what do you think each type of servant, presented by Jesus from Luke 12:35-48, placed their hope?
- (2) Who are the stewards today that these passages apply to? What do they look like and what do they oversee?
- (3) What is the relationship between faith, hope, and behavior?

I Need Thee Every Hour

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16
Pray without ceasing. 1 Th. 5:17

1. I need Thee eve-ry hour, most gra - cious Lord; No ten - der voice like Thine can peace af - ford.
2. I need Thee eve-ry hour, stay Thou near - by; Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.
3. I need Thee eve-ry hour, in joy or pain; Come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
4. I need Thee eve-ry hour; teach me Thy will; And Thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
5. I need Thee eve-ry hour, most Ho - ly One; Oh, make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Eve-ry hour I need Thee; Oh, bless me now, my Sav-ior, I come to Thee.

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End of Christendom | *Jerry Bangert*

⇒ **Introduction**

⇒ **What is Christendom?**

⇒ **How Did it Develop?**

⇒ **Why is it Problematic?**

⇒ **What is its Final Form?**

⇒ **Conclusions**

Small Group Discussion | *Possible Conversation Starters*

- (1) What take-a-ways did you glean from Jerry's presentation?
- (2) How does this affect your understanding of "church?"
- (3) What information did you learn that might impact your walk with Christ?

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George J. Elvery, 1868

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own: a -
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no
 pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his
 a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all

wake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
 reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet fair
 hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me: thy

hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail, through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Biblical Stewardship | *Hank Miltenberger*

LUKE 12:22-34 & 16:1-18

I. Overview

II. Stewardship Lessons

Phil 4:19; 1 Cor 4:7; 1 Tim 6:17-19; Jo 16:13-14; 1 Cor 7:29-31; 1 Jo 2:15; Mtt 6:11; Rom 8:31

III. Requirements For A Steward

Mtt 25:15; Tit 1:7; 1 Cor 4:1 & 2; Lu 12:42; Mtt 25:21; Mtt 24:46 -51; Mtt 25:2; Heb 10:26

IV. Things We Steward

1Tim 3:5, 12; Gal 4:2; 1 Cor 4:1-3; 1 Tim 2:15; 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Jo 2:24; 2 Cor 6:1, 8:1; 2 Cor 12:8, 26; 1 Pet 4:10; 1 Cor 9:16-18; 1 Pet 1:6-9; Gen 3; Ps 90:12; 1 Cor 6:15-20; Col 3:23-25; 1 Cor 4:7

V. Accountability

1 Cor 3:10; 13; 2 Pet 3:10; 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27

VI. Observations

Phil 4:11; Mtt 25:1-13; Mtt 25:14-30; Mtt 24:46; Col 1:28-29

Questions to Ponder on the Ride Home

- How are you stewarding your family? Have you established eternal goals for your family, and how do you manage them? Are you assuming all responsibility for supporting your family?
- What are some ways to use your assets to make friends who will welcome you into Heaven? How do you decide how much to financially support various ministries/ministers? What are nondeductible things you are doing?
- What are the different areas God has given you to steward? How are you seeking to please your owner (God) in each? Do you need to be more deliberate? If so, how will you accomplish that?