



HIGH IMPACT CHURCH





HIGH IMPACT CHURCH

SESSION 1

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Being a pastor is...CHALLENGING!

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

The Church is the HOPE OF THE WORLD.

God has called every church to have
KINGDOM IMPACT.

YOU are GOD'S PLAN.

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

God uses ORDINARY people to make EXTRAORDINARY impact.

FIRST, LET'S AGREE...

- We are here to bring glory to God, not to ourselves, to our churches, or to others.
(Psalm 115:1)
- The Bible is the very Word of God, and we are going to trust it.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

FIRST, LET'S AGREE...

- Jesus' promise was true when He said, "I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell cannot prevail against it."
(Matthew 16:18)
- We have the power of the Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwelling in us.
(Romans 6:10-11)

LET'S AGREE...

- God expects us to take the message of reconciliation to the world.
(2 Corinthians 5:8)

HOW DO MANY CHURCHES MEASURE SUCCESS?

What we MEASURE demonstrates what we think SUCCESS is.

Most churches measure success by:

- Attendance
- Buildings
- Offerings

REDEFINING CHURCH IMPACT

Being BIG, WEALTHY, and INFLUENTIAL does not necessarily mean a church is healthy.

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

The Great Commission

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

- LOST PEOPLE are coming to Christ. (Luke 19:10)

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

The Great Commandment

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
(Mark 12:29-31)

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

- FOUND PEOPLE are growing in maturity. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

The Great Compassion

“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ *The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it to Me.’*”
(Matthew 25:34-40)

HOW DOES GOD MEASURE SUCCESS?

- Meeting some of the DEEPEST NEEDS in the community. (Matthew 5:15-16; 25:45)

When your church is meeting out all three - you will be a HIGH IMPACT CHURCH!

ACTIVITY: BUILDING PERSPECTIVE

- **WHAT IS RIGHT?** (A chance to optimize)
- **WHAT IS WRONG?** (A chance to fix)
- **WHAT IS CONFUSED?** (A chance to clarify)
- **WHAT IS MISSING?** (A chance to add)



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SESSION 2

ROMANS 12

THE PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE



GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR CHURCH

The OVERARCHING PURPOSE for every church is to MAKE DISCIPLES.

Only 14% of pastors say they are very effective in making disciples.*

*Barna Research in the U.S.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Key Question: If we are to make DISCIPLES, what does one look like?

If you never define your target, you will never hit it.

ROMANS 12 - THE PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE

5 KEY RELATIONSHIPS



OUR RESPONSE

God

SURRENDER to
God (v. 1)

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - OVERVIEW

5 KEY RELATIONSHIPS



OUR RESPONSE

World

SEPARATE from the
world's values (v. 2)

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - OVERVIEW

5 KEY RELATIONSHIPS



OUR RESPONSE

Yourself

Sober in SELF-ASSESSMENT. (v. 3-8)

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OUR RESPONSE

Believers

SERVING in love
(v. 9-13)

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OUR RESPONSE

Non-Believers

SUPERNATURALLY
responding to evil
with good (v. 14-21)

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - OVERVIEW

5 KEY RELATIONSHIPS ➤ OUR RESPONSE

God	<u>SURRENDER</u> to God (v. 1)
World	<u>SEPARATE</u> from the world's values (v. 2)
Yourself	Sober in <u>SELF-ASSESSMENT</u> (v. 3-8)
Believers	<u>SERVING</u> in love (v. 9-13)
Non-Believers	<u>SUPERNATURALLY</u> responding to evil with good (v. 14-21)

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - IN CONTEXT

Rom. 1-3 ➤ All have **sinned**

Rom. 4-5 ➤ **Salvation** is by grace through faith

Rom. 6-8 ➤ How the Holy Spirit changes our life (**sanctification**)

Rom. 9-11 ➤ God's **sovereign** plan to fulfill all His promises

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - IN CONTEXT

Therefore...

Rom. 12 ➤ **Profile of a disciple**

ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN - IN CONTEXT

It's grace based ≠ performance

It's relational ≠ simply activity

It's practical ≠ theoretical

It's measurable ≠ vague

WE MUST BECOME ROMANS 12 CHRISTIANS OURSELVES

Before you can lead a High Impact Church,
you must become A HIGH IMPACT
PASTOR.

You cannot GIVE what you don't
POSSESS.

WE MUST BECOME ROMANS 12 CHRISTIANS OURSELVES

We must BE who we want our people to BECOME.

God must work DEEPLY IN US before He works POWERFULLY through us.

WE MUST FOLLOW JESUS' MODEL

Surrendered to God - Baptism (Matthew 3:15)

Separate from the world's values -
Wilderness temptation (Matthew 4:10)

Sober in self-assessment - From Scripture,
His calling (John 13:3-7)

WE MUST FOLLOW JESUS' MODEL

Serving in love - 18 months of brotherhood
(John 13)

Supernaturally responding to evil with good -
Salvation (Romans 5:8)

WE MUST PROVIDE INSIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

Life is a winding journey filled with ups and downs and spiritual opposition. This is NORMAL Christianity. (John 16:33)

Only God can change a life, but He chooses to never do it alone.
(Philippians 2:12-13)

WE MUST PROVIDE INSIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

We must help our flock to live out three
PRACTICES to become Romans 12 Christians.

BEFORE GOD

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

Our task: We must lead them to a point of surrendering their lives to God, teach them how to hear God's voice in Scripture, and experience Him in prayer. (Philippians 3:8-10)

IN COMMUNITY

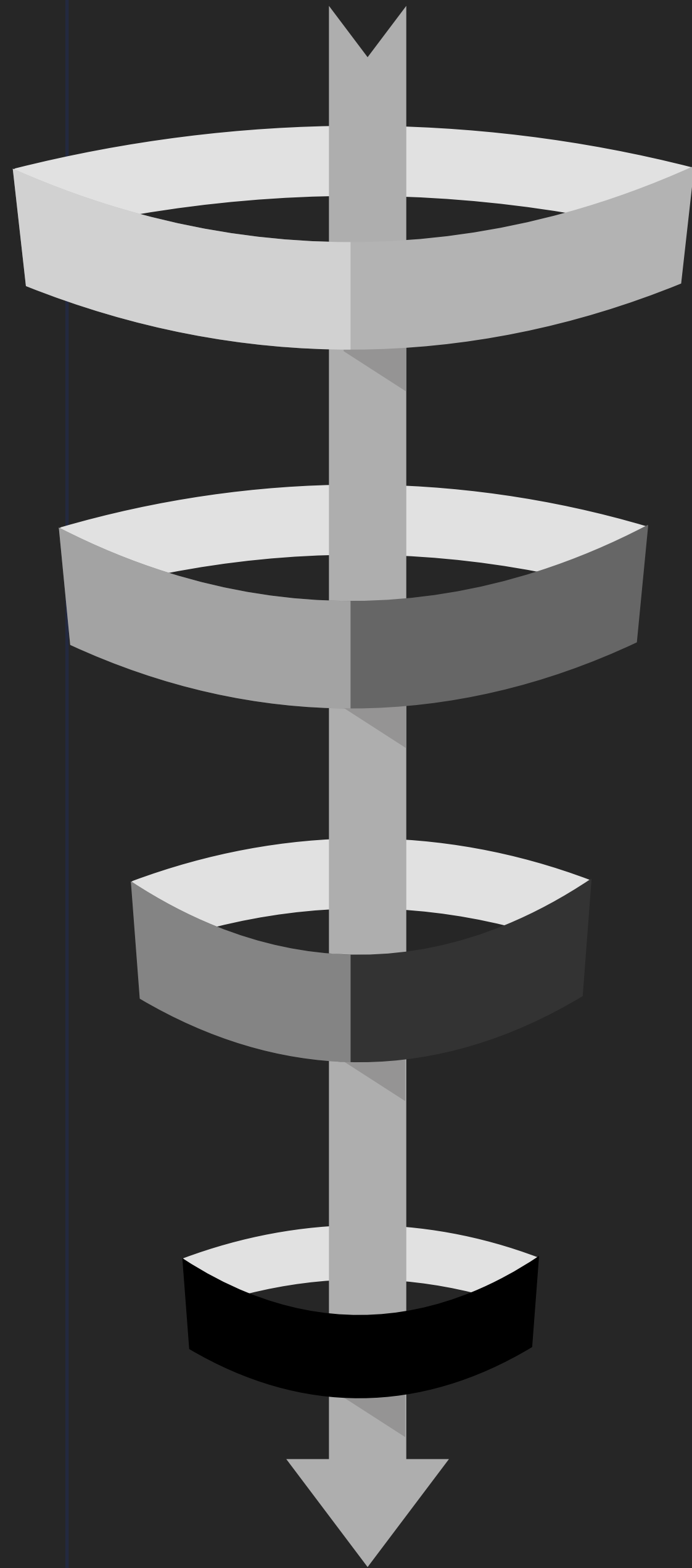
And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. (Acts 2:44-47a)

Our task: We must guide them into a community of other believers where they are loved, can grow and be held spiritually accountable. (John 15:34-35)

ON MISSION

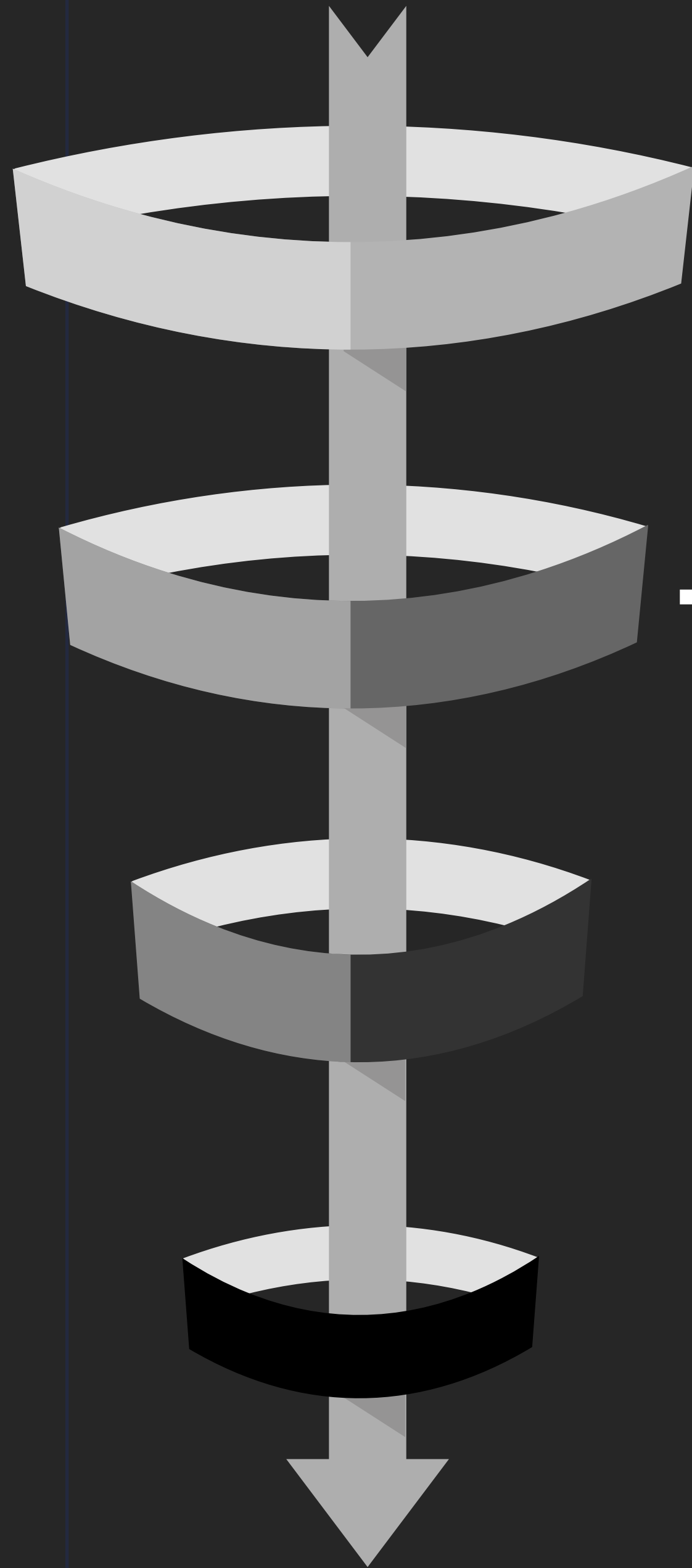
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Our task: We must help them discover God's unique purpose for their life and give them opportunities to discover and express their giftedness to "love their neighbor."
(Ephesians 2:10)



WHAT JESUS CALLS US TO DO

Great Commandment (Mark 12)
Great Commission (Matthew 28)
Great Compassion (Matthew 25)

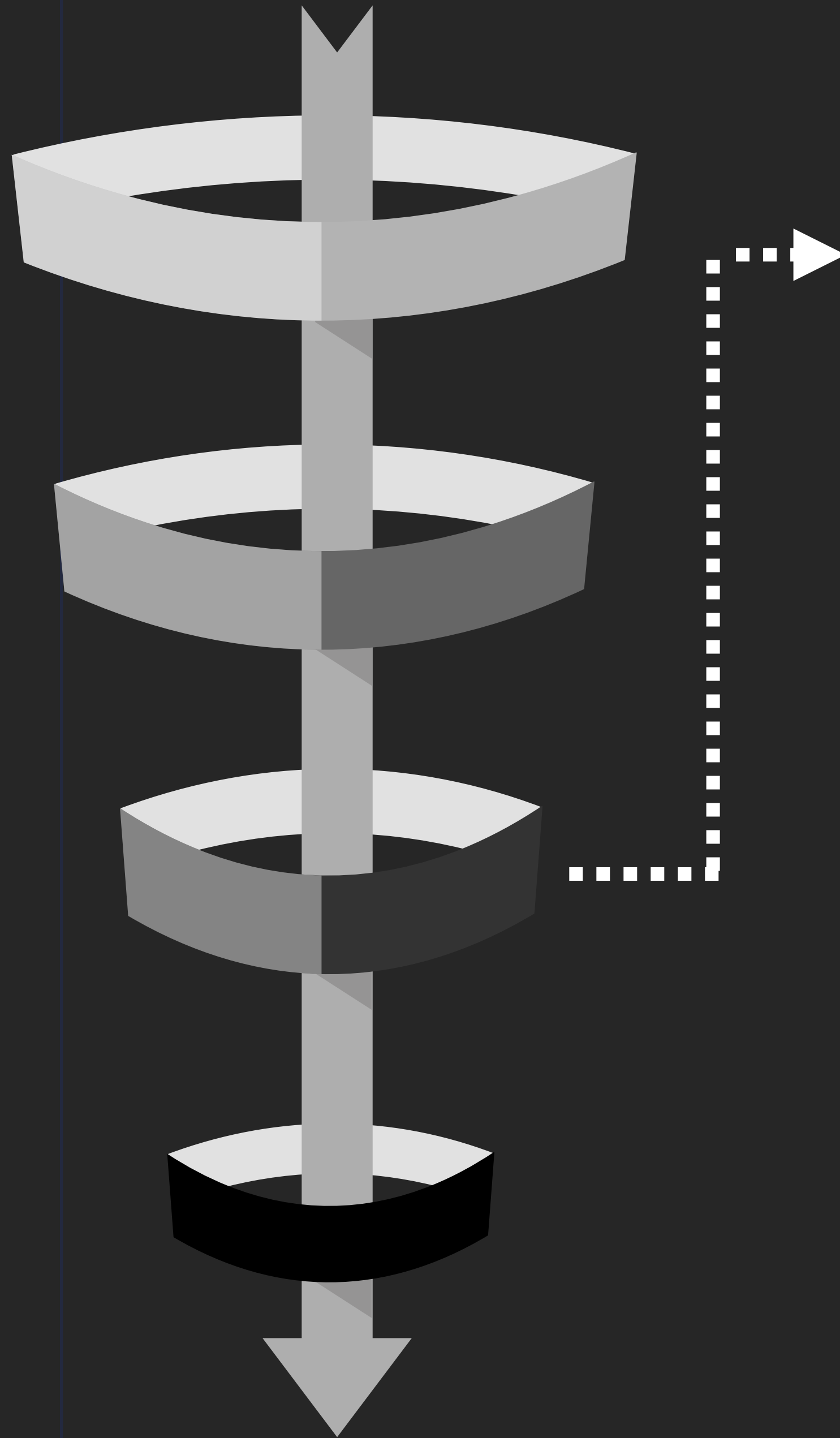


PROFILE OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Lost People Coming to Christ

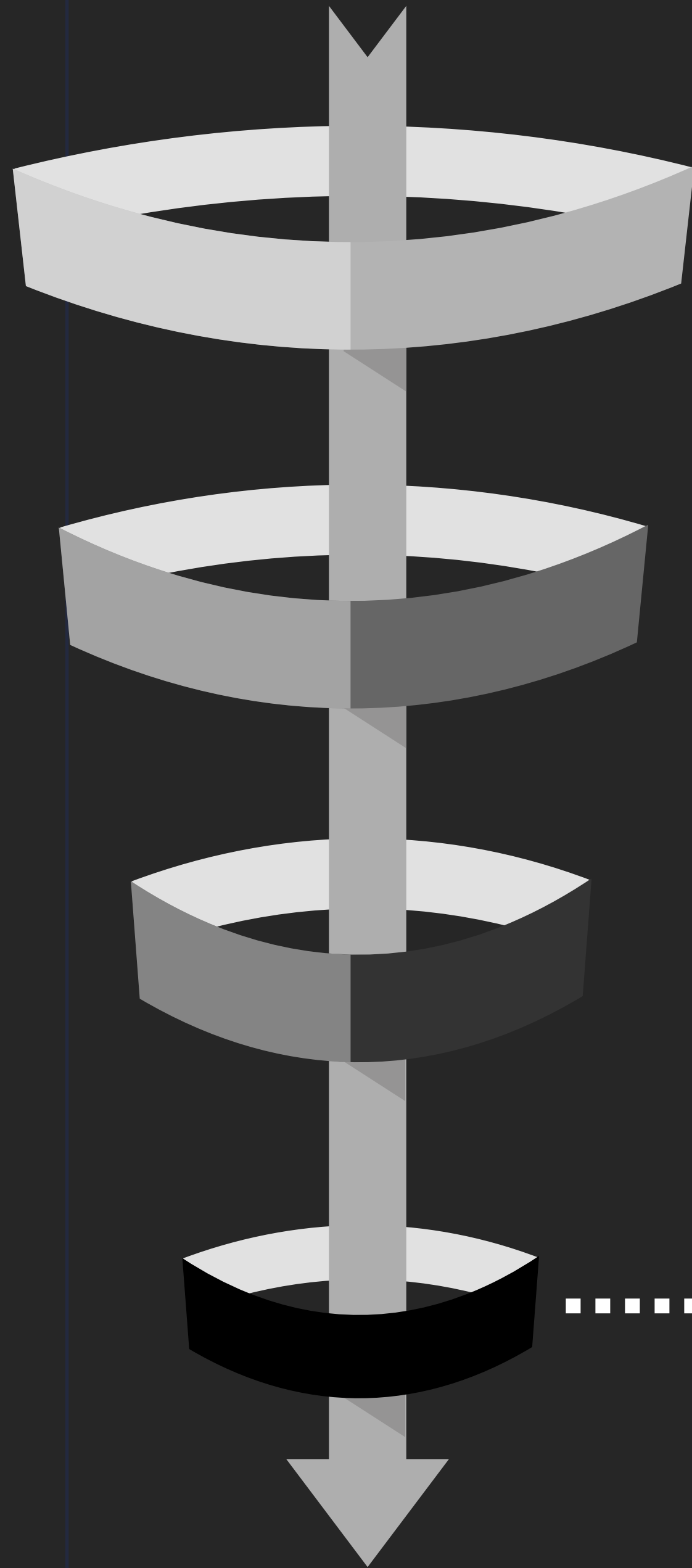
Found People Growing Into
Maturity

Meeting Deepest Needs in
Community



PROFILE OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE: ROMANS 12

Surrendered
Separate
Self-Assessment
Serving
Supernaturally



PRACTICES OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE

Before God

In Community

On Mission

ACTIVITY: HOW ARE WE DOING?

- Write down how you are presently defining a disciple at your church.
- Write down (or draw) the process of how your church produces these types of disciples.



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SESSION 3

SURRENDER

WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM ME?



THE VALUE OF SURRENDERING

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from you over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”
(Matthew 13:44-46)

CONSIDER THIS...

Total surrender (commitment) is the CHANNEL through which God's best and biggest blessings flow.

DEFINITION OF “SURRENDER”

Total commitment is the alignment of one's motives, resources, priorities, goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person.

THE PROBLEM

We tend to see surrender as NEGATIVE
and as DEFEAT.

THE ANSWER

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.”
(Romans 12:1)

ROMANS 12:1

- The Command: “OFFER your bodies”
- The Motivation: “The MERCY of God”
- SURRENDER is the SMARTEST THING you can do as a believer.
- The Reason: “Spiritual act of WORSHIP”

DON'T MISS THIS...

Often, the reason we don't surrender is because we don't believe that God is GOOD.

“For the Lord God is a sun and a shield;
The LORD gives grace and glory; no good
thing does He withhold from those who
walk uprightly.” (Psalm 84:11)

REFLECTION QUESTION: IS YOUR LIFE SURRENDERED?

Are there any things in your life that you need to surrender to God today?



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SESSION 4

SEPARATE

HOW DO I GET GOD'S BEST FOR MY LIFE?



KEY QUESTION

Why are there so many salvation DECISIONS
and so few dedicated DISCIPLES?

ROMANS 12:2

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

ROMANS 12:2

Negative Command: “Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world...”

ROMANS 12:2

Translation: “Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by INFLUENCES and pressures of this present world system.”

ROMANS 12:2

Application: We are to be SEPARATE from the world's values.

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD'S VALUES

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD'S VALUES

The world system seeks to SEDUCE us
from our love for Christ with PLEASURE,
POSSESSIONS, and POSITION.

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD'S VALUES

Translation: “But allow God to completely change your inward thinking and outward behavior by cooperating wholeheartedly moment-by-moment with the Spirit’s renewing process.”

TRANSFORMATION

The **means of transformation**: “... by the RENEWING of your mind.”

TRANSFORMATION

Application: Are you shaped more by the WORLD or by the WORD?

“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4)

WHAT INFLUENCES YOUR MIND?



PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFORMING YOUR MIND

Renewing your mind is a continual
REFOCUS of a Romans 12:1 perspective.
(Colossians 3:1-4)

PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFORMING YOUR MIND

Renewing your mind will always involve a
BATTLE. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFORMING YOUR MIND

Renewing your mind is a
SUPERNATURAL work of the Spirit.
(Romans 8:5-6)

REFLECTION

- When it comes to renewing your mind, what is your greatest struggle?
- What are you going to stop doing in the WORLD and start doing in the WORD.



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SESSION 5

SELF-ASSESSMENT

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE?



THREE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

We all ask ourselves:

- Who am I? (IDENTITY)
- Where do I belong? (SECURITY)
- What am I supposed to do? (SIGNIFICANCE)

WHY IS IT SO HARD TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS? - GENESIS 3:7-13

- FEAR rooted in SHAME
- HIDING rooted in INSECURITY
- BLAMING rooted in DENIAL

WHO AM I?

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”

- **Romans 12:3**

The Command: Think ACCURATELY about yourself.

WHO AM I?

Ephesians 1:4 - "I am chosen"

Ephesians 1:4 - "I am holy"

Ephesians 1:5 - "I am His child"

Ephesians 1:8 - "I am a recipient of His grace"

WHERE DO I BELONG?

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

- **Romans 12:4-5**

The Reason: You have a ROLE to fill.

WHAT ARE I CALLED TO DO?

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

(Romans 12:6-8)

IDENTIFY YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Encouragement
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy

WHAT AM I CALLED TO DO?

The Practice: Discover and DEPLOY your spiritual gifts.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

God placed you in His family - you are
UNCONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED.
(Ephesians 3:19-22)

DON'T MISS THIS...

God gifted you to fulfill His purpose - you are UNIQUELY SIGNIFICANT.

(Ephesians 2:10)

Whenever you COMPARE yourself to other pastors or leaders...
YOU ALWAYS LOSE.

REFLECTION: WHAT MUST I DO?

- What Must I Do?
- What Should I Do?
- What Could I Do?



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SESSION 6

SERVING HOW DO I EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY?



THE PROBLEM

Why do so many good and sincere Christians get SPIRITUALLY STUCK?

The greatest seed, in the greatest soil, cannot grow in the WRONG ENVIRONMENT.

THE SOLUTION

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT

The COMMAND of Jesus requires a
spiritual environment.

- John 13:34-35

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT

The EXAMPLE of Jesus' ministry to
develop His disciples demands a
spiritual environment.
(Mark 3:13-14)

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT

The PRACTICE of the early church and its
impact argue for a spiritual environment.
(Acts 2:42-47)

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT

The HISTORY of the Church, past and present, confirms a spiritual environment for growth and transformation.

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY REQUIRES A SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT

- The Spiritual Environment:
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY.
- The form this system takes is:
A SMALL GROUP.
- A critical distinction:
SMALL GROUP \neq COMMUNITY.

THE PRINCIPLE

We must be engaged in the spiritual environment of AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY for spiritual maturity to occur.

How do I experience authentic community?

Answer: SERVE IN LOVE.

ROMANS 12:9-13

“Serving in love” occurs when...
the real you... v.9
meets real needs... v.10
for the right reasons... v.11
in the right way. vv.12-13

THE REAL YOU...

Not a PROJECTION of yourself. (Romans 12:9)

Authenticity - “Let love be sincere.”
(Romans 12:9)

Purity - “Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good.” (Romans 12:9)

MEETS REAL NEEDS...

Not SUPERFICIAL ones.

Devotion - “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.” (Romans 12:10)

Humility - “Giving preference to one another in honor.” (Romans 12:10)

FOR THE RIGHT REASONS...

Not to PLEASE people.

Motive - “Not lagging behind in diligence,
fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”
(Romans 12:11)

IN THE RIGHT WAY

Not in our own STRENGTH.

Upward Focus - “Rejoicing in hope,
persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.”
(Romans 12:12)

Outward Focus - “Contributing to the
needs of the saints, practicing
(pursuing) hospitality.” (Romans 12:13)

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT TO JESUS?

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” - [John 17:20-21](#)

REFLECTION: AM I IN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY?

- Are there any "masks" that you need to take off so that the "real you" can show up in your relationships?
- List 2 or 3 people in your life that truly understand your life as a pastor and love you for who you are.



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SESSION 7

SUPERNATURALLY

HOW DO I OVERCOME EVIL AIMED AT ME?



OVERCOMING THE EVIL AIMED AT YOU

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

OVERCOMING THE EVIL AIMED AT YOU

If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:43-48)

ROMANS 12:14-21

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly.

ROMANS 12:14-21

Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

ROMANS 12:14-21

“But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL

A Romans 12 response to personal attack:
Positive Command - “BLESS” those that
persecute you.”

- Forgiveness (Romans 12:14)
- Identification (Romans 12:15)
- Association (Romans 12:16)

SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL

Negative Command – “Don’t take your own REVENGE.”

- Personal retaliation is a prohibited response for God’s people. (Romans 12:17-18)

SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL

Two compelling reasons why personal retaliation is prohibited (Romans 12:19-20)

- It usurps God's role as JUDGE.
- It is an ineffective means to bring about PEACE.
- Supernatural result = GOOD will overcome evil.
(Romans 12:21)

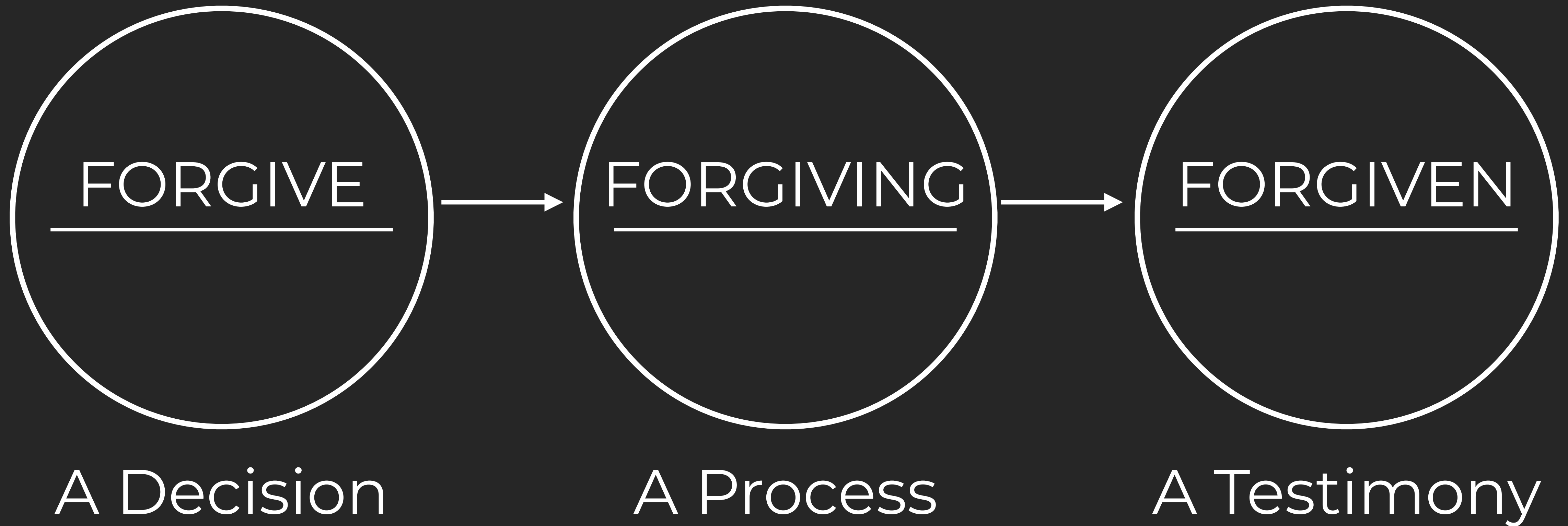
HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

BITTERNESS is like drinking POISON and hoping the other person gets sick.

The Antidote: FORGIVENESS

How much SPIRITUAL POWER are you willing to for up for your bitterness?

THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS



**REFLECTION: WHO HAS BEEN
THE JUDAS IN YOUR LIFE?**

SUMMARY

A ROMANS 12 CHRISTIAN EXPRESSES THE GREAT COMMANDMENT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Loving God through a surrendered life

Refusing to love the world's false promises

Loving ourselves for who God made us to be

Loving fellow believers thru sacrificial service

Loving our enemies by returning good for evil

SUMMARY

**WE MUST BE WHAT WE WANT OUR
CHURCHES TO BECOME - LUKE 6:40**

SUMMARY

WILL YOU COMMIT TO THE LIFE OF A HIGH IMPACT PASTOR?

Surrendered to God

Separate from the World

Sober in Self-Assessment

Serving in Love

Supernaturally Responding to Evil with Good

SUMMARY

Reminder: you cannot do this alone!
(Hebrews 3:13)



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SESSION 8

PRACTICES OF A DISCIPLE

B.I.O.



PRACTICES OF A DISCIPLE: B.I.O.

B.I.O. provides the “**how**” to become an authentic disciple of Jesus.

B.I.O. is an environment and a set of habits that can make that difference between success and failure on the pathway to discipleship.

B.I.O. DEFINED

BEFORE GOD: To meet with Him personally through His Word and prayer to enjoy His presence, receive His direction, and follow His will

B.I.O. DEFINED

IN COMMUNITY: To personally connect in secure relationships that provide love, support, transparency, challenge, and accountability

B.I.O. DEFINED

ON MISSION: To cultivate a mindset to “live out” Jesus’ love for others through acts of sacrifice and service in every part of our lives

B.I.O. IS A FOCUS

ABOVE: “I lift my eye up to the Hills where my help comes from...” (Psalm 121:1)

INWARD: “Do not forsake the assembly of yourselves together...” (Hebrews 10:25)

OUTWARD: “Let you good works shine before all men...” (Matthew 5:16)

B.I.O. IS A CONNECTION

With **GOD**: “Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength...” (Mark 12:30)

With the **CHURCH FAMILY**: “You belong in God’s household with every other believer...” (Ephesians 2:19)

With the **COMMUNITY** around you: Jesus saw the people were lost, troubled, and had no answers for living

B.I.O. IS A DISCIPLINE

BEFORE GOD: “O Lord, in the morning, will I direct my prayers unto you and I will look up...” (Psalm 5:3)

IN COMMUNITY: “Love one another, forgive one another, pray for one another, support one another...”

ON MISSION: “Freely given, freely give...” (Matthew 10:8)

B.I.O. IS A PURPOSE

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT: Matthew 22

THE GREAT COMMISSION: Matthew 28

THE GREAT COMPASSION: Matthew 25

THE LIFESTYLE AND HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

LIVING BEFORE GOD – The source of power in your life

- **PRAYER** – Experiencing God in prayer
- **SCRIPTURE** – Hearing God's voice in Scripture

THE LIFESTYLE AND HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

LIVING IN COMMUNITY – Doing life together in authentic community

- **WORSHIP CELEBRATION** – The honest, heartfelt expression of love
- **SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY** – The laboratory of the Christian Life

THE LIFESTYLE AND HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

LIVING ON MISSION – We are ambassadors of reconciliation

- **LIFE PURPOSE** – The expression of how God has made and prepared me
- **EVANGELISM** – The desire to declare my faith and love of Jesus to the world

EVALUATE YOUR PROGRAMS

- Helping People Live Before God
- Helping People Live In Community
- Helping People Live On Mission

THE HEARTFELT DESIRE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

“I want to become like Jesus.”

THE HEARTFELT DESIRE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

Jesus lived...

BEFORE GOD:

“I only speak the words of the Father...”
(John 12:49)

THE HEARTFELT DESIRE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

Jesus lived...

IN COMMUNITY:

“He loved them to the uttermost...” (John 13:1)

THE HEARTFELT DESIRE OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

Jesus lived...

ON MISSION:

“Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him...”
(John 3:17)

CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS DISCIPLE IN YOUR CHURCH?

Disciples are **not born naturally**, they are born **supernaturally**

“You must be born again...” (John 3:7)

CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS DISCIPLE IN YOUR CHURCH?

Disciples do not just show up...disciples are made

“Make disciples, teach them to obey, in the Name of the Father, Son, and The Holy Spirit... and I will be with you always, even unto the very end of the world.” (Matthew 28:20)



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SESSION 9

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THE 12 LAWS



REVIEW: THE PROFILE OF A HIGH IMPACT CHURCH

1. Lost People Routinely Coming to Christ
The Great Commission (Matthew 28)
2. Found People Growing Into Maturity
The Great Commandment (Matthew 22)
3. Meeting Deepest Needs in Community
The Great Compassion (Matthew 25)

REVIEW: THE PROFILE OF A HIGH IMPACT CHURCH

The following 12 Laws are leadership principles that form a BIBLICAL PHILOSOPHY of ministry.

REVIEW: THE PROFILE OF A HIGH IMPACT CHURCH

Being timeless truths, they are a foundation for the growth of any church regardless of size, location, or denomination.

What is BIBLICAL is always APPLICABLE.

1. THE LAW OF PURPOSE

Growing churches know the purpose of the Church and their church.

The primary purpose of the church is to MAKE DISCIPLES.

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“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of age.”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

1. THE LAW OF PURPOSE

DISCIPLE MAKING is a process that requires a CLEAR PATHWAY and an UNWAVERING COMMITMENT.

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Every local church must determine, before God, their specific purpose for existence in their community and a clear vision for the congregation.

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There are several ways of developing a Vision and Mission statement. The process of developing a Vision statement should be collaborative, inclusive, and reflective of the church's identity, values, and aspirations. A mission statement answers your PURPOSE OF EXISTENCE, and your vision statement articulates a MENTAL PICTURE of your PREFERRED FUTURE.

1. THE LAW OF PURPOSE

Note: A great vision statement should be dynamic, simple, clear, compelling, and measurable.

Key Question: Does your church have a vision and mission statement?

2. THE LAW OF INTENTIONALITY

Growing churches are highly intentional about what they do, when they do it, and how they do it to fulfill the vision and mission of the church.

God DIRECTS the paths of those who step out to PLAN.

2. THE LAW OF INTENTIONALITY

“The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” (Proverbs 16:9)

An ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION in the Early Church led to QUALITATIVE and QUANTITATIVE growth.

2. THE LAW OF INTENTIONALITY

“They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So, the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:6-7)

THE DANGERS OF TWO EXTREMES

Planned extreme	Balanced	Spirit-Led Extreme
Everything has been so carefully planned that there is no room for the Holy Spirit to lead.	Being intentional with planning, consideration, and prayer.	Nothing is organized so as to “let the Spirit lead.”

Key Question: Do you have a strategic plan for your church?

3. THE LAW OF DESIGN

Growing churches empower leaders to equip the saints and expect every member to function as a minister.

God's Church is designed to grow to MATURITY when the leadership EQUIPS the members to ENGAGE their gifts in the local church and in their community.

3. THE LAW OF DESIGN

“It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

3. THE LAW OF DESIGN

Every member of our congregation is designed to FULFILL A UNIQUE assignment in the LOCAL CHURCH.

3. THE LAW OF DESIGN

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Key Question: Are the church leaders in your church equipping your members for ministry or doing most of the ministry themselves?

4. THE LAW OF LIBERATION

Growing churches train their members to discover and deploy their gift (s) and passion both within and outside the church.

The body though a SINGLE UNIT has multiple parts with UNIQUE BUT COMPLEMENTARY FUNCTIONS that were assigned by God.

4. THE LAW OF LIBERATION

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

4. THE LAW OF LIBERATION

If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”
(Romans 12:4-8)

4. THE LAW OF LIBERATION

The GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT are given primarily for the COMMON GOOD of the Church.

Key Question: Do your members know what spiritual gifts God gave them, and are they putting them into practice?

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

Growing churches believe that growth is normal, predictable, supernatural, and imperative for them as a congregation.

Growth is a SUPERNATURAL REALITY that occurs in ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

GOD'S WORD sown in the right soil (heart) produces GOOD FRUIT 100% of the time.

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Matthew 13:8)

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

God uses HUMAN AGENTS to plant and water the SEED OF HIS WORD in the human hearts but ONLY God CAUSES THE GROWTH to happen.

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.”
(1 Corinthians 3:6-8)

5. THE LAW OF EXPECTATION

Key Question: Do you expect God to work in your church?

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

Growing churches are characterized by regular and spontaneous times of prayer, fasting and genuine repentance.

In His earthly ministry, JESUS MODELED dependency on His Father.

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.”
(Mark 1:35)

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night he was alone. (Matthew 14: 22-23)

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

Our SPIRITUAL VITALITY is greatly determined by our CONTINUOUS CONNECTION to the SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH.

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

The growth of the Early Church can be drawn from their DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

“Now Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand and heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”
(Acts 4:29 -31)

6. THE LAW OF DEPENDENCY

Key Question: What disciplines do you have in place as a church that reflect your dependence on God?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Which one of these laws do you think your church needs to focus on right now? Why?



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7. THE LAW OF LOVE

Growing churches are characterized by warm, caring relationships that grow out of a culture committed to hospitality and the celebration of who God is and what He is doing among them.

7. THE LAW OF LOVE

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:9-13)

7. THE LAW OF LOVE

Hospitality and building a CULTURE of loving warmth and individual care are absolutely vital in the life of the church.

7. THE LAW OF LOVE

The bigger the church grows – the SMALLER it must feel!

Key Question: What one thing can you do to increase the atmosphere of love in your church?

8. THE LAW OF INSPIRATION

Growing churches concentrate considerable time, energy, and resources into ensuring that the worship service is a spiritually transforming and motivating experience for those who attend.

8. THE LAW OF INSPIRATION

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

8. THE LAW OF INSPIRATION

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.
(Acts 2:42-47)

8. THE LAW OF INSPIRATION

LEARNING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH:

Authentic Worship comes from THE HEART –
DEVOTION.

Authentic Worship connects to the FLOW
and ONE ANOTHER.

8. THE LAW OF INSPIRATION

BE CLEAR and reinforce what you want your congregation to:

- Know
- Feel
- Do, as a result of the service

Key Question: Are people inspired through your worship services?

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

Growing churches decentralized pastoral care and discipleship through the empowering and ongoing multiplication of small groups.

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them. “You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (John 13:12-17)

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

The example of Jesus' ministry and his development of His disciples models the priority of SMALL GROUPS in ministry.

The practice of the early church meeting from house to house confirms these groups are critical to develop a healthy, growing church.

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

Wherever the church around the world is flourishing, fulfilling the Great Commission and MULTIPLYING fastest - it does so through small groups.

The number one problem in small group ministry is LACK OF OVERSIGHT of small group leaders.

9. THE LAW OF COMMUNITY

The number one job to grow your church is to EQUIP AND DEVELOP small group leaders.

Key Question: Are you facilitating authentic community in your church?

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

Growing churches recognize that an outward focus on compassion and evangelism requires them to identify and deploy those with the gift of evangelism and mercy into the community.

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear Him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable:

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says,

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent...

(Luke 15:1-7)

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

Lost people matter to God and MUST
matter to us.

Pastors must:
MODEL it.

Preach it.

Champion it.

10. THE LAW OF FOCUS

If you think your heart is growing in love for God, but your heart is not growing in love for lost people, you are deceived.

Key Question: How passionate are YOU about helping lost people find their way back to the Father?

11. THE LAW OF STRUCTURE

Growing churches have learned to adjust their structure as they grow.

11. THE LAW OF STRUCTURE

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

(Mark 2:21-22)

11. THE LAW OF STRUCTURE

God is doing a new thing globally!

Jesus made it clear that new wine demands new wine skins:

The MESSAGE can never change

The METHOD must always be open to change

11. THE LAW OF STRUCTURE

Traditions that are not Biblical limit our structure and therefore our GROWTH.

Key Question: What methods must you change in order for your church to continue growing?

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

Growing churches do not see other churches as rival or competitors, but seek to join forces with those who are like minded.

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything."

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. (Luke 5:1-7)

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION:

BUILD relationships with leaders of other churches in your community

PRAY with other pastors in your community and pray for them in services

12. THE LAW OF KINGDOM

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION:

SEEK opportunities to bless, serve and reach out to other Bible-believing churches

Key Question: What pastor needs your encouragement today?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Which one of these laws do you think your church needs to focus on right now? Why?

THANK YOU FOR COMING!



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