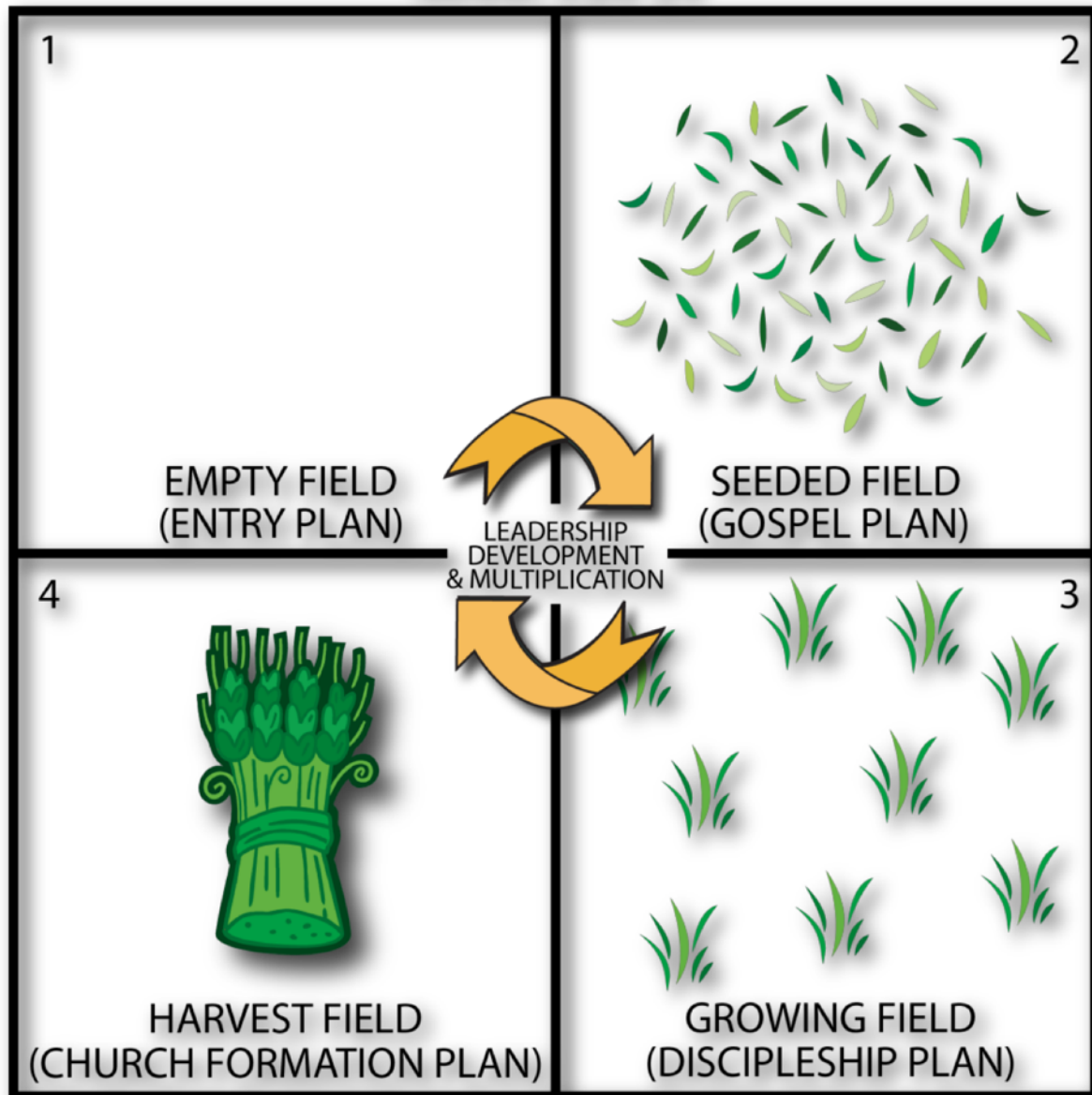


MARK 4:26-29



GREAT COMMISSION GATHERING GUIDE



The Four Fields Strategy

Field #1: Enter a harvest field and meet people. (Luke 10:6, Mark 1:17)

Field #2: Sow the gospel message with unbelievers. (Luke 10:7-9, Rom. 10:14)

Field #3: Train disciples in spiritual maturity. (2 Tim. 2:2, Heb. 10:24-25)

Field #4: Gather disciples in churches. (Acts 2:37-47, Eph. 4:2-6)

Go together back into the harvest together! (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)

YOUR STORY AND GOSPEL STORY



Use this as a tool to gather your thoughts in order to formulate how you would share your story with the gospel story. Complete each box below and practice putting it together by sharing with others.

My life before Christ:

How I met Christ: What did I hear or learn from the Bible?

Example: A friend helped me understand that the way I was living my life separated me from God and there was nothing I could do to change that (Rom. 3:23). Because God is just, the punishment I deserved was death (Rom. 6:23). But God loves me and sent his son Jesus to die on a cross and take the punishment I deserved (Rom. 5:8). So I confessed with my mouth and believed in my heart that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead (Rom. 10:9-10). This brought me back to God and made my relationship right with him through Jesus.

What is my life like now?

INVITATION: Does what I'm saying make sense to you? Is there any reason you would not like to receive this same free gift of forgiveness, eternal life, and Jesus as your personal Lord (Boss) and Savior? You can do this right now.

Share the Gospel Story

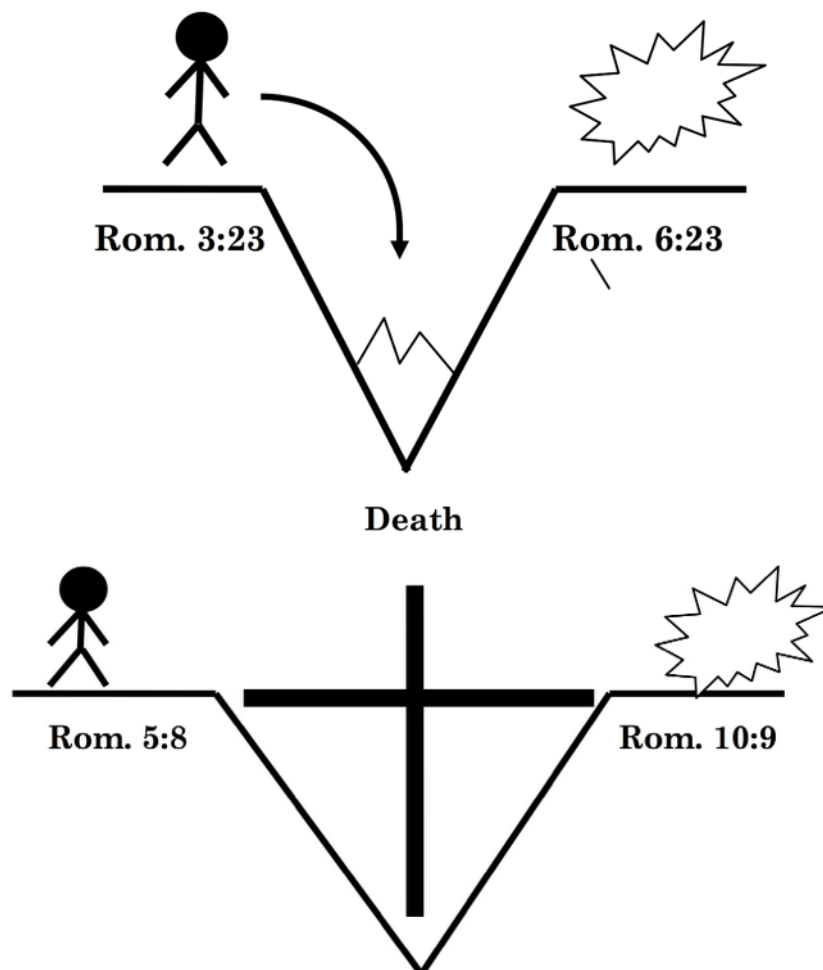
Instructions: Gather in small groups of 2-3 and practice drawing the gospel bridge picture below. Practice sharing the gospel story with your small group.

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 - God demonstrates his own love for us in this way: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9 - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



Invite your friend to follow Jesus

Instructions: After sharing Jesus' story with friends, we want to be intentional about inviting them to repent and follow Him. In your small groups, practice inviting each other to reconcile with God.

Questions:

- Are you a sinner?
- Do you want forgiveness for your sin?
- Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross for you and rose from the dead?
- Are you ready to repent of your sin and receive Jesus' sacrifice for you?
- Are you ready to surrender your life to Jesus and make him Lord of your life?

If your friend says “yes,” they are ready to repent of sin and receive salvation. Coach them in how to repent. They can pray their own prayer, or you can lead them in a prayer.

Sample Sinner's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you. I want forgiveness for all my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. Father, I give you my life to do with as you wish. I ask Jesus Christ to be Lord of my life. I receive Jesus' sacrifice for me today, and I will follow you for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

When your friend receives Christ:

- **Train them:** My Story and Gospel Story. Will you obey God's call to share the gospel message?
- **List their oikos (relationships):** Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors. With whom will you share your story and Jesus' story with this week?
- **Weekly discipleship plan:** Seven Commands of Christ. How will you obey Jesus?
- **Pray:** Prayer Requests. How can I pray for you and your family?

If your friend does not repent but wants to meet again:

- **Weekly discipleship plan:** Seven Stories of Hope. How will they obey and who can they tell?
- **Weekly invitation:** My Story and Gospel Story. Will they repent, believe, and receive Jesus?
- **Pray:** Prayer Requests. How can I pray for you and your family?

THE CALL -- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Within minutes of someone coming to Christ, celebrate and read 2 Cor. 5:17-21 from the Bible!

Then ask these 3 questions:

What just happened?

You are a new creation in Christ!
The old you is gone and the new you has come!



The
NEW
YOU!

How did it happen?

AN EXCHANGE WAS MADE!

GOD took your sin/mistakes and put them on Jesus at the cross and put the righteousness of Jesus on you!

Why did it happen?

GOD has brought you back to Himself to have a real and personal relationship with Him! He also has now made you His ambassador! He has given you what to say (the message) and what to do (the ministry) of reconciliation. He wants to use you to bring others back to Himself through Jesus!

ISN'T HE AWESOME!

Do you know anyone far from GOD?

Would you be willing to tell them what has happened here today?

Could we come back very soon to train you how to tell your story and Jesus' story in less than 3 minutes?

Write the names of all the people you can tell !!

Okay! What day and time can we meet together again ? Day _____ Time _____

List Your Oikos

Instructions: “Oikos” in the Greek language means “relationship network.” A person’s oikos is comprised of family, friends, coworkers, and anyone with whom they have influence. Coaching a new or seasoned disciple to list their relationships and categorize them by salvation or training needs is essential to seeing generational growth in a movement. We categorize an oikos using two categories: 1) People close to God, 2) People far from God. Review the action steps for each category below.

Listing Relationships and Staying Focused on Discipleship

Far From God:

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| 1) | 5) | 9) |
| 2) | 6) | 10) |
| 3) | 7) | 11) |
| 4) | 8) | 12) |

Action Steps Checklist:

- Set aside time each week to pray/fast for their salvation.
- Discover their story. Ask questions about family, interests, and beliefs.
- Share your Personal Testimony with them.
- Share the Gospel story with them and invite them to follow Jesus.
- Commit to a day, time, and location to meet each week for discipleship.

Near To God:

- | | | |
|----|----|-----|
| 1) | 5) | 9) |
| 2) | 6) | 10) |
| 3) | 7) | 11) |
| 4) | 8) | 12) |

Action Steps Checklist:

- Share your Personal Testimony with them.
- Share God’s vision for discipleship. Call them to obedience.
- Commit to a day, time, and location to go into the harvest field together.
- Model obedience for them in the harvest. Give them tasks immediately.
- Keep training and empowering those disciples who obey and bear fruit.

Identify People of Peace (POPs)

Instructions: Read Luke 10:1-12

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. 5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' 12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. (NKJV, bible.com)

What is a person of peace?

- They open their door to you, receive your blessing, and show interest.
- They provide for your needs (drink and/or food).
- They listen to your message and their home remains open to you.

Activity: Discuss your local harvest field and harvest team.

Write known places in your local community to engage the lost.

Examples: apartment/condo complexes, business centers, event venues, recreational venues, religious centers, school campuses, subdivisions, etc.

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|----|----|----|
| 1. | 3. | 5. |
| 2. | 4. | 6. |

Write the names of people in your church and ministry network that will go into the harvest with you fishing for people.

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| 1. | 4. | 7. |
| 2. | 5. | 8. |
| 3. | 6. | 9. |

Stop and pray with your teammates for faith, obedience, and boldness!

Prayer Walk & Talk to People

Instructions: Prayer walking is one of the best and most effective strategies for developing new contacts with unreached and unengaged people in your harvest field context. Jesus commanded prayer walking as a kingdom strategy in Luke 10 when he sent out his 72 disciples in teams of two into different communities in search of homes of peace (HOPs). Go out now and practice prayer walking in teams of 2-3 people in strategic population segments in your harvest field. The purpose of prayer walking is to develop new relationships in your local harvest field that will lead to home Bible studies.

Step One: Walk and Pray

During prayer walks, talk to people and explain to them that you are out meeting people in the community and praying for needs in Jesus' name. You believe in the power of prayer and the God of all miracles. Ask them, "If God could work a miracle in your life, what would it be?" If they respond with a need, pray on the spot for that miracle in Jesus' name.

Step Two: Their Story

After praying, follow up with this question, "Do you consider yourself to be near to God or far from God?" If they respond, ask more questions to briefly discover their story and the reason(s) why they feel close to or far from God.

Step Three: My Story & Jesus' Story

Once you discover their story, share your personal testimony. As a part of your story, share the gospel message with them: Jesus Christ sacrificed his life and paid our sin debt so that we can be assured of our salvation and eternal life through repentance, faith, and confession.

Step Four: Weekly Discipleship

Ask if they will open their home to a discipleship gathering. Determine a day/time for a follow up visit, and record their contact information.

Discover God's Word

[How to lead a T4T group]

Instructions: Once you have found someone or a small group to gather with weekly for discipleship, your task is to facilitate their discovery of God's Word and help them commit to obey God's commands.

READ A
BIBLE STORY.
ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS.
PRAY!

 How did I obey?	 Who did I tell?
 What does this say about God?	 What does this say about people?
 How do I obey?	 Who do I tell?

Key to Multiplication: From Day One, create a DNA culture of obedience and accountability.

A Sample Discovery Bible Study (DBS) gathering:

Step One: Fellowship and encourage. Everyone shares prayer requests. Pray.

Step Two: Everyone shares what they're thankful for. Sing a praise song.

Step Three: Everyone shares how they obeyed Jesus last week. Cast vision for Great Commission obedience.

Step Four: Tell the new Bible story. Discuss the story using the DBS questions.

Step Five: Small group practice. Everyone shares the story in their own words.

Step Six: List five people to share the story with. Commit to share the story.

Step Seven: Pray together for faith, obedience, and boldness.

Gather Disciples in New Churches

Instructions: Every missions movement is sustained by intentional church formation and leadership training. The goal of discipleship is to gather disciples in healthy churches that multiply.

Diagram: Healthy, Reproducing Church

Elements of a Healthy Church:

1. Bible Study - book
2. Prayer - praying hands
3. Fellowship - heart
4. Praise - standing man
5. Baptism - water
6. Lord's Supper - bread and cup
7. Generosity - money symbol
8. Leadership - two faces
9. Evangelism - two people
10. Covenant - solid circle line

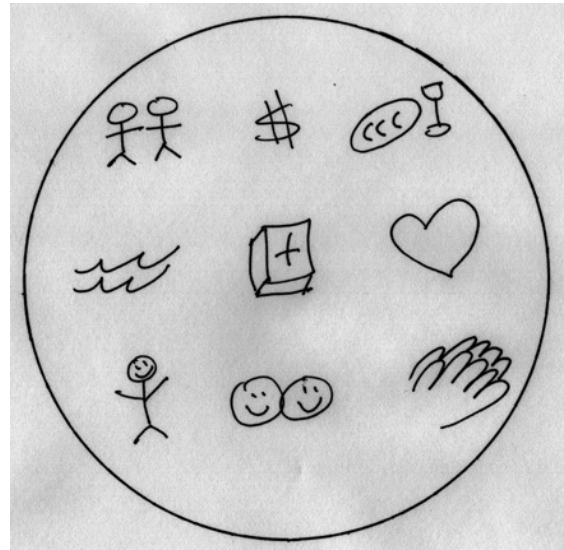
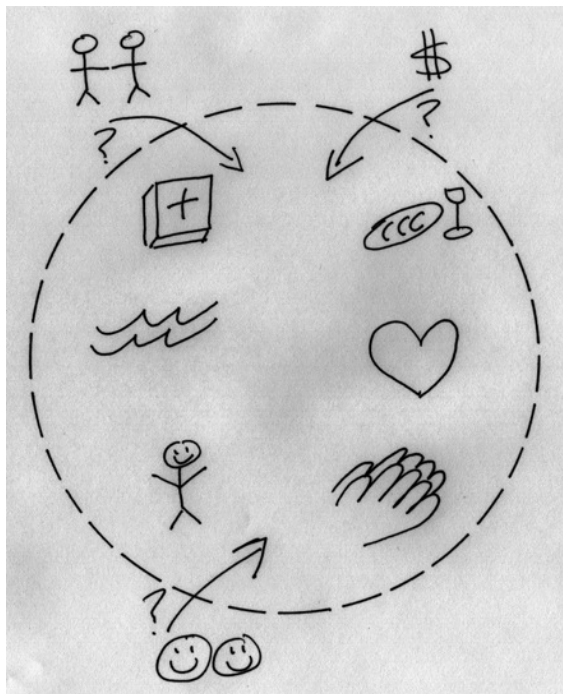


Diagram: A New Church Maturing



This diagram is an example of a new church that has moved beyond a weekly discipleship group into church formation.

They are currently engaging one another in six of the ten healthy and reproducing elements of a New Testament church.

How and when will they add generosity?

How and when will they add leadership training?

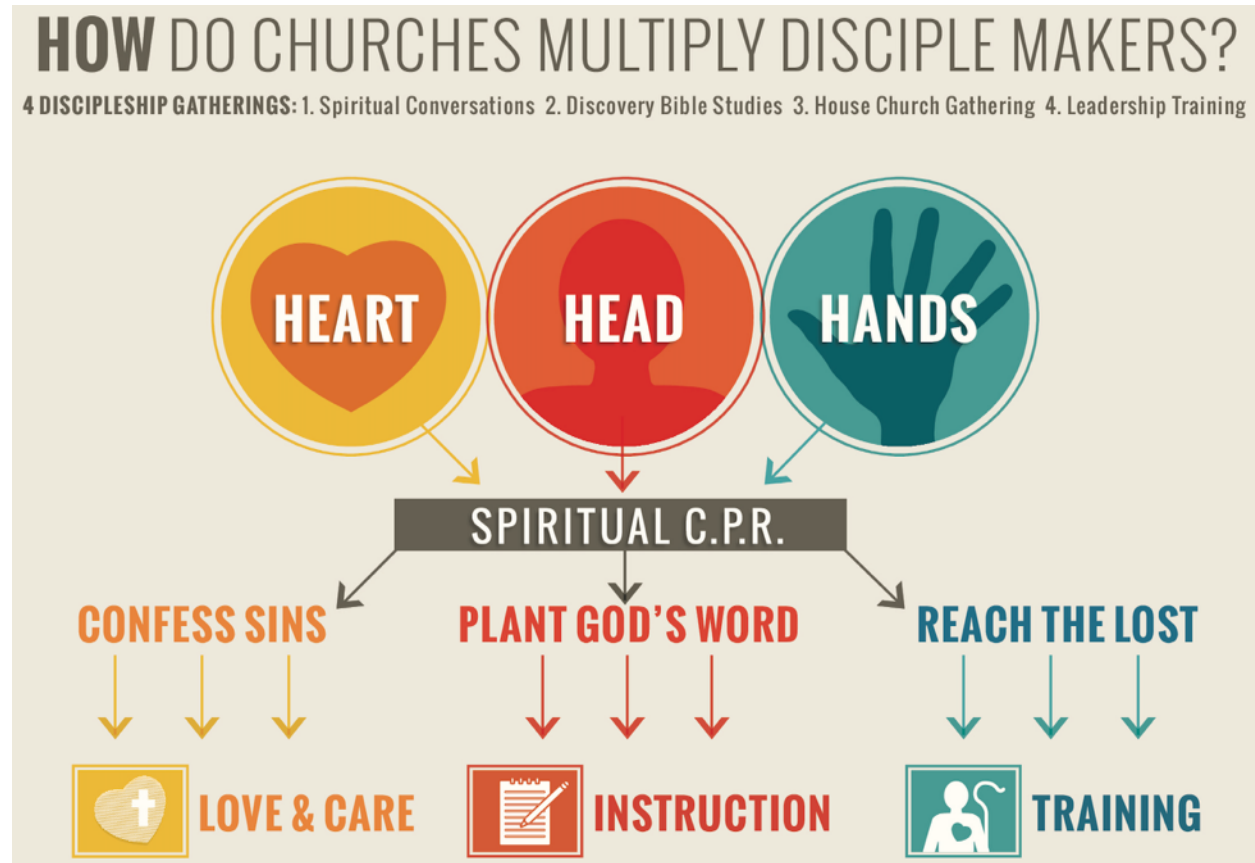
How and when will they add evangelism?

How and when will they create a covenant?

THE EIGHT COMMANDS OF JESUS CHRIST

The Eight Commands of Jesus

Instructions: When disciples and churches begin to obey Jesus Christ's commands and fulfill their calling to the Great Commission task, the Holy Spirit moves in the hearts of men and women, and they begin following Jesus. As trainers, we need to be prepared to train new believers how to follow Jesus. These eight commands are the first eight Bible study lessons for new followers.



The following eight discipleship lessons follow a 3/3 pattern:

1. **Gather:** A focus on the heart and accountability. (Love People)
2. **Grow:** A focus on the head and multiplication. (Love God)
3. **Go:** A focus on the hands and obedience. (Make Disciples)

Use the Discovery Bible Study method with each:

1. Bible story
2. Scripture memory verse

Remember to **make a plan** to obey, and **pray** for faith, obedience, and boldness.

Discovery Bible Study Method

Instructions: The discovery Bible study (DBS) method helps seekers and new believers in Christ discover spiritual truth in the Word for themselves. The SWORD study method is a DBS method using specific discovery questions that lead people to discern spiritual truth and develop plan to obey Jesus' commands.

Hebrews 4:12 - "For the Word of God is living and active; sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Picture: This picture of the sword symbolizes the discovery Bible study questions. The sword has two blades and a handle that points in two directions.

What do we learn about God?

The sword blade that points up is for God.

What do we learn about people?

The sword blade that points down is for people.

How do I obey?

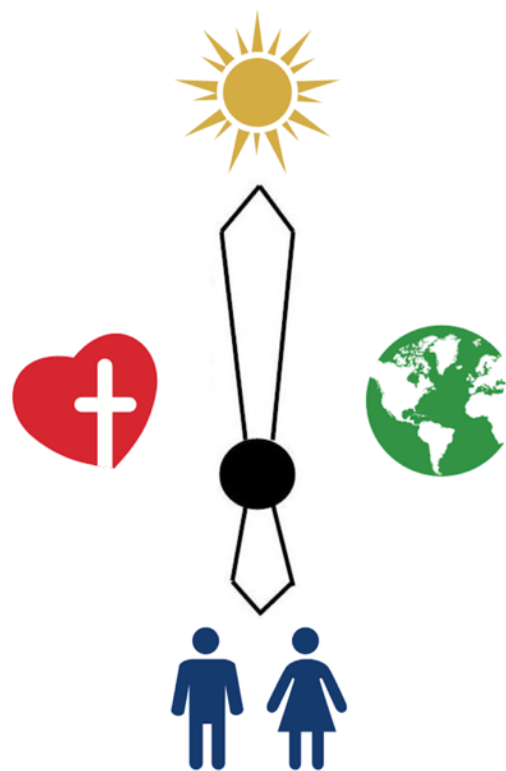
The sword's left handle is for truth application.

Who will I go and share with?

The sword's right handle is for harvest-field obedience.

Here is the full DBS question set:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- What is the one, main meaning of this story?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- What is your "I will" statement for this week?



Command #1: Repent, Believe, and Receive

Key Bible story: Zacchaeus' Salvation - Luke 19:1-10

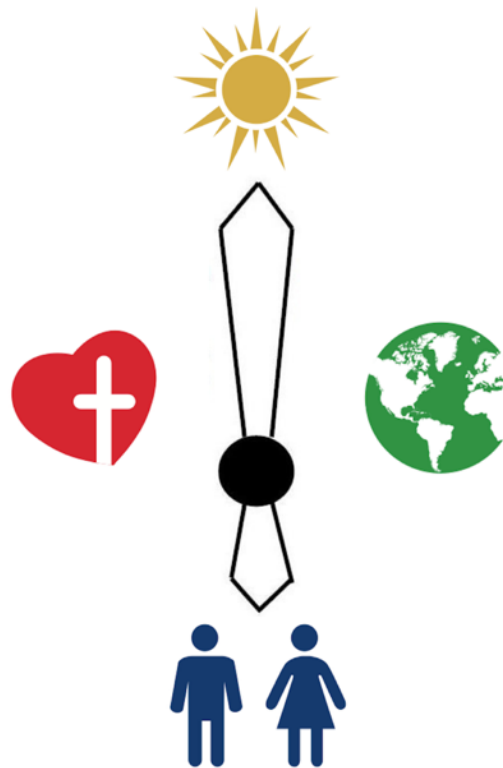
Key Scripture: Mark 1:14-15

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Zacchaeus’ Salvation” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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 - Is there a promise to claim?
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Go

- Break into small groups of 2-3 people.
- How will you grow this week through obedience?
- Who will you go and share the Gospel with this week?
- Who will you gather with this week?
- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10; Acts 2:38-41; 1 John 1:9, John 10:28

Command #2: Cost of Discipleship

Key Bible story: The Builder and the Warrior - Luke 14:25-35

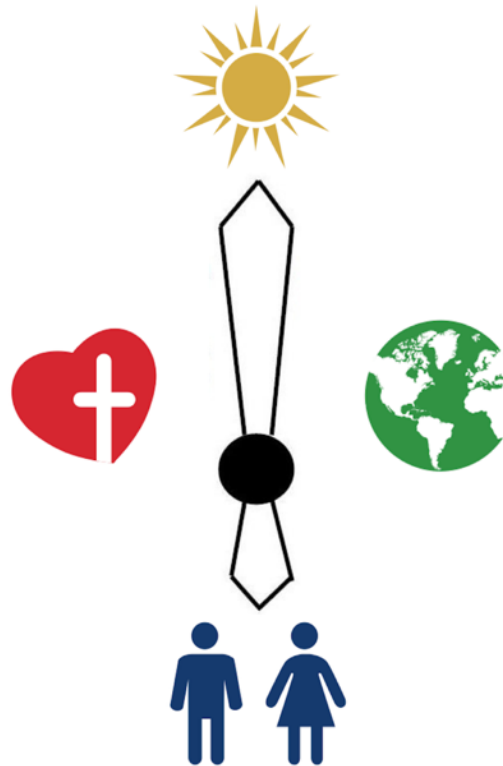
Key Scripture: Galatians 2:20

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Builder and the Warrior” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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- Who will you gather with this week?
- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: Gal. 2:20, 5:24; Matt. 7:24-27; Col. 3:3-7

Command #3: Baptism

Key Bible story: The Ethiopian Disciple - Acts 8:26-39

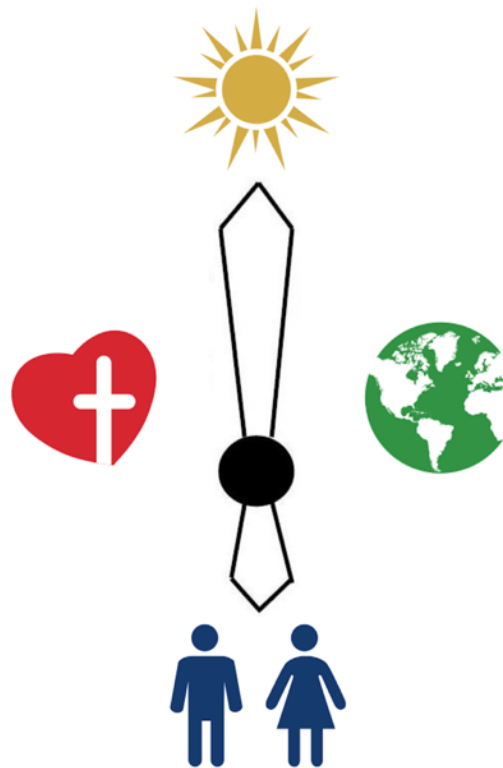
Key Scripture: Acts 2:38

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Ethiopian Disciple” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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- How will you grow this week through obedience?
- Who will you go and share the Gospel with this week?
- Who will you gather with this week?
- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: Rom. 6:3-4, Matt. 3:13-16, Acts 2:38

Command #4: Love

Key Bible story: The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

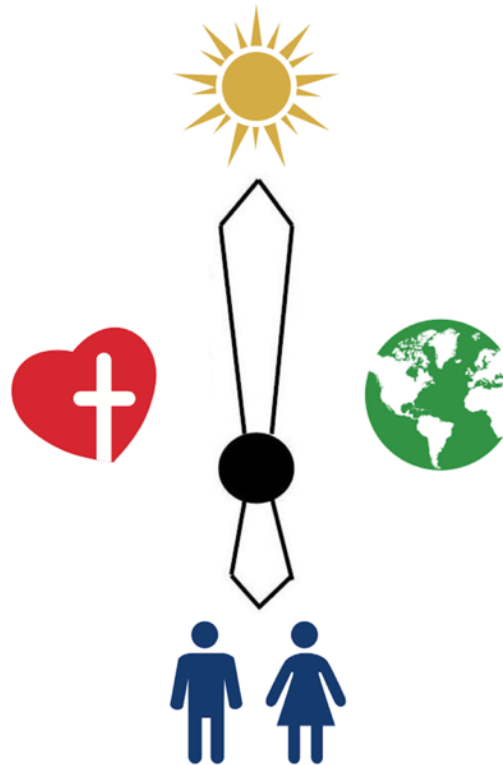
Key Scripture: John 13:34-35

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Good Samaritan” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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Go

- Break into small groups of 2-3 people.
- How will you grow this week through obedience?
- Who will you go and share the Gospel with this week?
- Who will you gather with this week?
- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: John 14:15, 15:13, 21:17; Matt. 22:37-39; 1 Cor. 13

Command #5: Make Disciples

Key Bible story: The Samaritan Woman - John 4:4-52

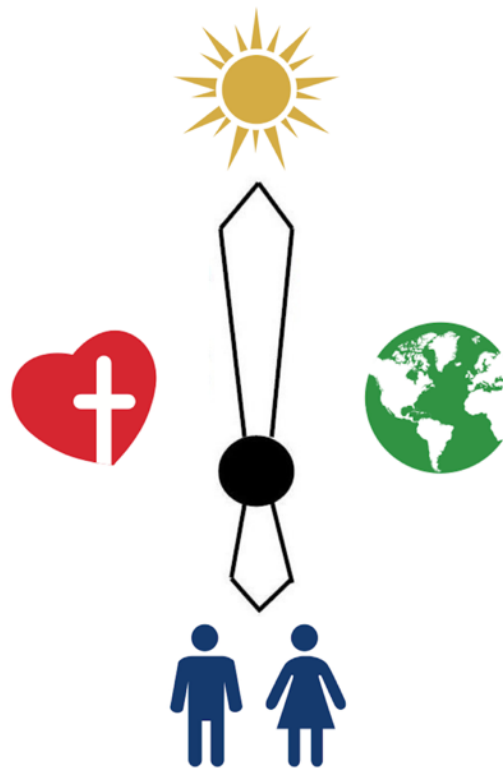
Key Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Samaritan Woman” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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- Break into small groups of 2-3 people.
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- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: Acts 1:8, Matt. 13:37-38, 24:14, 2 Tim. 2:2

Command #6: Pray

Key Bible story: Pray Like Jesus - Matthew 6:5-15

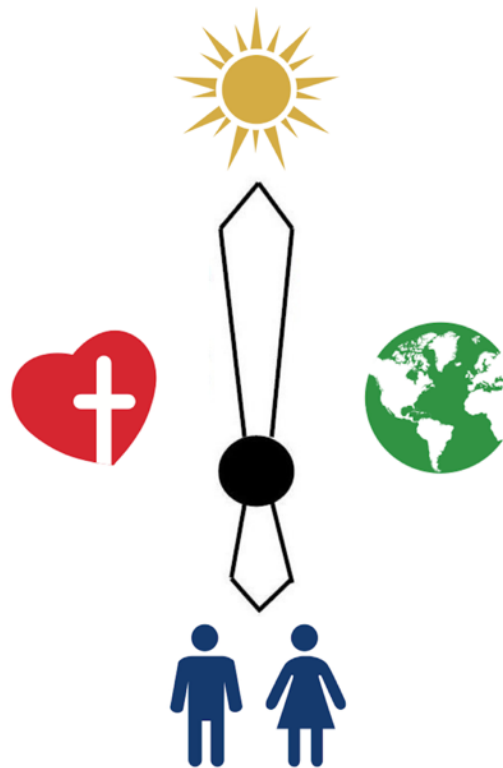
Key Scripture: 1 Thesssalonians 5:17

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the “Pray Like Jesus” story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
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Other Scriptures: Matt. 26:36-43; Acts 4:23-31; Eph. 6:18-20

Command #7: Give

Key Bible story: The Widow's Generosity - Mark 12:41-44

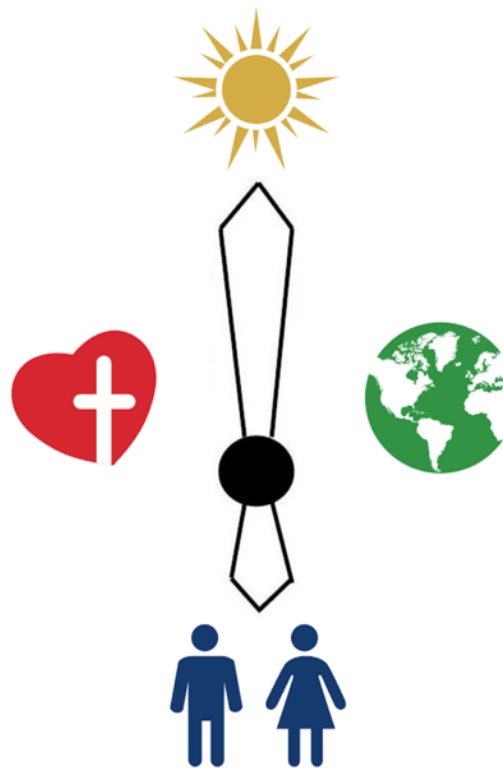
Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the "Widow's Generosity" story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
 - Is there an example to follow?
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- Pray for faith, obedience, and boldness.

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Other Scriptures: 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Acts 4:34-35; Phil. 4:10-19

Command #8: Take the Lord's Supper

Key Bible story: Jesus' Last Meal - Luke 22:7-20

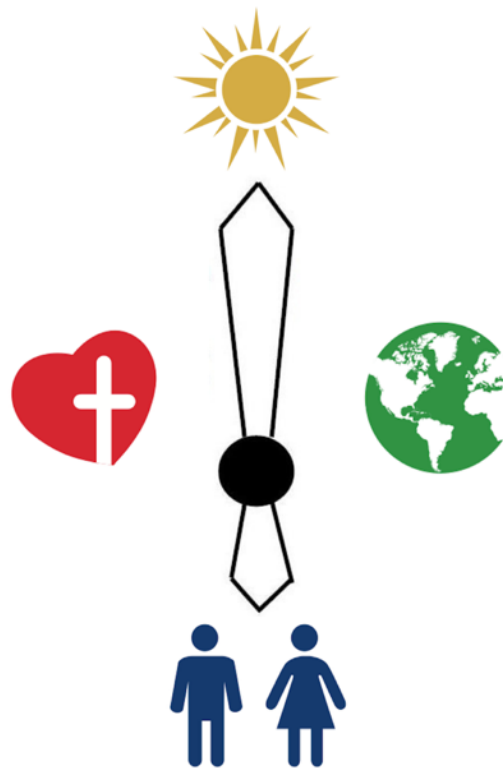
Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:26

Gather

- How did you grow in the Lord last week?
- Who did you go and share the Gospel with last week?
- Who did you gather with last week?

Grow

- Tell the "Jesus' Last Meal" story.
- Ask discovery questions:
 - What do we learn about God?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - What is the one, main meaning of this story?
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Other Scriptures: 1 Cor. 11:26-29; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 9:11-28

RESOURCES

Weekly T4T Training Schedule

Week One: Oikos (Map your oikos) and Gospel Story

Week Two: Review Gospel Story and My Story

Week Three: Command #1: Repent, Believe, and Receive

Week Four: Command #2: Cost of Discipleship

Week Five: Command #3: Baptism. Introduce Story of Hope #1 to those in your group who are spiritually hungry but have not yet committed to follow Jesus.

Week Six: Command #4: Love. Review Gospel Story and My Story. Story of Hope #2. If your group is not out in the community prayer walking and making disciples, schedule a prayer walk event on a Saturday or Sunday and take your group door-to-door praying for miracles and sharing the gospel.

Week Seven: Command #5: Make Disciples. Story of Hope #3.

Week Eight: Command #6: Pray. Story of Hope #4.

Week Nine: Command #7: Give. Story of Hope #5.

Week Ten: Command #8: Take the Lord's Supper. Story of Hope #6.

Week Eleven: Story of Hope #7. Begin to study either the Gospel of Mark or the Gospel of John every week using the Discovery Bible Study method.

Week Twelve: Continue your chosen discipleship pattern and Bible book.

More Training:

Month 3 - 4: Schedule a training with your leaders and disciples who obey. Introduce the Four Fields Strategy and generational mapping.

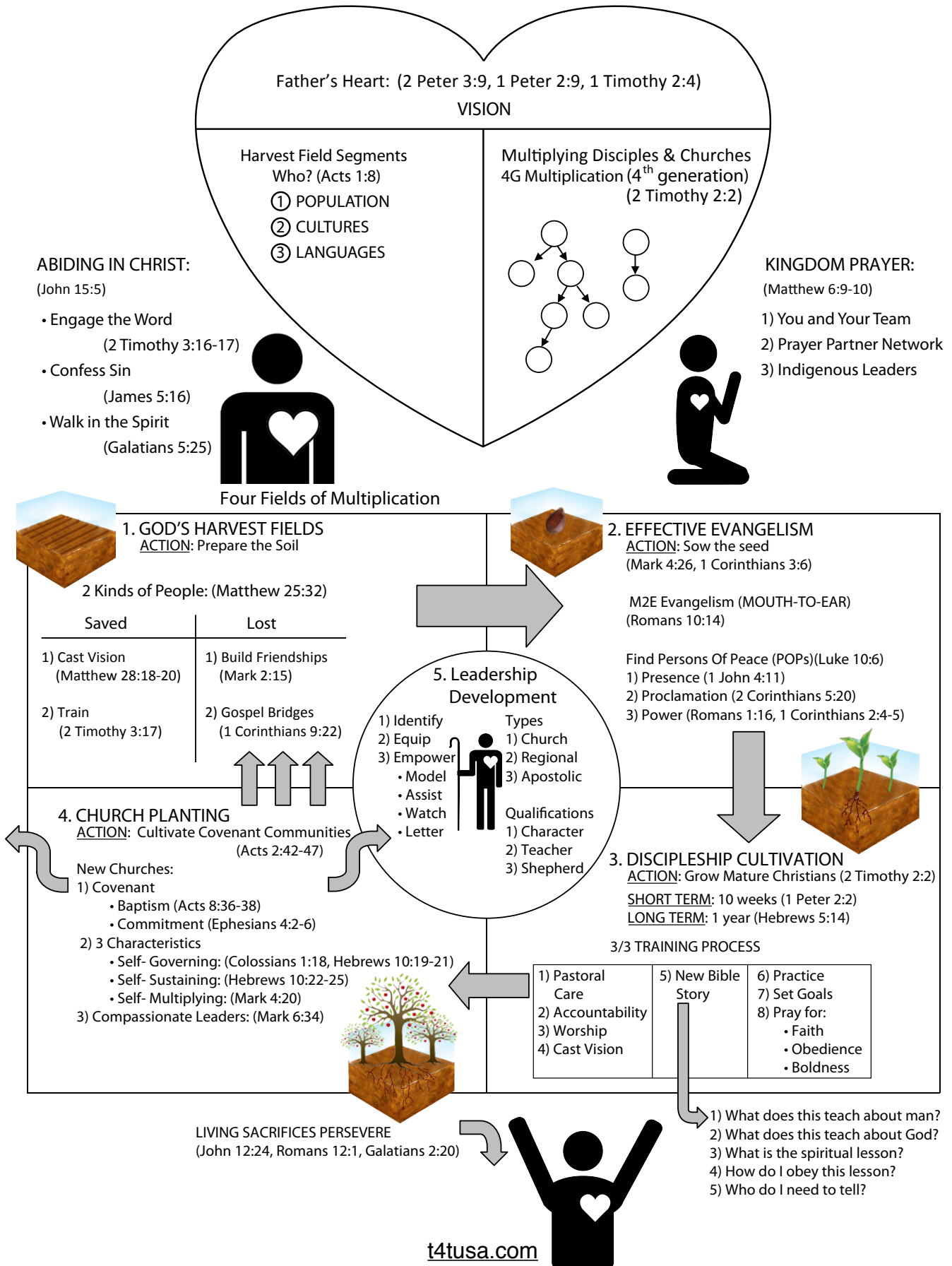
Annual training: Involve your T4T group in a mid-level trainer's conference in the region. Check our website for an updated schedule: <http://t4tusa.com/events>

Read:

1. **T4T: A Discipleship Re-Revolution** by Steve Smith
2. **What Jesus Started** by Steve Addison

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Seven Stories of Hope

[Discovery Bible Study story set]

Story 1: The Prostitute Anoints Jesus. (Luke 7:36-50)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because God loves everyone and desires to forgive repentant sinners.

Story 2: The Pharisee and Tax Collector. (Luke 18:9-17)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because the kingdom of God is for humble and repentant sinners; not the proud and self-righteous.

Story 3: The Rich Young Ruler. (Luke 18:18-30)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because God honors those who count the cost of discipleship and choose to follow him.

Story 4: The Merciful King. (Matthew 18:21-35)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because God is able to forgive all debt, no matter how much we have sinned; and he invites us to forgive as well.

Story 5: The Crucified Criminal. (Luke 23:32-43)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because Jesus came to forgive sin and set captives free!

Story 6: Jesus' Resurrection Appearance. (Luke 24:33-53)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because Jesus rose from the dead and confirmed the gospel message through many eyewitnesses.

Story 7: The Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

Spiritual lesson: We have hope, because God receives us when we repent and reconciles us into his family.

Creation To Christ [DBS Set]

Story #1: Creation. (Genesis 1-2)

Spiritual lesson: People were created for a relationship of peace with God.

Story #2: Separation. (Genesis 3)

Spiritual lesson: People are separated from God because of sin and death.

Story #3: The Law. (Exodus 20:1-21)

Spiritual lesson: People cannot obey God perfectly. Sin requires sacrifice.

Story #4: The Blood Sacrifice. (Leviticus 4:1-35)

Spiritual lesson: God gave people a blood sacrifice to pay their sin debt.

Story #5: The Messiah's Virgin Birth. (Matthew 1:17-25)

Spiritual lesson: The virgin Mary gave birth to God's Messiah: Jesus Christ.

Story #6: The Perfect Shepherd/Teacher. (John 3:1-21)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power to deliver God's message.

Story #7: The Perfect Man. (Isaiah 53)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power to obey God's Law and will.

Story #8: Calming the Storm. (Mark 4:35-41)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power over God's creation.

Story #9: Casting out Demons. (Mark 5:1-20)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power over evil spirits.

Story #10: Feeding 5,000. (Mark 6:30-44)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power over provision needs.

Story #11: Raising Lazarus. (John 11:1-44)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah has power over life and death.

Story #12: The Cross and Resurrection. (Luke 23:32 - 24:51)

Spiritual lesson: Jesus the Messiah died for sin and rose from death!

Story #13: The Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

Spiritual lesson: God invites you to reconcile with him through Jesus.

The Great Commission Task

Matthew 28:18-20: Then Jesus came near to his disciples and said, “All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me; therefore, make disciples as you go, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am always with you, to the end of the age.”

- Make disciples: God’s only command in this passage.
- Teach them to obey: Every disciple trains to make disciple makers.
- As you go: Discipleship is a harvest-field activity focused on reaching the lost
- Baptizing: Disciples are coached towards public water baptism by immersion
- All authority: A disciple’s authority for all kingdom activity comes from Jesus
- Remember: Embracing and serving God as Immanuel is the fuel for mission

Acts 1:8: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Holy Spirit power: Baptism of the Holy Spirit empowers Christians for warfare
- Witness: The core task for all disciples is verbal proclamation of the gospel
- Jerusalem: Finishing the GC task locally is every church’s starting point
- Judea & Samaria: National missions and social outcast missions
- Global: Every church facilitates missions to unreached/unengaged peoples

Matthew 24:14: “This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come.”

Second Coming: When the church makes disciples of all tribes, languages, peoples, and nations, Jesus Christ will return! Strategic focus: Reach the rest.

Matthew 13:37-38: Jesus said, “The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom.”

Sower: Jesus Christ proactively initiates and maintains all mission activity

Soil: Our harvest field is the whole world; disciples of all peoples will be made

Seed: The good gospel seed is faith-filled, obedient, and bold Christians

Kingdom of God Stories [DBS Set]

Instructions: Many harvest field contexts make sharing Bible stories awkward or dangerous. But Jesus often told stories/parables without quoting Scripture. Practice telling these stories in your own words. Practice asking/answering questions that you think people in your context will ask when you tell them these stories.

Kingdom of God Stories in the Gospel of Matthew:

1. The Two Foundations: Matthew 7:24-27
2. The Sower: Matthew 13:1-8
3. The Wheat and Weeds: Matthew 13:24-30
4. The Mustard Seed and Yeast: Matthew 13:31-33
5. Hidden Treasure and the Pearl: Matthew 13:44-46
6. The Net: Matthew 13:47-50
7. The Storehouse: Matthew 13:52-53
8. Sin from Within: Matthew 15:10-20
9. The Greatest in Heaven: Matthew 18:1-9
10. The Lost Sheep: Matthew 18:10-14
11. The Unforgiving Slave: Matthew 18:21-35
12. Kingdom Inheritance: Matthew 19:23-30
13. The Vineyard Workers: Matthew 20:1-16
14. The Fig Tree: Matthew 21:18-22
15. The Messiah's Authority: Matthew 21:23-27
16. The Two Sons: Matthew 21:28-32
17. The Vineyard Owner: Matthew 21:33-46
18. The Wedding Banquet: Matthew 22:1-14
19. God and Caesar: Matthew 22:15-22
20. Marriage and Resurrection: Matthew 22:23-33
21. The Son of Man Comes: Matthew 24:29-31
22. The Fig Tree's Fruit: Matthew 24:32-35
23. The Unexpected Rapture: Matthew 24:36-44
24. The Faithful Servant: Matthew 24:45-51
25. The Ten Virgins: Matthew 25:1-13
26. The Talents: Matthew 25:14-30
27. Sheep and Goats: Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel of Mark [DBS Set]

Instructions: Critics of the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) method say that it is incompatible with expository preaching, or word-by-word communication of the meaning of Scripture. This claim is untruth. This story set is an example of how a discipleship or church gathering can discuss/study word-by-word and passage-by-passage through a Bible book.

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| 1. Mark 1:1-8 | 37. Mark 8:27-38; 9:30-32 | 71. Mark 15:16-47 |
| 2. Mark 1:9-15 | 38. Mark 9:1-8 | 72. Mark 16:1-8 |
| 3. Mark 1:16-20 | 39. Mark 9:9-13 | 73. Mark 16:1-8 |
| 4. Mark 1:21-28 | 40. Mark 9:14-29 | 74. Mark 16:9-13 |
| 5. Mark 1:29-34 | 41. Mark 9:33-37 | 75. Mark 16:14-20 |
| 6. Mark 1:35-45 | 42. Mark 9:38-50 | |
| 7. Mark 2:1-12 | 43. Mark 10:1-12 | |
| 8. Mark 2:13-17 | 44. Mark 10:13-16 | |
| 9. Mark 2:18-28 | 45. Mark 10:17-31 | |
| 10. Mark 3:1-12 | 46. Mark 10:32-34 | |
| 11. Mark 3:13-19 | 47. Mark 10:35-45 | |
| 12. Mark 3:20-30 | 48. Mark 10:46-52 | |
| 13. Mark 3:31-35 | 49. Mark 11:1-11 | |
| 14. Mark 4:1-20 | 50. Mark 11:12-18 | |
| 15. Mark 4:21-25 | 51. Mark 11:19-26 | |
| 16. Mark 4:26-29 | 52. Mark 11:27-33 | |
| 17. Mark 4:30-34 | 53. Mark 12:1-12 | |
| 18. Mark 4:35-41 | 54. Mark 12:13-17 | |
| 19. Mark 5:1-20 | 55. Mark 12:18-27 | |
| 20. Mark 5:21-24; 35-43 | 56. Mark 12:28-34 | |
| 21. Mark 5:25-34 | 57. Mark 12:35-40 | |
| 22. Mark 6:1-6 | 58. Mark 12:41-44 | |
| 23. Mark 6:7-13 | 59. Mark 13:1-8 | |
| 24. Mark 6:14-29 | 60. Mark 13:9-13 | |
| 25. Mark 6:30-32 | 61. Mark 13:14-27 | |
| 26. Mark 6:33-44 | 62. Mark 13:28-37 | |
| 27. Mark 6:45-52 | 63. Mark 14:1-10 | |
| 28. Mark 6:53-56 | 64. Mark 14:11-21 | |
| 29. Mark 7:1-13 | 65. Mark 14:22-26 | |
| 30. Mark 7:14-23 | 66. Mark 14:27-31 | |
| 31. Mark 7:24-30 | 67. Mark 14:32-42 | |
| 32. Mark 7:31-37 | 68. Mark 14:43-52 | |
| 33. Mark 8:1-10 | 69. Mark 14:53-65 | |
| 34. Mark 8:11-21 | 70. Mark 14:66-72 | |
| 35. Mark 8:22-26 | 71. Mark 15:1-15 | |

4S Evangelism

Instructions: Study these patterns and principles of biblical evangelism. Remember that the devil's most strategic work in the body of Christ is to keep the church silent, no matter the cost!

Pattern for Effective Evangelism (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither he who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

What are the four elements of evangelism present in these verses?

1. Spirit: the work and power of the Holy Spirit
2. Soil: the hearts of unbelievers
3. Sower: the Evangelist's task of verbal gospel proclamation
4. Seed: the gospel message of salvation assurance through Jesus Christ.

Types of Harvest Field Heart Soil (Mark 4:14-20)

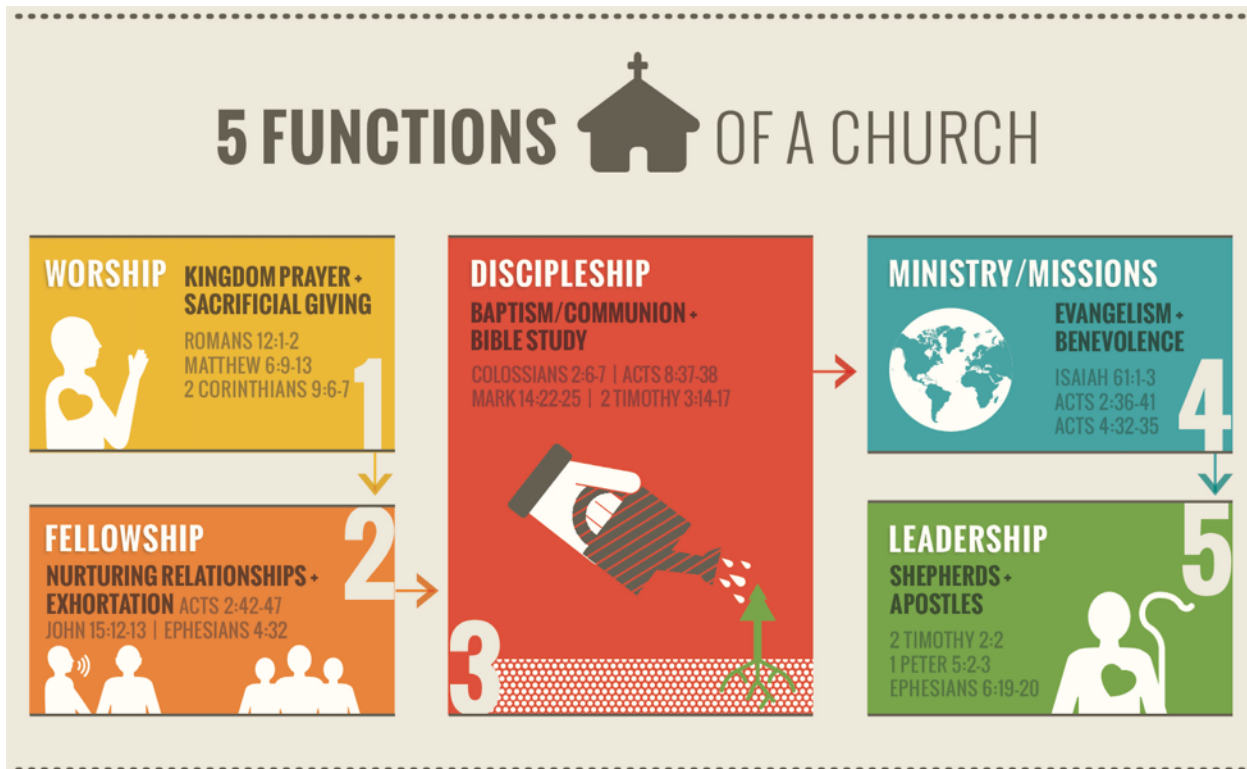
1. Rough Soil: People who don't want to hear the gospel
2. Rocky Soil: People who listen to the gospel but fear persecution
3. Rebellious Soil: People who listen to the gospel but choose the world
4. Redeemed Soil: People who hear and receive the gospel and make disciples

God's Call to Commission Commitment (Mark 1:15)

What are common barriers to every disciple sharing the gospel?

1. Fear: "I'm afraid to witness"
2. Ignorance: "I don't know how to witness"
3. Apathy: "I lack the urgency to witness"
4. Guilt: "I need to get my life right before I witness"
5. Busyness: "I just don't have time to witness"

Indigenous Church Formation Questions



Five Church Functions

1. Worship (Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 6:9-13; 1 Cor. 14:26-31)
2. Fellowship (Acts 2:42-47; John 15:12-13; Eph. 4:32)
3. Discipleship (Col. 2:6-7; Mark 14:22-25; 2 Tim. 3:14-17)
4. Missions (Isa. 61:1-3; Matt. 28:18-20, 24:14; Acts 4:32-35)
5. Leadership (2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Pet. 5:2-3; Eph. 6:19-20)

Three Church Offices

1. Elders (1 Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9)
2. Deacons (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Tim. 3:8-13)
3. Treasurers (2 Cor. 8:16-24; Acts 4:32-5:11)

Instructions: When planting new churches, you and your leadership team need to have a plan to sustain the health of your disciples and multiply your influence through planting other churches. Think through each of these questions as you prepare sustainable churches that multiply. Focus your time on training others to lead.

1) Worship: Kingdom Prayer and Sacrificial Giving

- What will “worship look like in your church?
- When and where will you meet weekly for church gatherings?
- How will you teach new believers how to pray?
- How will you teach new believers how to sing in their heart language?
- Will you do “store house” or “needs based” giving?
- How will you identify and prioritize legitimate community needs?
- How will you communicate needs to your disciple network?
- How will you handle tithes/offerings collections?
- How will you prevent misuse of tithes/offerings?
- How will you teach on healthy giving?

2) Fellowship: Nurturing Relationships and Exhortation

- How will you people identify, understand, and use their spiritual gifts in the church and the Great Commission task?
- How will you make time for building strong friendships in the new church?
- Who are the natural Encouragers in your new church?
- How will you affirm and empower the Encouragers to intentionally encourage everyone in the church?
- How will you cultivate strong families and relationships in the church?
- How will you develop regular rhythms and patterns of fellowship gatherings for men, women, and families?

3) Discipleship: Bible Study, Baptism, and Communion

- Where will you baptize new believers in the community? What’s the contingency plan for bad weather?
- How will you prepare new believers for a public baptism with their personal testimony?
- How will you empower everyone in your church to baptize those they lead to Christ?
- When, how often, and how will you observe the Lord’s Supper?
- What is your short-term (3-10 weeks) discipleship plan for new believers?
- What is your long-term (1-3 years) discipleship plan for new believers?
- If you only had one week with a new believer, how would you prepare them for a life time of following Jesus in obedience?
- What Bible stories/story sets will you use to help new believers develop a basic understanding of the whole Bible story?

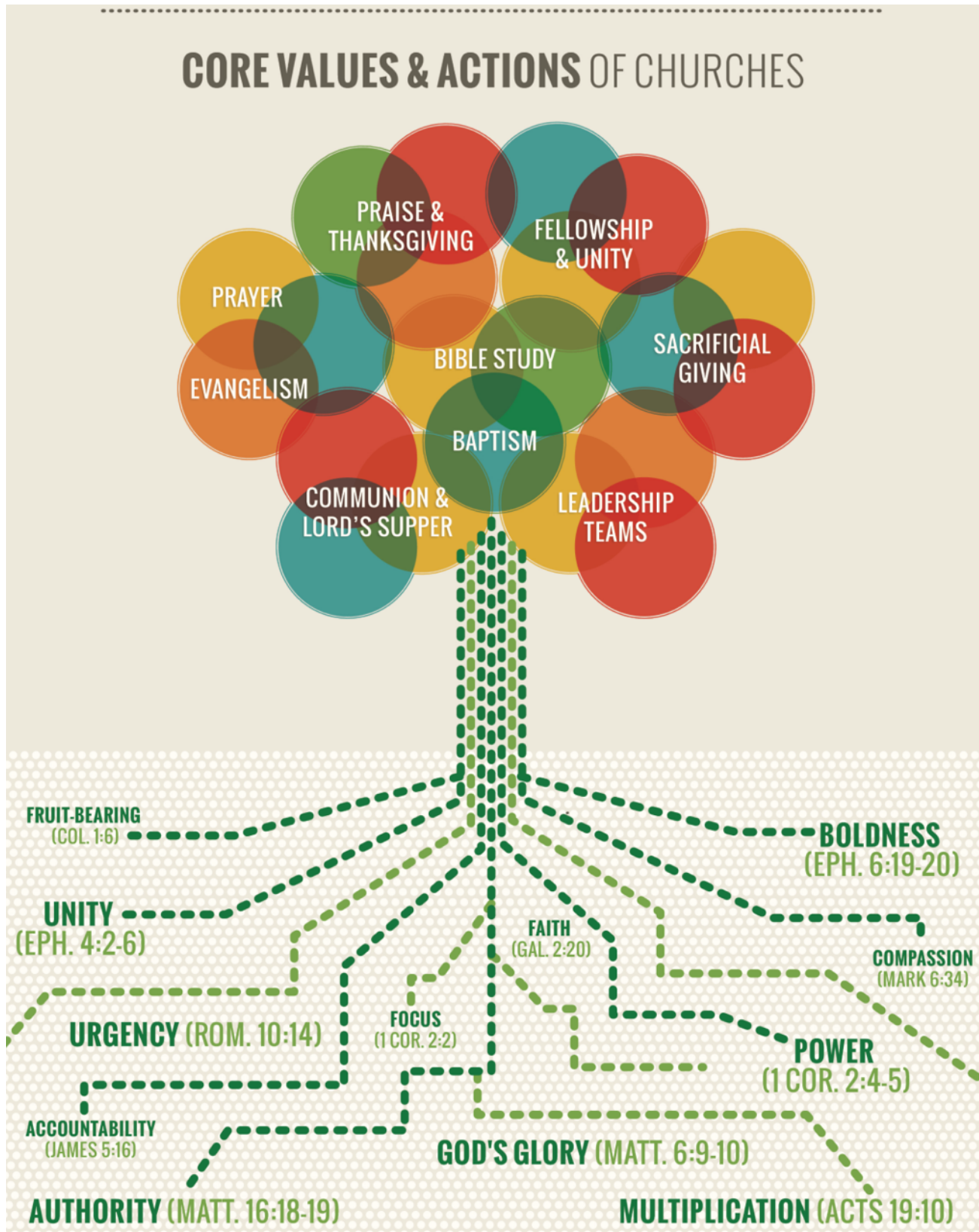
4) Missions: Benevolence and Evangelism

- How will you prepare a church for meeting community benevolence needs?
- How will you handle emergency/immediate needs?
- How will you minister to people in the community in a way that empowers them long-term towards financial freedom and independence? (Help without hurting.)
- How can you network needs with existing community social ministries and resources?
- How can your church set an example for social transformation?
- How can your church set an example for caring for the environment?
- What effective evangelism resources will you use to train your disciples for Great Commission obedience?
- What method of accountability will you use to hold existing disciples accountable to make new disciples?
- Who will you take with you into the harvest fields for evangelistic outreaches and prayer walking?
- How will you model evangelism and discipleship for your leaders in the harvest field?

5) Leadership: Teams of Apostles and Pastors

- How will you cultivate and train a proactive team of pastors who will sustain the spiritual and emotional health of your disciple network?
- How will you cultivate and train a proactive team of apostles who will focus on the remaining Great Commission task locally and globally?
- How will you identify and train leaders?
- How will you identify and train indigenous elders, deacons, and treasurers?
- How will you help your disciples discover and serve in their Ephesians 4 kingdom leadership roles? (Apostles, Evangelists, Prophets, Pastors, and Teachers)
- How will you empower emerging leaders to plant new churches?

Key to Reproduction: Faithfulness to Biblical Core Values



50-5-50 NETWORK



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Vision:

The 50-5-50 network began two years ago by Jeff Sundell, Director of T4T strategy for the USA. This coalition of city-reaching leaders has been growing rapidly, and this document helps explain the vision, mission, and core values of the network.

Mission:

50 G4 trainers: Mobilizing a network of 50 leaders who are getting to 4th generation; spiritual great-grandchildren)

5 years: (2013-2017)

50 U.S. cities: A network of 2,500 movement trainers

4GX6 strategy: Each city seeks 6+ streams of 4th generation movements.

Majority-Minority city: A U.S. city with a majority population of ethnic groups.

Summary:

In the next 10 years, 187 US cities will be majority-minority (the majority of residents being minority peoples from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America).

We have an unprecedented opportunity to train and multiply disciples among Unreached People Groups(UPGs) and Unengaged Unreached People Groups(UUPGs) here at home, then take or send experienced disciple trainers from within these groups back to their homeland.

Each city in the U.S. will ultimately serve as a regional missions strategy coordinating base for other unengaged cities in each region of the U.S.

Each city needs a point-team to facilitate the recruitment, training, and empowerment of networks of 50+ trainers.

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