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## THROUGH COMMUNITY, RELATIONSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

The greatest difference we can make is through discipleship.

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19 ESV**

Through Discipleship and Relationship:

- We cause Jesus to become the focus of life.
- We introduce transformation with kingdom influence.
- We induce worldwide change.

We Must Answer The Call To Follow.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." **Matthew 4:19 ESV**

We Must Answer The Call To Always Be On Mission.

<sup>14</sup> And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach. **Mark 3:14 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. **Luke 10:1 ESV**

We Must Answer The Call to Common Unity (Community).

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **John 17:21 ESV**

<sup>35</sup> "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:35 ESV**

**Our unity and love in Christ enriches our personal lives. But it also impacts the world around us. How?**

- It shows the world that the love of Jesus transcends all differences - Galatians 3:28
- It leverages greater influence and attraction - Acts 2:41
- It demonstrates a model of true peace - John 14:27
- It allows the world to imagine a truly fulfilled life, regardless of oppressive circumstances - John 16:33
- It points to them back to God's goodness - 1 Peter 2:1-3

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 5:14-16 ESV**

**Jesus' Model of Community and Discipleship**

- ❖ Committed to growing together, while drawing others.
- ❖ Always be on mission together.
- ❖ Look outward, not inward.
- ❖ Expect and accommodate increase and multiplication.
- ❖ To actively engage the world where they are.

**The Cost**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." **Matthew 16:24 ESV**

<sup>42</sup> ... "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." **Luke 22:42 ESV**

"Your obedience to God will rearrange your life in such a way that it will cost you. But we count it all joy. It's worth it!" **Ken Galyean, Call2Africa**

**Next Steps: SURRENDER**