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**Mark 1 (Ephesians 4)**

THE PLAN

**4––FOLLOW JESUS**

**Mark 1:17 (NKJV) JESUS SAID …“FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN.”**

**Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**GOD HAS NOT CALLED US TO SIT BY AND WATCH OUR NATION BECOME MORE AND MORE GODLESS**

**GOD HAS CALLED ALL OF US TO ACTION…**

**…“GATHER, GROW & GO”… IS NOT SIMPLY A MINISTRY MODEL… EACH IS A BIBLICAL MANDATES**

**JESUS SAID “IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU. 8 BY THIS MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO YOU WILL BE MY DISCIPLES.” JOHN 15:7-8 (NKJV)**

**SO LET ME SHOW YOU HOW GOD’S WORD TEACHES US TO “GATHER, GROW AND GO”**

1. **GATHER (Services & Fellowship)**

**Hebrews 10:25 (GW)** We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

**THE BIBLE IS CLEAR THAT GOD CALLED US TO GATHER**

* **NT GATHERINGS WERE IN HOMES & IN THE TEMPLE OR SYNAGOGUE**

**NT GATHERINGS HAPPENED PRIMARILY IN HOMES…**

**1 Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)** How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

**1 Corinthians 14:31 (NKJV)** For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

**THAT CANNOT HAPPEN IN A LARGE SANCTUARY**

**EVERYBODY NEEDS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

* **NT GATHERINGS WERE PRIMARILY FOR BELIEVERS**

**JESUS SAID, “I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH” (MATTHEW 16:18)… AND WE KNOW THAT THE GREEK WORD, ECCLESIA “CHURCH” MEANS AN ASSEMBLY… A GATHERING… AND MORE SPECIFICALLY… WE KNOW THE CHURCH ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN “CALLED OUT” FROM AMONG OTHER PEOPLE (THE WORLD)**

**1 Corinthians 14:23–25 (NKJV)** Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? **24** But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. **25** And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

* **NT CHURCHES MULTIPLIED**

**Matthew 16:18 (ESV)** … I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**IN ACTS 2, JESUS BEGAN BUILDING WITH ONE CHURCH**

**Acts 2:46–47 (ESV)** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**BUT SOON, JESUS BEGAN MULTIPLYING CHURCHES**

**Acts 9:31 (NKJV)** Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

**Acts 14:21–23 (NKJV)** And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, **22** strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.” **23** So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

**THE PROCESS WAS:**

1. **PREACH THE GOSPEL**
2. **MAKE DISCIPLES**
3. **PLANT A CHURCH**
4. **APPOINT MATURE LEADERS**
5. **THE CHURCH MEMBERS WOULD PREACH THE GOSPEL**
6. **THE CHURCH MEMBERS WOULD MAKE DISCIPLES**
7. **THEY WOULD PLANT A CHURCH**
8. **AND APPOINT MATURE LEADERS**
9. **AND SO ON**
10. **GROW (Discipleship)**

**IT IS UNARGUABLE THAT JESUS HAS CALLED EVERY ONE OF US TO “DISCIPLESHIP”**

**Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**I’VE BEEN TEACHING A LOT ON THIS NEW SEASON… THE VISION… THE PLAN… BUT PEOPLE WHO WILL BE COMING WILL NEED TO HEAR ABOUT—AND RECEIVE—THE PROMISES OF GOD… FINANCIAL PROVISION… HEALING… GETTING PEOPLE SAVED… FREEDOM FROM DEPRESSION… BONDAGES**

* **WE WILL DISCIPLE PEOPLE THROUGH DAILY DISCIPLINES**

**WE NEED TO CALL PEOPLE INTO DISCIPLESHIP**

* **WE WILL DISCIPLE PEOPLE THROUGH OSL DISCIPLESHIP**

**John 8:31–32 (NKJV)** Jesus said… “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

* **WE WILL ALSO DISCIPLE PEOPLE THROUGH LIFE & FAMILY CLASSES**
  + **Marriage**
  + **Parenting**
  + **Finances**
  + **Freedom**

1. **GO (Evangelism & Ministry)**

**OF COURSE WE ALL KNOW THAT JESUS CALLED ALL OF US IN THE BODY OF CHRIST TO “GO”**

**Mark 16:15 (NKJV)** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

* **GOD IS MOBILIZING EVERY BELIEVER TO ACTION**

**Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)** … effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body …

* **EVANGELIZE THROUGH DISCOVERY GROUPS & AND VARIOUS OUTREACHES**

**NOW LISTEN TO WHAT LUKE SAID ABOUT PAUL AND HIS MINISTRY TEAM IN ACTS 16:13-15...**

**Acts 16:13–15 (NKJV)** And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. **14** Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. **15** And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

**SO NOTICE HOW INTENTIONAL THEY WERE IN THE BIBLE TO FIND PEOPLE TO DISCIPLE**

* **GOD HAS ALSO CALLED US TO TRAIN LEADERS FOR MINISTRY**

**2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**IT’S SO EXCITING TO BE PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**SO WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?**

* **START A HOUSE CHURCH?**
* **JOIN A HOUSE CHURCH?**
* **HELP TO RELAUNCH A CAMPUS?**
* **ENROLL IN THE BFAM TRAINING CENTER?**
* **INVITE PEOPLE TO YOUR HOUSE CHURCH?**
* **INVITE PEOPLE TO A CAMPUS?**