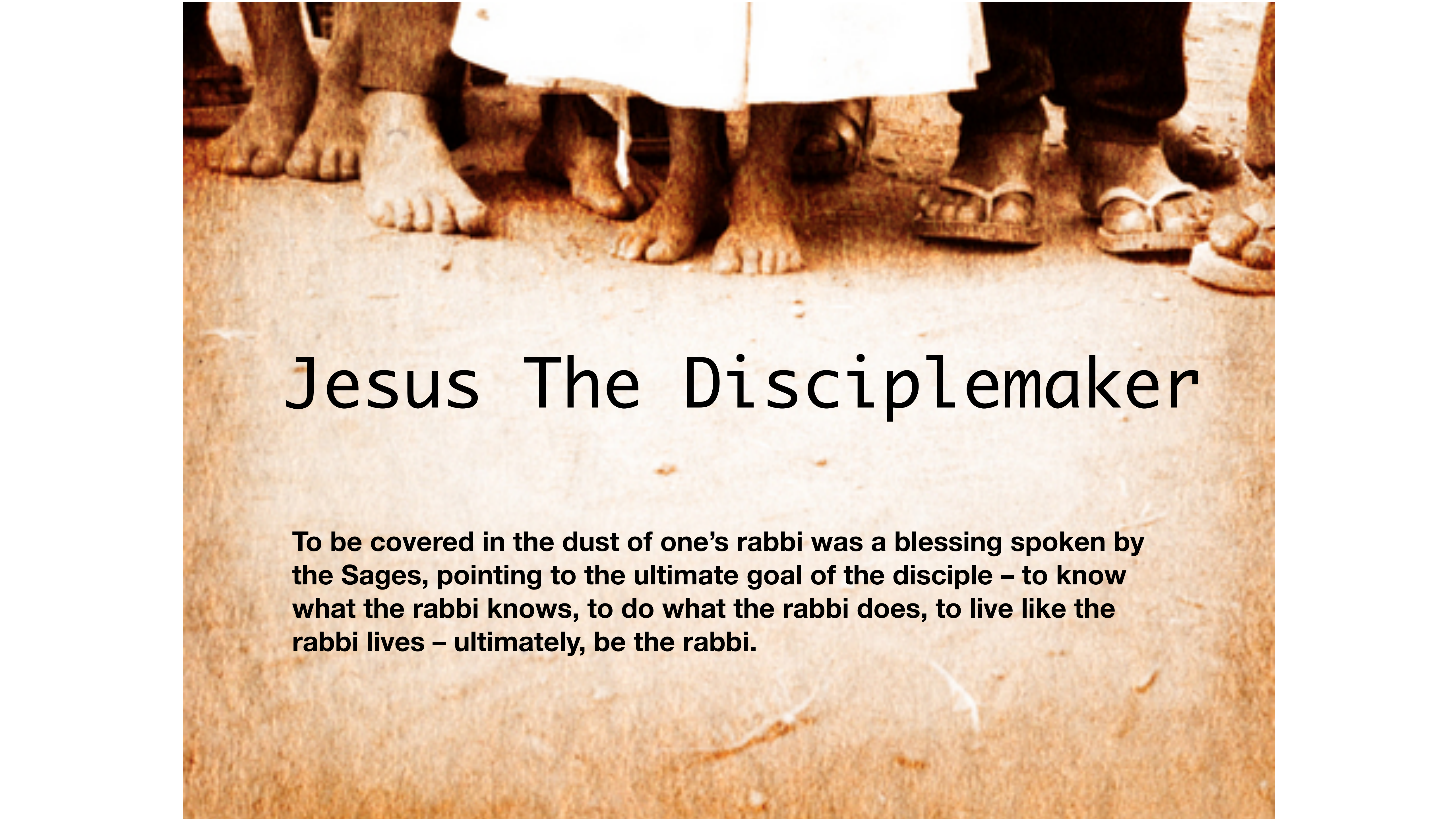




Jesus The Disciplemaker

To be covered in the dust of one's rabbi was a blessing spoken by the Sages, pointing to the ultimate goal of the disciple – to know what the rabbi knows, to do what the rabbi does, to live like the rabbi lives – ultimately, be the rabbi.

Our Mission

Substance Church exists to make disciple-makers. A disciple-maker is someone who has been transformed by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live out the passions and priorities of Jesus, which we see as being: a Great Commandment Love, and a Great Commission Lifestyle.

Invite — We invite people of all ages and stages of life into our own lives. We do this as people who are indwelt by the Spirit of Christ, not just connecting them to a church building, but to the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:35–39).

Invest — We invest in these people, taking time to get to know their stories, helping them grow in their understanding of who God is and what it means to be transformed by the renewing of our minds and to be conformed more into the image of Christ together — serving one another as Christ has served each of us (John 1:43).

Ignite — We ignite these people to go out and do these very same things with others. This is the disciple-making model that Jesus gave us. If we don't reach the point of igniting, then we have not made an actual disciple-maker. Each of us has been called to “go and bear much fruit” (John 15:16).

John 14:6

“The Truth is a Person, the Way is a Person, the Life is a Person.”

Disciplemaking can only be done with Jesus at the center and as our model.

Disciplemaking is all about:

- Leading others in **devotion** to the **truth** (Jesus) = gospel understanding and establishing their identity as sons and daughters
- Modeling for others **devotion** to the **life** (Jesus) = living with the passions of Jesus to glorify God, Great Commandment relationships
- Directing them in **devotion** to the **way** (Jesus) = modeling the priorities of Jesus to bear fruit

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Committed = Is tied to duty, task focused

Devoted = Is tied to love, affection and is relationship focused

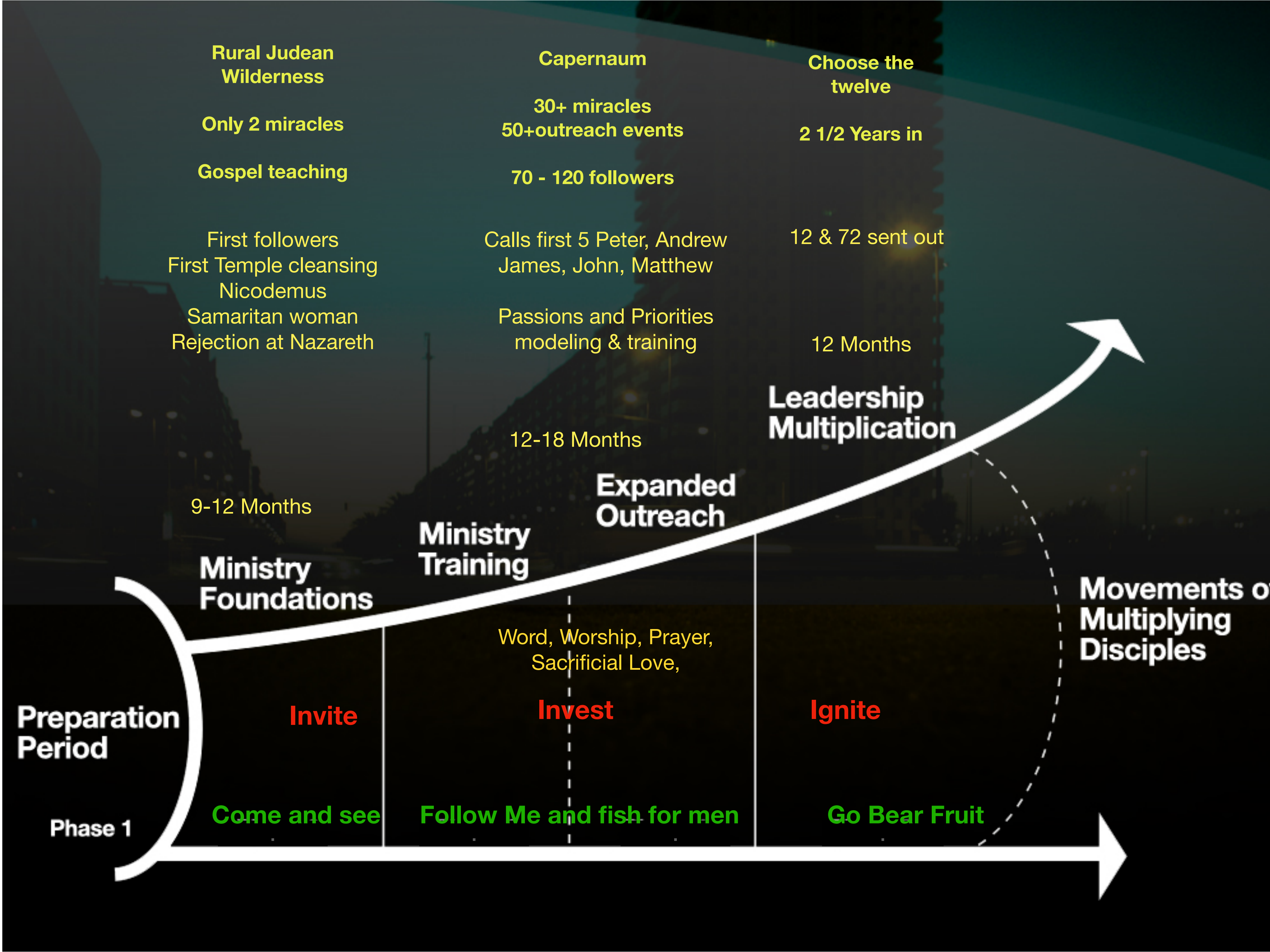
Disciplemaking is about—

- **Incarnation:** Living the Truth with others
- **Proclamation:** Speaking the Truth with others
- **Community:** Living in the Truth with others
- **Demonstration:** Living/Giving the Truth for others
- **Growing/Fruitfulness:** Maturing in the Truth with others

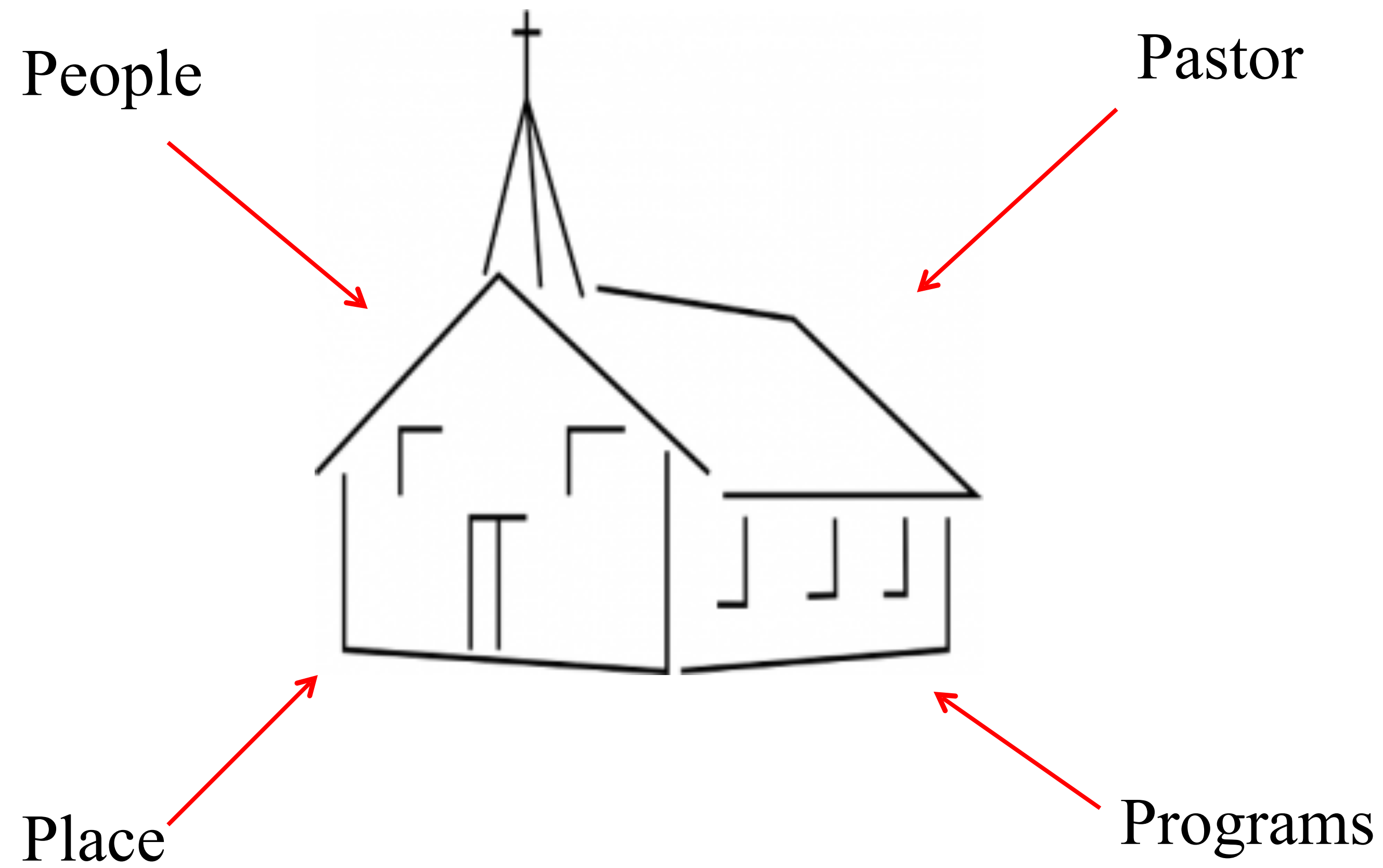
All of these require relationships, relationships built around the truth, Jesus.

The Rabbinic Model of Jesus

- Follow, or to literally walk after me....1 John 2:6
- Jesus chose most of his disciples from those who were not top rabbi material. He chose fishermen, tax collector, etc.
- **4 fold method**
 - Instruction – with interaction...parables
 - Imitation – in every area of life...teach us to pray
 - Examination – assignment and accountability....sending of the 12 & 72
 - Ending – do the same thing with your own disciples.....Matthew 28
- **Jesus spends 3 1/2 years modeling and equipping his followers to do what he had been doing.**



The Church Disciple Trap



Disciplemaking Picture

- What we believe

Gospel faith forms our Identity in Christ

- Forms the values we hold

Living as Imitators of Christ

- Which are seen in the actions of our lives

Priority of the Mission of Christ

Knowing and Loving God
Mt 22:37-38

Loving and Serving Jesus and
others like Jesus did
Mt 22:39-40

Devotion to Disciplemaking
Mt 28:18-20

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Disciplemaking Barriers

- Discipleship is the focus - when you focus on discipleship you rarely get disciple makers, when you focus on disciple making it will always include discipleship.
- We focus on curriculum rather than life application, transformation.
- We focus on teaching people how to live in the church instead of how to live on mission in the world.
- We try to make disciple making formulaic over flexible.
- We follow an academic model that leaves most people feeling unqualified.
- We focus on teaching more than equipping.

The honest truth is disciplemaking is messy, takes time, can't be reduced to buying materials to study. It requires you to sacrifice your time and life for the Kingdom.

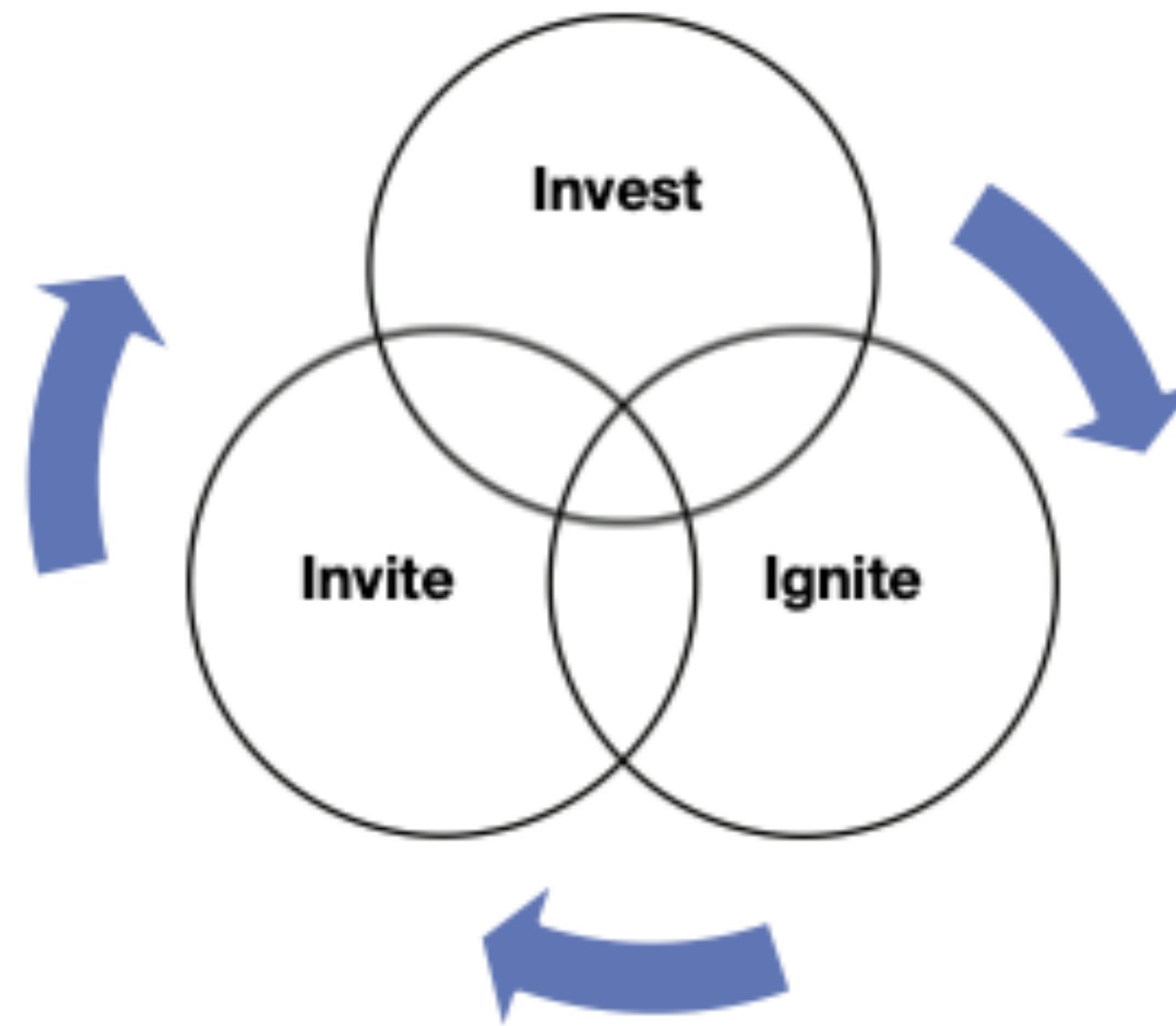
What are your thoughts so far?

How is this challenging your thoughts on discipling?

What questions do you have?

The Simple Model of Jesus

- Relational, Intentional, Reproducible
- The goal = make disciplemakers who have the *passions* and *priorities* of Jesus and live with the life *patterns* of Jesus!
- 3 Components = Invite, Invest, Ignite

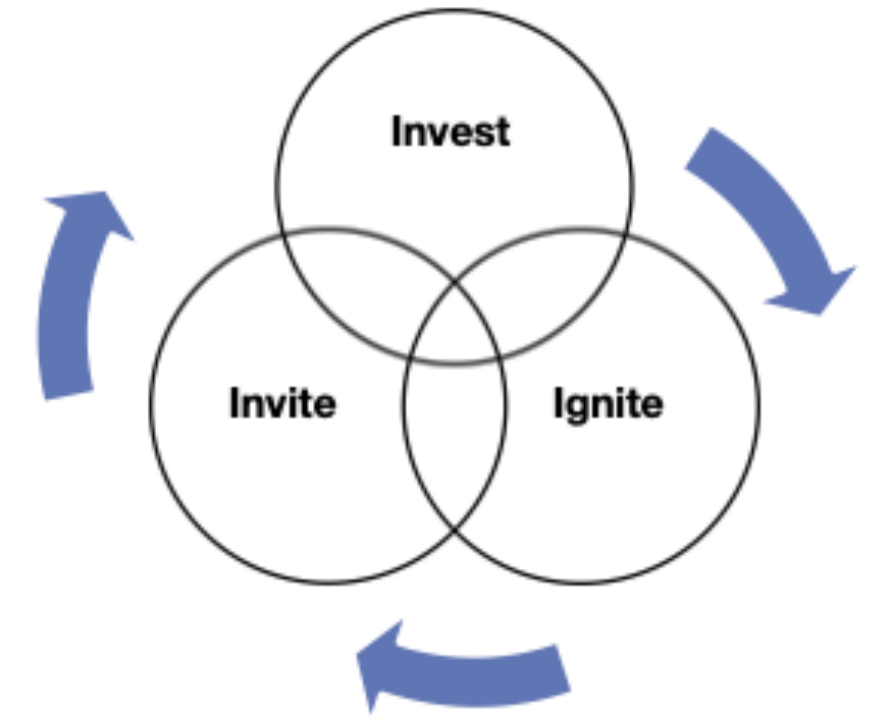


Disciplemaking was Jesus' master plan from the beginning. His method was not fancy, it was simple, relational, intentional, and reproducible.

Jesus invited people to come be with him to discover who he was and what his message was about.

Jesus invested his life into the people that responded. He opened his life to them, to watch and equip them in what it means to live in Great Commandment love to God and others.

Jesus required that those he invested in would go do exactly what he had equipped them for. To be a disciple of Jesus meant being a disciplemaker who would reproduce other disciplemakers.

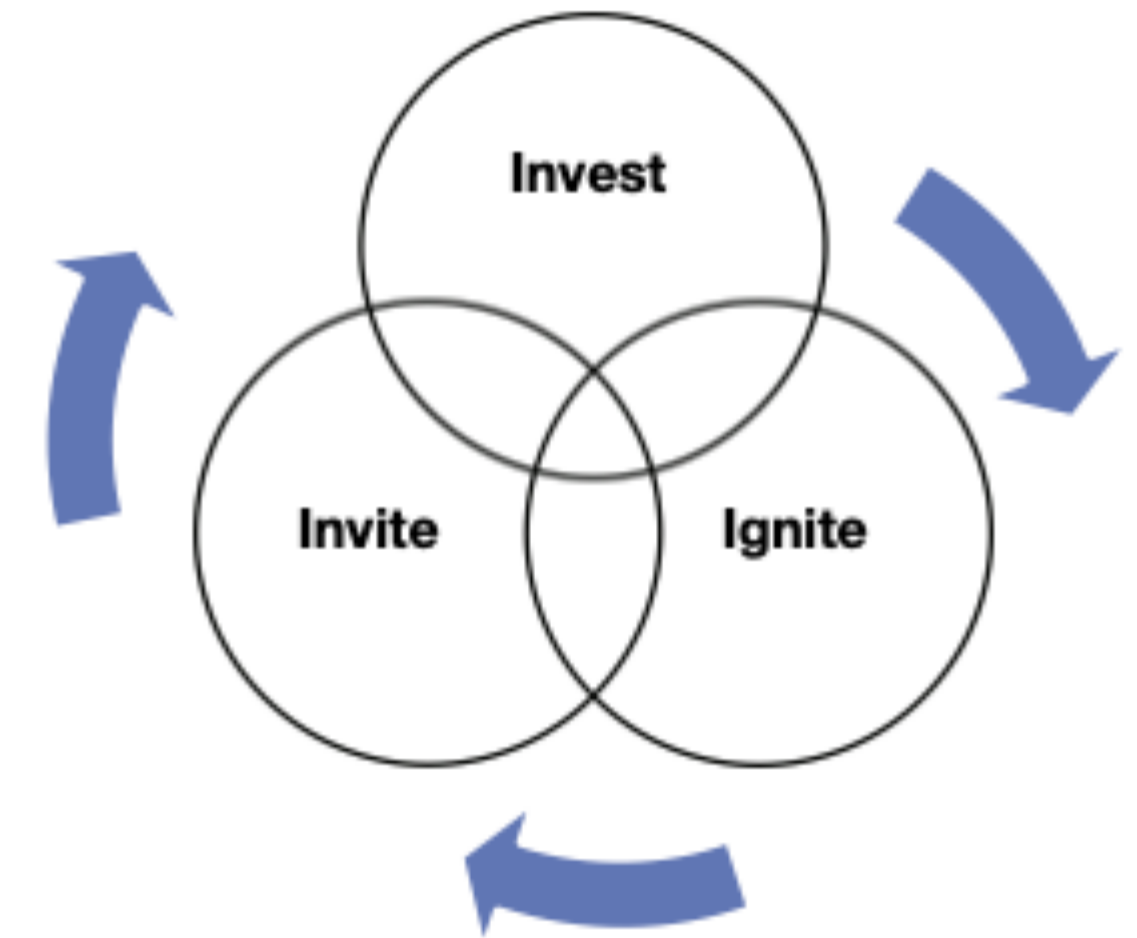


Invite — Come and Discover Jesus together

Key Passage —
John 1:35-51

Resource —
Relationship
Circles

Invite, Invest, Ignite



- **Invite** - come and see, come discover
 - For the **unbeliever** = Discover who Jesus is, why he came, what he accomplished
 - Read John together asking who is Jesus, what did he say, what did he do
 - For the **believer** = Join me in discovering how to love God with everything
 - What does being a son or daughter of God mean
 - Join me as we explore what it means to pursue Great Commandment love

What is required = Opening the door to your life and asking people to go on a spiritual journey with you.

Invite – Come and Discover

- **Moving from friendships to Koinonia Relationships:**
developing intimate spiritual relationships around Christ, his values, and his actions. Live in life environments that express Great Commandment love and relationships that are gospel formed.
- **Who has God placed in your life?**

Reading John Together

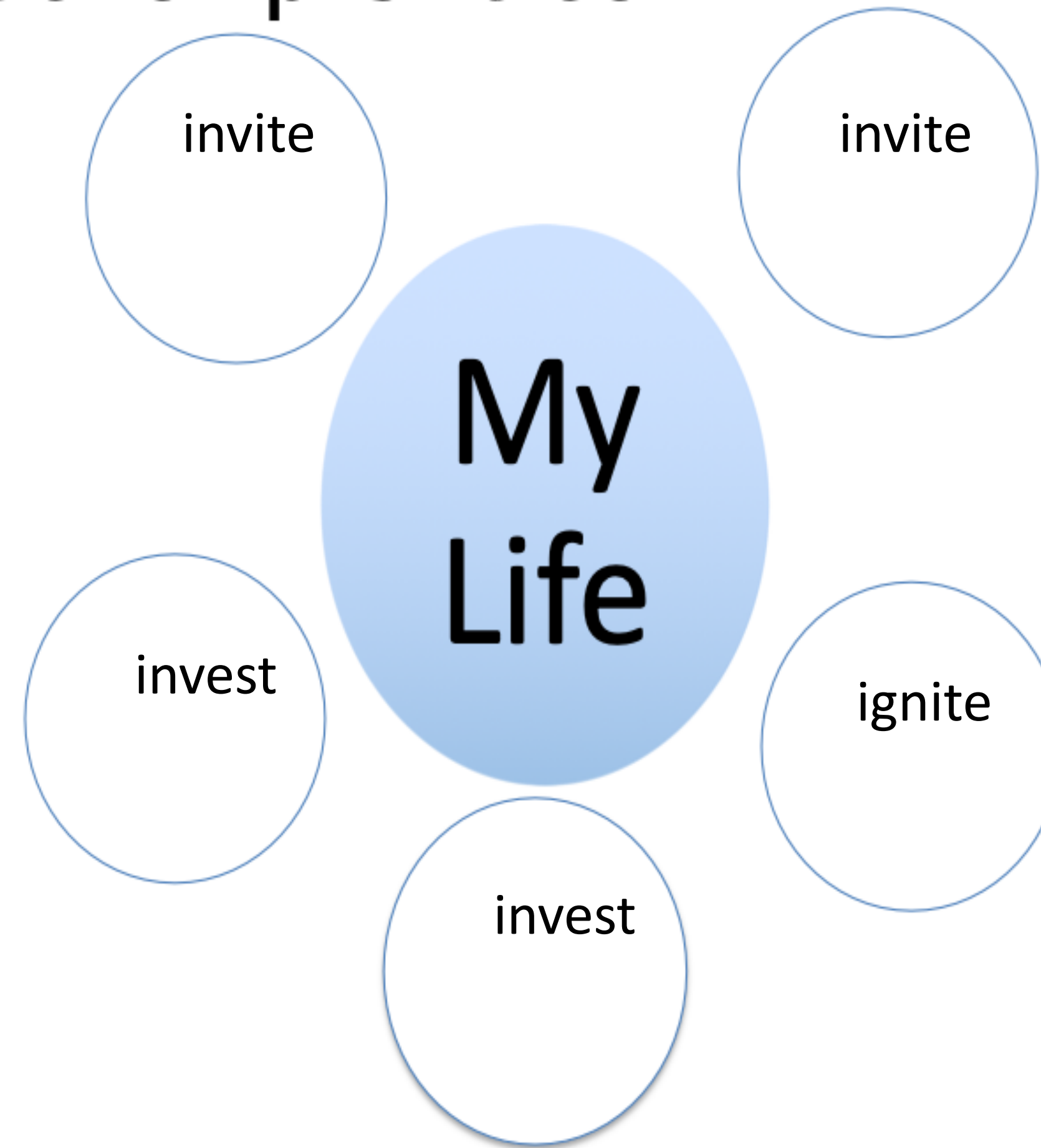
The gospel of John is a powerful way to introduce and reveal Jesus and his gospel. Any follower/disciplemaker of Jesus is able to meet with a non-believer or new believer and read through the gospel of John together.

Use these questions as you read through the gospel of John together.

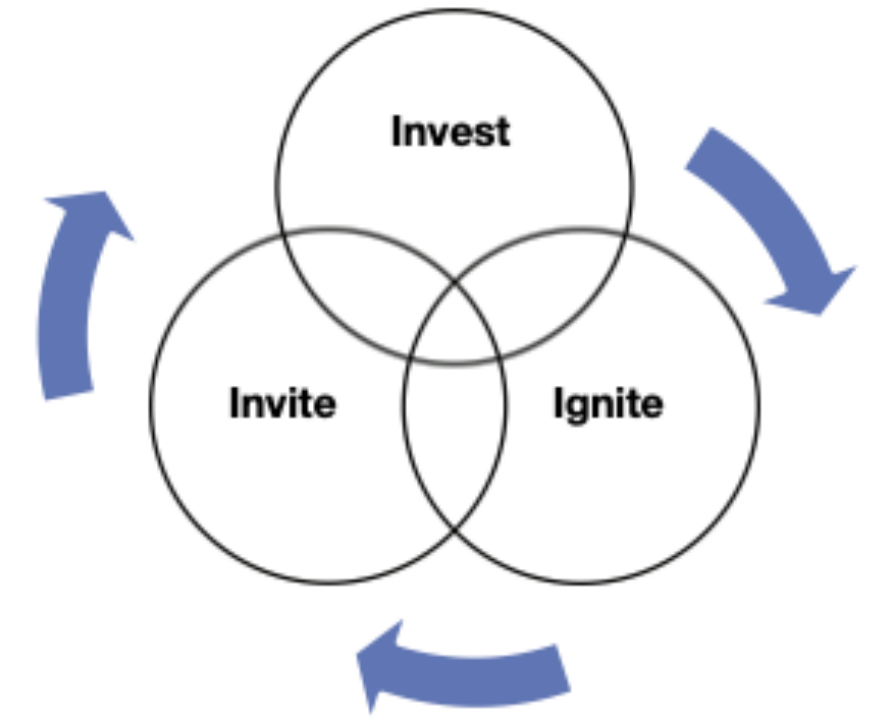
- 1.What does this text reveal about who Jesus is? Why he came?
- 2.What is Jesus' message? What is he saying?
- 3.What is he asking people to believe or do?
- 4.What questions do you have?

Relationship Circles

Spouse
Family
Friends
Relatives
Neighbors
Co-workers



Put names in the circles of influence



Invest - Be with Jesus, observe, follow, live it out

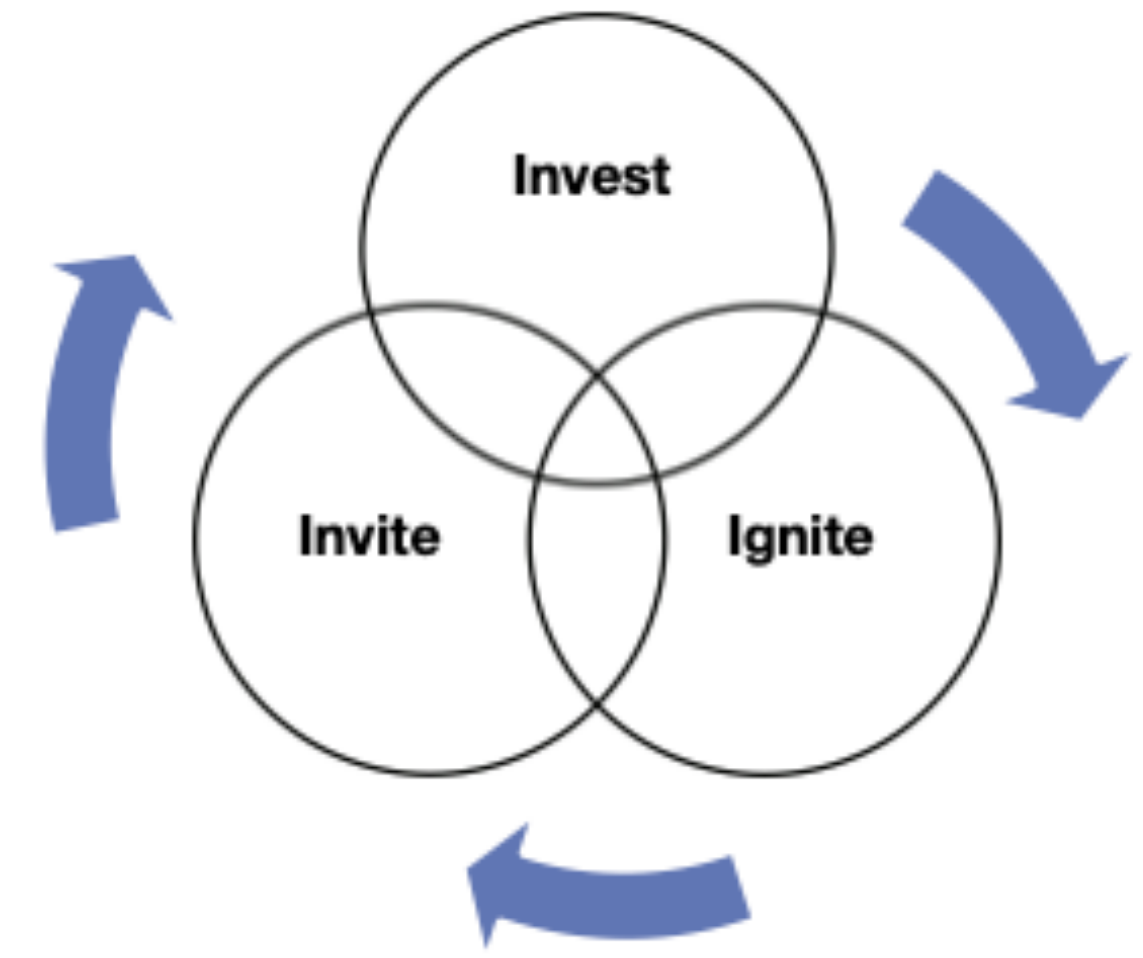
Key Passage –
Mark 1:14-37

Resource –
**5 Areas Jesus
Trained Disciples In**

Invite, Invest, Ignite

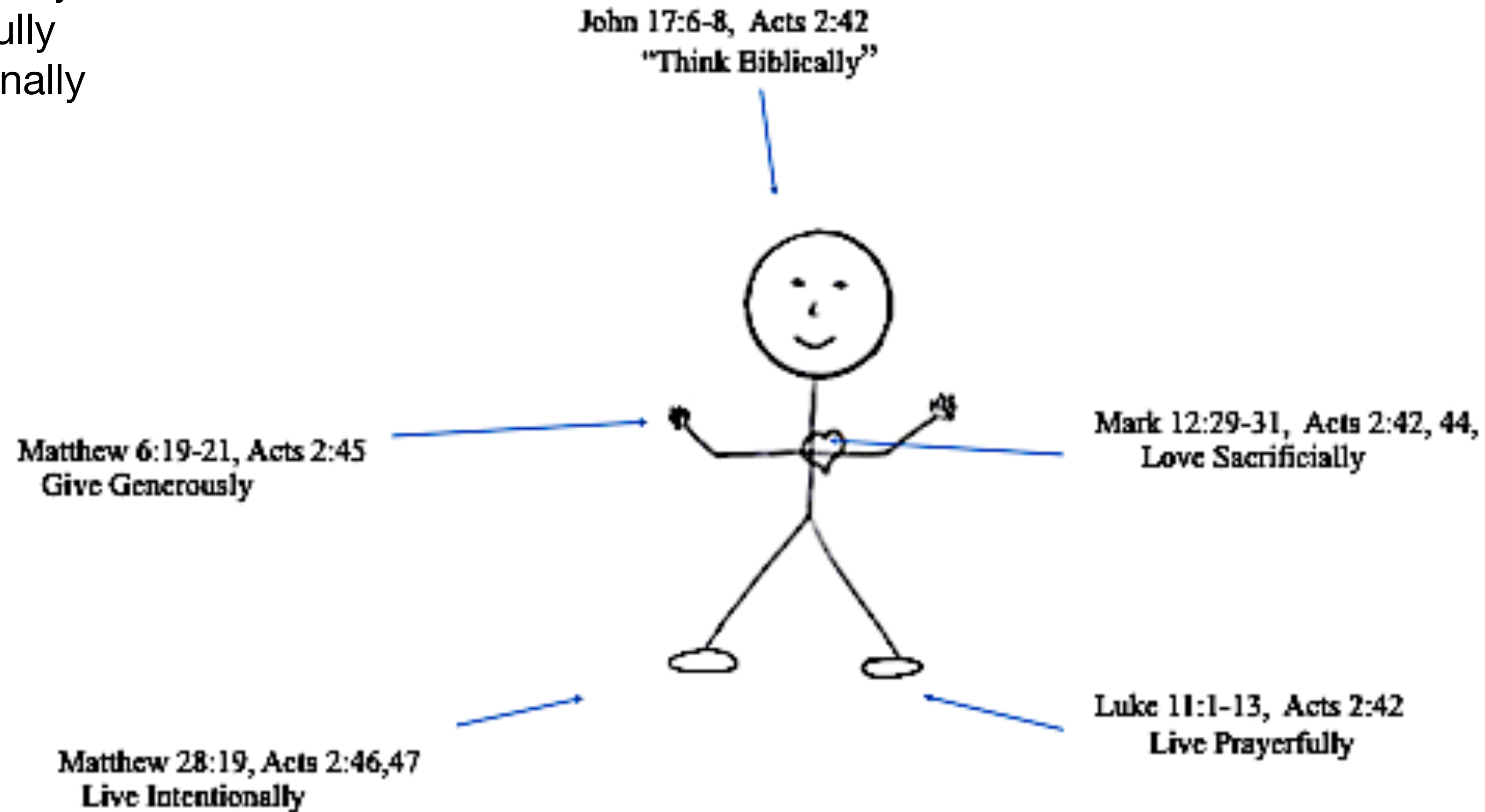
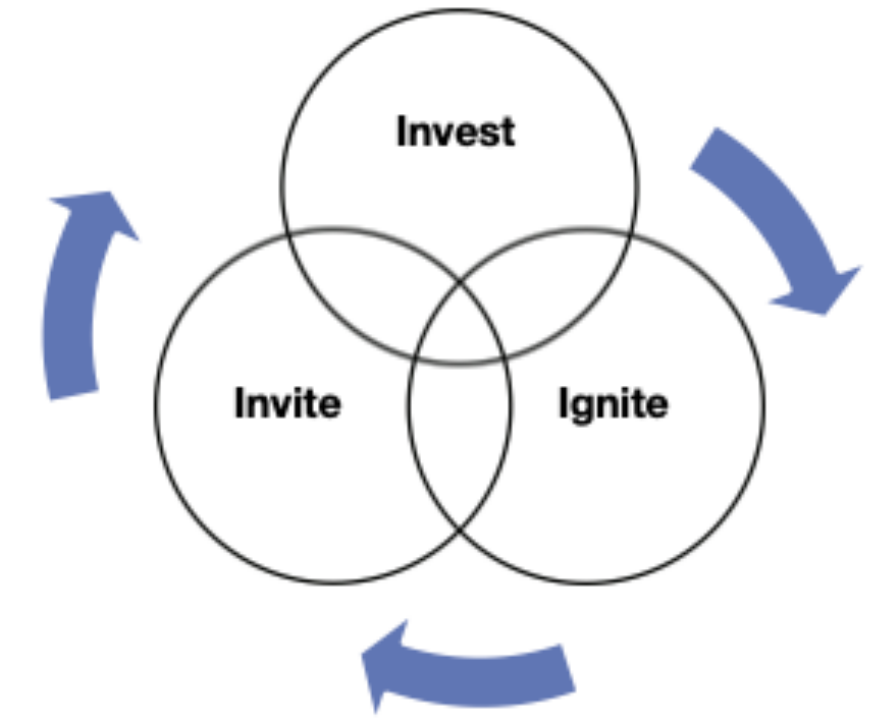
- **Invest**- come be with me, join me in discovering the Way together
 - For the unbeliever = Discover the gospel with me
 - Read Ephesians together, revealing the Truth/gospel
 - For the believer = Join me in discovering how to live the passions of Jesus
 - What does it look like to love God, serve and love others like Jesus
 - Join me as we live out the Life together, developing a Christ centered life.
 - Modeling prayer, gospel worldview, reading Scripture, sharing our faith stories

What is required = Developing a relationship that focuses on Jesus and his values. Modeling how you develop the passions of Jesus in your life.



Jesus would teach them how to:

- Think Biblically
- Love sacrificially
- Give generously
- Live prayerfully
- Live intentionally



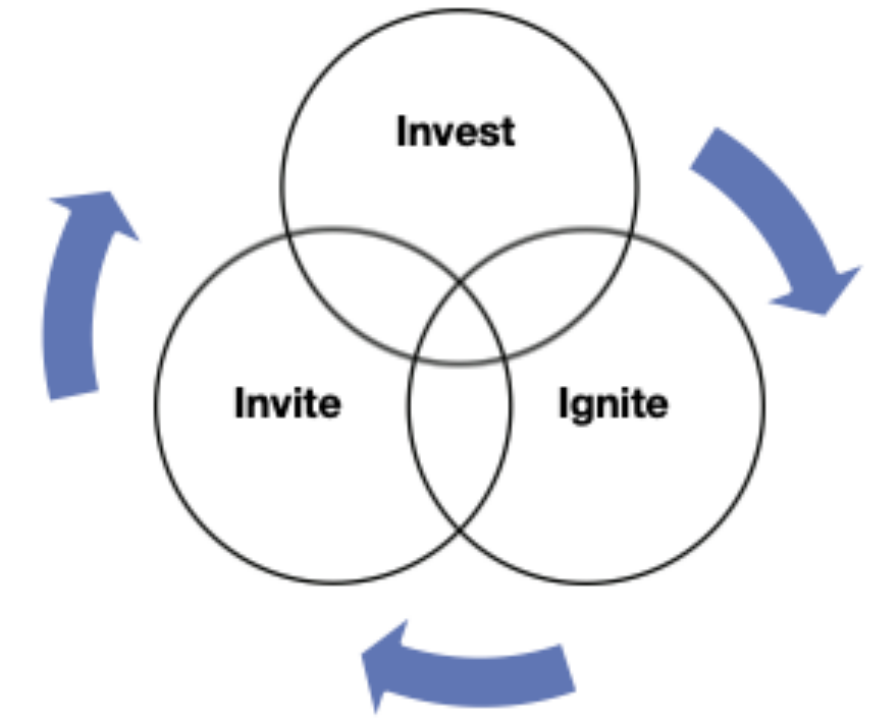
Equip your Disciples in the following areas

- How to read and study their Bibles
- How to pray and pray using Scripture
- How to share their faith using the gospel
- What is the gospel, develop gospel filters
- What Great Commandment love looks like
- What living a lifestyle of grace and truth looks like

-  The travels of Jesus
-  The Gospel as a story
-  Studying Our Bibles
-  Praying-the-Names-of-God-The-Navigators copy.pdf
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-  Culture Clash
-  5 key areas Jesus taught

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS OUTLINE						
PHASE ONE- PREPARATION PERIOD (about 30 years)						
Section		Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Page
A Preview of Who Jesus Is						
1	Luke's purpose in writing a Gospel			1:1-4		29
2	John's prologue: Jesus, the pre-existent Word incarnate				1:1-18	29
3	Jesus' legal lineage: Joseph and natural lineage: Mary	1:1-17		1:23b-38		30
Early Years of John the Baptist						
4	John's birth foretold to Zechariah			1:5:25		32
5	Jesus' birth foretold to Mary			1:26-38		33
6	Mary's visit to Elizabeth/Elizabeth's song			1:39-45		33
7	Mary's song of joy			1:46-56		34
8a	John's birth			1:57-66		34
8b	Zechariah's prophetic song			1:67-79		35
8c	John's growth and early life			1:80		35
Early Years of Jesus Christ						
9	Circumstances of Jesus' birth explained to Joseph	1:18-25				36
10	Birth of Jesus			2:1-7		36
11	Praise of the angels and witness of the shepherds			2:8-20		37
12	Circumcision of Jesus			2:21		37
13	Jesus presented in the temple (Simeon and Anna)			2:22-38		37
14	Visit of the Magi	2:1-12				38
15	Escape into Egypt	2:13-18				39
16	Return to Nazareth	2:19-23		2:39		39
17	Growth and early life of Jesus			2:40		40
18	Jesus' first Passover in Jerusalem			2:41-50		40
19	Jesus' growth to adulthood			2:51-52		41
The Public Ministry of John the Baptist						
20	John's ministry launched		1:1	3:1-2		42
21	John's person, proclamation and baptism	3:1-6	1:2-6	3:3-6		42
22	John's messages to Pharisees, crowds, tax collectors and soldiers	3:7-10		3:7-14		43
23	John's description of the Christ	3:11-12	1:7-8	3:15-18		44
PHASE TWO- MINISTRY FOUNDATIONS (18 TO 21 MONTHS) Invite						
Section		Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Page
The End of John's Ministry and the Beginning of Christ's Public Ministry						
24	Jesus' baptism by John	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23a		45
25	Jesus' temptation in the desert	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13		46
26	John's testimony about himself to the priests				1:19-28	47
27	John's testimony to Jesus as the Son of God				1:29-34	47
28	Jesus' first followers				1:35-51	48
29	Jesus' first miracle: water becomes wine				2:1-11	49
30	Jesus' first stay in Capernaum with relatives and early disciples				2:12	50

Ignite - Go do what we have been doing with others

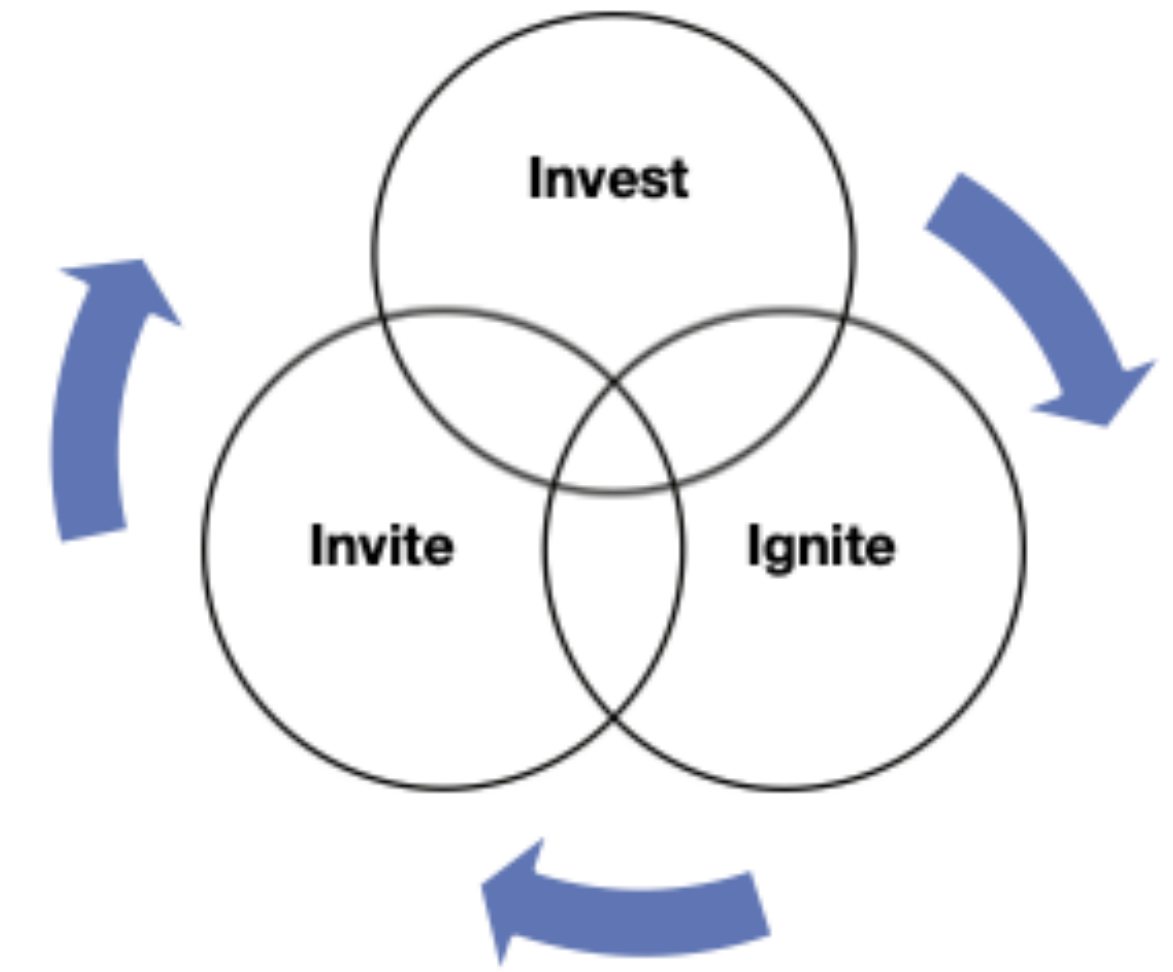


Key Passage –
John 14:12
Luke 9:1-6

Resource –
**The Disciplemaking
Picture**

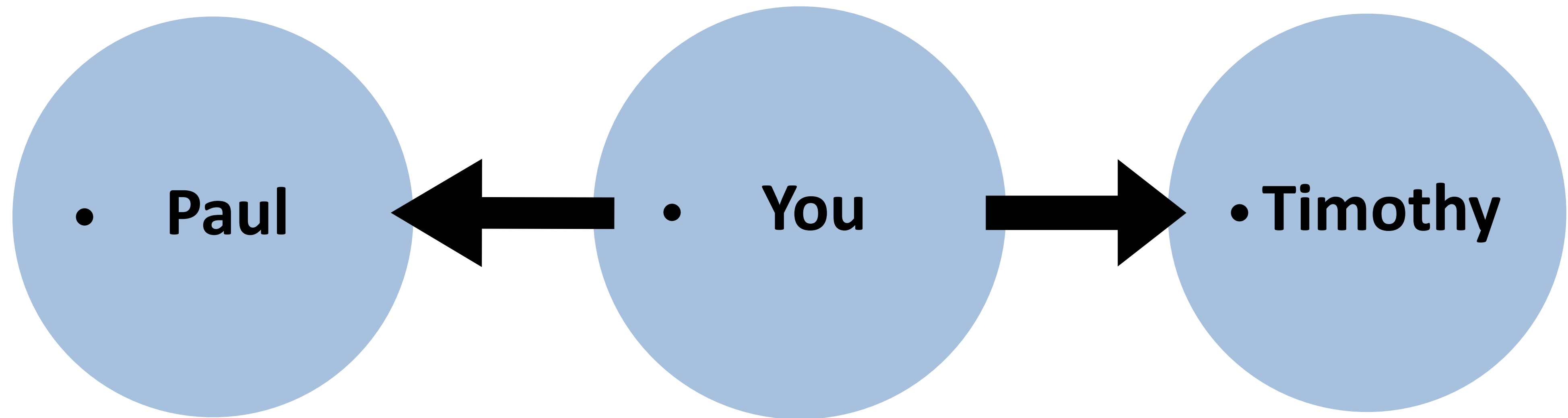
Invite, Invest, Ignite

- **Ignite**- Go bear fruit, live on mission
 - For the believer = Intentionally living on mission
 - Who is in your circle of influence you can invite....non-believer & believe
 - Invite 1-2 people to explore the disciple making lifestyle of Jesus with you
 - Teach them Invite, Invest, Ignite the way you were taught



What is needed = Sending your disciples out to start the process with their own disciples.
Intentionality to send and coach them in Great Commission priorities.

The Disciplemaking Picture



Who is your Paul?

Who are your Timothy's?

4- F Disciple Check In Questions

F = Faith

- How have you encountered God recently?
- How are your prayer times? What has God been revealing?
- How is your diet of Scripture? Starving, Hungry, well fed?
- What has God revealed to you about who he is recently?
- Where do you sense God asking you to step out in faith?
- What ways can I encourage you in your faith? What resources?

F = Family

- How is your work/life balance?
- Tell me about your time with your spouse? Kids?
- What relationship challenges are you facing?
- When was the last time you just laughed and enjoyed family time?
- Where is there imbalance in your family/relationships?

F = Following

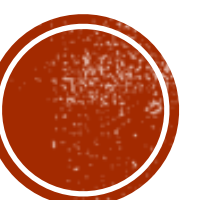
- What disciple making relationships is God revealing to you?
- How is your stewardship? Time, Talents, Treasures?
- Who has God opened a door for spiritual discussions with recently?
- How have you invested in another sacrificially recently?

F= Follow Up

- How have you progressed in the areas we talked about last time?
- What areas can I pray for you?
- What resources can I provide for you?
- Where do you feel stuck?

A healthy disciplemaker of Jesus Christ is someone who:

- Is growing in their love for God, and love of others
- Is growing in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-26), that is, they are growing in the character of Christ, and decreasing in the works of the flesh
- Is sharing the words of Jesus with others
- Is doing the works of Jesus
- Is able to spiritually grow and multiply themselves by making other disciples



Getting Started

- With your spouse - have spiritual discussions and pray together
- With your family - spiritual discussions at meal time and pray together
- With other singles - coffee time to discuss living for Jesus
- Older men and women - open your life to invest in younger people

Open your life, ask someone to disciple you, ask someone if they would be open to forming a discipling group, think outside the box, be flexible on times and duration of the group.....groups of 2-3 seem to work best.

Be consistent, have a balance of study and life application, allow time to have spiritual discussions about current challenges, always use Scripture to work through life challenges.

Model how to live in joy, peace, and faith, even in the hard times.