

DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus' last command was to make disciples- Matthew 28

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

A. A student **learns** information.

Often at a school, college, or university

B. A disciple is also a follower.

He does what the leader does and teaches (childhood game "follow the leader")

He practices what is learned. He does what is learned, becoming like the teacher.

C. A true disciple is not just a learner, but a follower: one who applies what he has learned.

D. A disciple is a devoted, lifelong follower who follows a teacher or the teachings taught by him.

E. A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows and learns from Jesus Christ and strives to live according to His teachings.

F. A DISCIPLE

Believes— believes what is being taught.

Trusts— trusting it to be reliable

Follows— follows the teachings by applying the principles in everyday life.

2. BELIEVERS, LEARNERS & OBEDIENT FOLLOWERS

(Difference between being a believer, learning information and being a follower)

A. Demons Believe but Are Not Disciples of Jesus

James 2:19

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

B. Satan knows Scripture but is Not a Disciple of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command

his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

1. Satan does not use scripture to honor God

Satan doesn't want to learn about God
Satan doesn't worship God
Satan doesn't seek to please God
Satan doesn't follow God

2. Satan believes that God exists and is aware of scripture

He doesn't trust or follow God- so he is not a disciple.

C. The Pharisees Searched the Scriptures but Refused to Believe in Jesus

John 5:36-40

But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

1. The religious leaders believed in God

2. They believed and studied the scriptures

3. They believed in the existence of Jesus (they saw Him!)

4. They really didn't trust God or the scriptures... and they certainly didn't trust Jesus

5. They didn't follow Jesus

6. So the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and teachers of the law believed in God, but since they didn't fully trust the scriptures or follow Jesus they weren't disciples.

7. Compare this with yourself... Do you believe, trust and follow?

D. Disciples Learn to Believe, Trust and Follow

Philippians 4:9

What you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen** in me—**practice** these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1. Learn, Heard, Seen

-knowledge, studied, learned

2. Received

-accepted, believed

3. Practice

-follow

C. Are You a Disciple of Jesus?

Are you a believer? So is Satan

Are you a learner? So were the Pharisees
Are you a follower who trusts Gods promises and plans? –(thereby putting into practice)

1 John 1:2

And by this we know **that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.** ⁴**Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,**
⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him. ⁶whoever says he abides in him **ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.**

3. JESUS COMMAND TO MAKE DISCIPLES INCLUDED TWO MAJOR ACTIONS!

A. Go -

“Go” is an action that doesn’t mean sitting still.

1. Jesus gave his disciples direction and told them to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;

2. The plan was given and once the help of the Holy Spirit arrived **-they were to wait no more.**

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

A. Disciples “Go” to be witnesses of who Jesus is and what He is done.

B. It’s good news that Jesus has come to save us

1. GO tell others..

2. In Your hometown, Your Region, Your Country, The world

a. Just like Wayne/Myself are serving on mission here today

b. we do it at home as well

3. As a disciple of Jesus –God expects you to go forth and be His witness.

at home, in your community, in Tanzania, Africa and beyond.

3. A disciple of Jesus spreads the good news everywhere!

A. We wait for the Lord’s leading and then we act.

Acts 1:10-11

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, **why do you stand looking into heaven?** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

(emphasize: why do you stand looking into heaven?)

B. They were to go forth, and carry the gospel throughout the world and that is exactly what they did.

C. The duty of all Christians is to be missionaries; using their maximum efforts to spread the knowledge of Christ.

D. We don't wait for people to come to us. Instead, we must **be intentional**.

Going, seeking, finding& sharing.

B. **Make** Disciples – this is our purpose

1. We are to do the will of the Father.

2. Jesus showed us the example of doing the Lord's will

John 6:38-40

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ **For this is the will of my Father**, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

A. Jesus didn't come to do His own will, but to do God, the Father's will.

B. God gave Him the authority in carrying out His will

Matt 28 -Jesus said all authority was given to Him by the Father

With that authority Jesus commanded us to "Make Disciples"

– so that is what we should be doing.

3. Following the will of God, Jesus came to save the lost

Luke 19:8-10

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"

4. We won't go to heaven if we aren't doing the will of God

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.

Since it is God's will that we make disciples we won't go to heaven if we aren't making disciples.

4. WHAT IS INVOLVED IN MAKING DISCIPLES

*Since it is God's will for us to make disciples and we are **expected** to make disciples we need a plan!*

A. Four Steps in Making Disciples

1. Go

Acts 8:1-4

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. ⁴ **Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.**

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ **And he rose and went.** And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ **And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”** ³⁰ **So Philip ran to him** and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

2. Baptize

We must lead people to respond

A. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter helped the crowd respond to the Good News of Jesus

Acts 2:36-38

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ **Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”** ³⁸ And **Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

B. When Philip shared Jesus with the Ethiopian Eunuch he explained to the Ethiopian what he needed to do to accept Jesus as his savior.

Acts 8:35-38

Then Philip opened his mouth, **and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.** ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! **What prevents me from being baptized?”** ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and **he baptized him.**

C. When Ananias spoke the good news to Saul/Paul he told Paul what he needed to do to respond to the good news and how to receive Jesus as savior and forgiveness of his sins.

Acts 22:14-16

And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ **And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’**

3. Teach

Colossians 1:9-12

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, **asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,** ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God;** ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light

A. We are to be filled with the knowledge of God's will

1. In all spiritual wisdom & understanding
2. So we will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord

3. How do we "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord"?

- a. Fully pleasing Him (*without faith it's impossible to please God- Heb11*)
- b. Bearing fruit- in every good work

John 15:1-2

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

- c. Increasing in the knowledge of God (*grow in the grace/ knowledge – 2 Peter 3*)

B. We are to teach and preach Christ.

Colossians 1:28-29

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- a. Teach Christ
- b. Warn everyone
- c. Teaching everyone – with all wisdom
- d. So that come to God having matured in Christ

C. We are to teach truth

2 Timothy 1:13

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

- a. there is a pattern
- b. the words of truth are sound
- c. Paul and the Apostles passed along the truth and wrote it down.
- d. truth needs to be heard
- e. it is to be taught and received in faith and love

4. Obey

A. Obey His Commands

1 John 2:3

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

How well do you know Him, if you don't obey Him?

B. If we love God we will obey Him

1 John 5:2-6

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And **his commandments are not burdensome.** ⁴ Whoever **says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar,** and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

C. Jesus is not your Lord if you don't obey Him.

Luke 6:46-49

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

B. The Process Repeats without Stopping

1. We teach new disciples to Obey Everything and Go!

2. If we teach every disciple to Go, Teach and Obey, then...

they will teach the next disciples to Go, Teach and Obey

a. Lois - Eunice - Timothy

2 Timothy 1:5-7

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

b. Paul - Corinthians -

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

c. Paul – Churches in Judea – Thessalonians – Macedonia & Achaia- Everywhere

1 Thessalonians 2:10-14

You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews

1 Thessalonians 1:7-8

so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

3. If it stops, someone didn't teach everything or someone didn't obey!
 - a. Apollos was making disciples but lacked in the understanding of baptism
 - b. Priscilla & Aquila had to step in and teach him so others could obey everything.

Acts 18:24-28

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

5. DISCIPLES OBEY EVERYTHING

Jesus said to teach them to obey everything...

A. Jesus' first commands to the disciples were "Leave & follow".

1. Simon & Andrew

Matthew 4:18-22

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, **Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew** his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² **Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.**

2. God's Sheep

John 10:24-27

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

3. Those who want to be disciples of Jesus must leave and follow

Matthew 8:18-22

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹ And **a scribe** came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹ **Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."** ²² **And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."**

4. You have to deny yourself and leave your own desires and plans to come to Jesus

Luke 9:23-25

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ **For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?**

B. Jesus' last commands were "Go & Make".

1. Make Disciples by teaching and baptizing them

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^{the} the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 16:15-16

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

2. We have the Holy Spirit to powerful witness

Acts 1:8-11

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

3. All the followers –not just the apostles proclaimed Jesus to make more disciples

Acts 8:1-4

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. ⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

C. Jesus taught a lot of things between those commands to "Leave and Follow" and "Go and Make"

1. Not everything Jesus said and did was written down or passed along.

John 21:24-25

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

2. We have been given all the knowledge we need

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

3. Disciples learn and obey Godly Living

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² **training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,** ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain from the passions of the flesh,** which wage war against your soul.

The fruit of the Spirit is Godly living while the **acts of the flesh** is worldly living.

Galatians 5:16-24

¹⁶ **But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. **I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.** ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

4. Disciples learn and obey Holy Service

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ 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.

5. Disciples learn and obey Spiritual Worship

John 4:22-24

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ **God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."**

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

6. Disciples Have a Commitment to Truth

1 Timothy 3:8-9

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ **They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.**

2 Timothy 4:2-4

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ **For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,** ⁴ **and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.**

Are you a TRUE DISCIPLE who is committed to the truth or are you following your own passions?

Acts 17:11

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so**

6. Tools For Discipleship

A. The Bible -**God's Word**

2 Timothy 3:16

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

B. Holy Spirit-**God's Presence**

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is **the same God who empowers them all in everyone.** ⁷ To each is **given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

C. The Church -**God's Community**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

7. Disciples Love Each Other

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”