

“The Great Commission”

(It's Not What You've Heard)

Luke 9:57 - 10:20

“Sometimes we may be surprised at what we find (in the Bible). We should be encouraged when we occasionally meet the unexpected in Scripture – that is, when the Scriptures convince us of the truth of something that changes our minds or leads us down paths once hidden from our view. **IF** we acknowledge the **AUTHORITY** of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17), we **MUST** be willing to **SUBMIT** to (the Scriptures) by being open-minded about our opinions.

God's Word is the final word. - Andrew Hill

1 Corinthians 3

English Standard Version (ESV)

3 ...I, brothers,^[a] could not address you as **(A)**spiritual people, but as **(B)**people of the flesh, as **(C)**infants in Christ. **2** **(D)**I fed you with milk, not solid food, for **(E)**you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, **3** for you are still of the flesh. For while there is **(F)**jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? **4** For **(G)**when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” **(H)**are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul?

(I)Servants through whom you believed, **(J)**as the Lord assigned to each. **6 (K)**I planted, **(L)**Apollos watered, **(M)**but God gave the growth. **7** So **(N)**neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each **(O)**will receive his wages according to his labor. **9** For we are **(P)**God's fellow workers. You are God's field, **(Q)**God's building.

10 (R)According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a **(S)**foundation, and **(T)**someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. **11** For no one can lay a **(U)**foundation other **(V)**than that which is laid, **(W)**which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— **13 (X)**each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed **(Y)**by fire, and **(Z)**the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. **14** If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, **(AA)**he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, **(AB)**but only as through fire.

16 (AC)Do you not know that you^[b] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will

destroy him. For (AD)God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Let no one deceive himself. (AF)If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. **19** For (AG)the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, (AH)“He catches the wise in their craftiness,” **20** and again, (AI)“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” **21** So (AJ)let no one boast in men. For (AK)all things are yours, **22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, **23** and (AL)you are Christ's, and (AM)Christ is God's.

Series Review:

9 Weeks in O.T.

1. Creator-Creation (Creator-Christ)
2. Sin / Solution (“Gone wrong” & Gospel Promise)
3. Promise per People (Abe, Israel, Church)
4. Promise Proof (Plagues & Passover)
5. Promise Particulars (Mosaic Covenant)
6. Promise Personified (sacrificial sys./atonement)
7. Promised Presence (Tabernacle, Temple, Hearts)
8. Promised King/Kingdom (Divine, Davidic, Divine)
9. **Prophetic Promises (Wrath & Restoration)**
a.k.a. EXILE & RETURN

**Creator,
Corruption,
Covenant,
Conflict,
Christ,
Church,
Come-back,
Completion**

Last Week = Christ (the Light of the world)

Matthew 28:18-20:

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Disciple: "a miraculous, Christ-like, work-in-progress."

The Great Commission & the Church

4 Keys:

1. The Commission is Christ's Command!
2. It is personal...
3. The imperative is "MAKE DISCIPLES"

GRAMMER:

“Imperatives” empowered by “Indicatives”

4. Don't just “teach” --- teach to OBEY ALL

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 = *“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: **27** the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, **28** and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.*

AND

Jeremiah 7:23-24 = *But this command I gave them: ‘Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’ **24** But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.*

Discipleship:

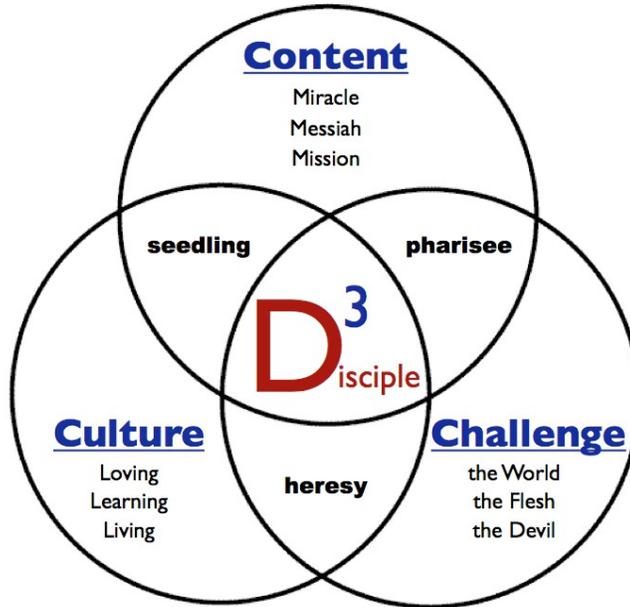
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The intentional endeavors of
“miraculous, Christ-like, works-in-progress”
(a.k.a. Disciples) engaged in
“finding the lost AND growing the found”
into family-members who are in-turn
committed to making disciples,
who make disciples, who make disciples...
by God’s grace & for His glory.

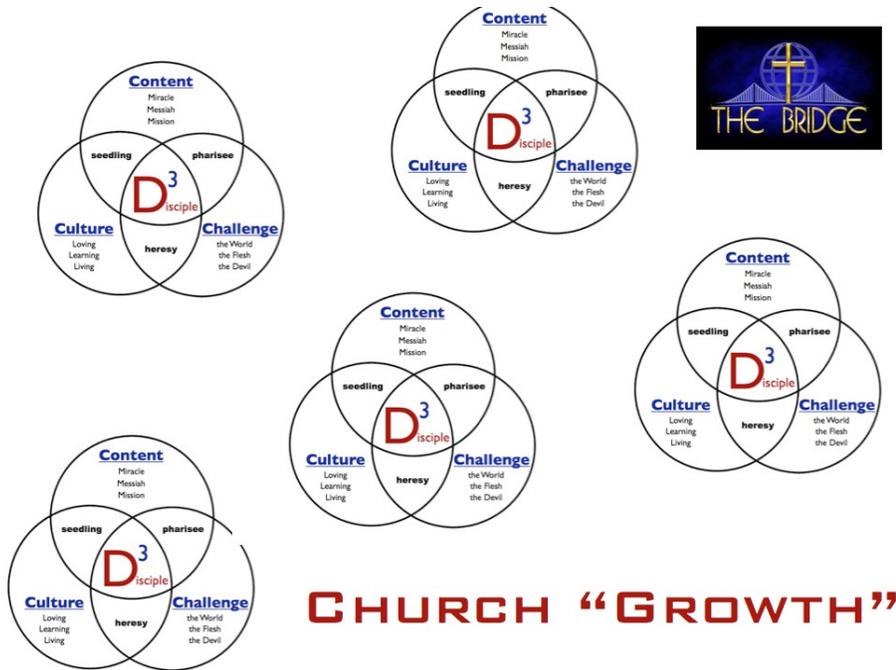
2. 3 circles: 3 critical, contextual components ...
A). Content; B). Culture; C). Conflict
3. Content = Disciple’s STORY;
Culture = Disciple’s STRATEGY
Conflict = Disciple’s STRUGGLES
4. Content = the Gospel
Culture = BE the Church
Conflict = Spiritual Warfare
5. Content = Miracle, Messiah, Mission
Culture = Loving, Learning, Living
Conflict = World Flesh Devil
6. “Seedling” = Content + Culture (lacking test)
7. “Pharisee” = Content + Challenge (lacking love)
8. “Heresy” = Culture + Challenge (lacks truth)

9. D3 = ALL 3 in unity...

DISCIPLESHIP CONTEXTUALIZATION



SLIDE #10 = "CHURCH GROWTH"



**Bonhoffer: Qt: *"When Christ calls a man...
He bids him: "Come and die!"***

John 15:18-20:

*"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. **20** Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.*

Matthew 10

English Standard Version (ESV)

The Twelve Apostles

10 ...Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction... **2** The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of (H)the Samaritans, **6** (I)but go rather to (J)the lost sheep of (K)the house of Israel. **7** And proclaim as you go, saying, (L)'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' **8** (M)Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, (C) cast out demons. (N)You received without paying; give without pay. **9** (O)Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, **10** no bag for your journey, or two tunics (D) or sandals or a staff, for (P)the laborer deserves his food. **11** And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. **12** As you enter the house, (Q)greet it.

13 And if the house is **(R)**worthy, let **(S)**your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let **(T)**your peace return to you. **14** And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, **(U)**shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. **15** Truly, I say to you, **(V)**it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for **(W)**the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Persecution Will Come

16 (X)“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be **(Y)**wise as serpents and **(Z)**innocent as doves. **17** Beware of men, for **(AA)**they will deliver you over to courts and flog you **(AB)**in their synagogues, **18 (AC)**and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, **(AD)**to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. **19 (AE)**When **(AF)**they deliver you over, **(AG)**do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for **(AH)**what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. **20 (AI)**For it is not you who speak, but **(AJ)**the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. **21 (AK)**Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, **22 (AL)**and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. **(AM)**But the one who endures to the end will be saved. **23** When they **(AN)**persecute you in one town, **(AO)**flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you

will not have gone through all the towns of Israel **(AP)** before the Son of Man comes.

24 (AQ) "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant_[e] above his master. **25** It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. **(AR)** If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign_[f] those of his household.

Have No Fear

26 "So have no fear of them, **(AS)** for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on **(AT)** the housetops. **28** And **(AU)** do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him **(AV)** who can destroy both soul and body in hell. _[g] **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?_[h] And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** But **(AW)** even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** Fear not, therefore; **(AX)** you are of more value than many sparrows. **32 (AY)** So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, **33** but **(AZ)** whoever denies me before men, **(BA)** I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

34 (BB) "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **(BC)** I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35 (BD)** For I have come **(BE)** to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. **36 (BF)** And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. **37 (BG)** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And **(BH)** whoever does not take his cross and **(BI)** follow me is not worthy of me. **39 (BJ)** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

40 (BK) "Whoever receives you receives me, and **(BL)** whoever receives me receives him who sent me. **41 (BM)** The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. **42** And **(BN)** whoever gives one of **(BO)** these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Deuteronomy 28:
Blessings for Obedience
&
Curses for Disobedience

“The constant in Scripture (from creation to culmination) is the covenant of Christ... & that covenant has two (and ONLY two) concrete consequences – heaven or hell. -JDP

Isaiah 46:8-9 = (Creator God = Sovereign God!)

*"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, **9** remember the former things of old; **for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,***

Isaiah 55:6-9: *"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; **7** let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. **9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Jeremiah 9:23-24: *This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, **24** but let the one who boasts boast that they have the understanding to know Me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.*

Acts 9:31:

"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up.

*And **walking in the fear of the Lord**
AND in the comfort of the Holy Spirit,
it multiplied."*

1 Peter 2:9-12 = *But you are (u)a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Keep in Step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-17 = But I say, (AD)walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify (AE)the desires of the flesh. 17 For (AF)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, (AG)to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Ministry of the Twelve

Luke 9:1-6 = And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. 2 And He sent them out to (B)proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. 3 And

He said to them, “(c)Take nothing for *your* journey, (D)neither a staff, nor a [a]bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not *even* have [b]two tunics apiece. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there [c]until you leave that city. 5 And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, (E)shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 Departing, they *began* going [d]throughout the villages, (F)preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Luke 9:23 – 27 = And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him (AK)deny himself and (AL)take up his cross (AM)daily and follow me. 24 For (AN)whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 (AO)For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For (AP)whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed (AQ)when he comes in (AR)his glory and the glory of the Father and of (AS)the holy angels. 27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not (AT)taste death (AU)until they see the kingdom of God.”

Exacting Discipleship

Luke 9:57-62 = As they were going along the road, (BI) someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the [ai]air have [aj]nests, but (BJ) the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." 59 And He said to another, "(BK) Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." 60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and (BL) proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." 61 Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but (BM) first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." 62 But Jesus said to him, "(BN) No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

Luke 10:1-20 = After this the Lord appointed (A) seventy-two[a] others and (B) sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 (C) And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. (D) Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; (E) behold, I am sending you out as lambs

in the midst of wolves. **4** (F) Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and (G) greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, (H) 'Peace be to this house!' **6** And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, (I) it will return to you. **7** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for (J) the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. **8** Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. **9** Heal the sick in it and say to them, (K) 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, **11** (L) 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that (M) the kingdom of God has come near.' **12** I tell you, (N) it will be more bearable on (O) that day for Sodom than for that town.

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

13 (P) "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in (Q) Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14** (R) But it will be more bearable in the judgment for (S) Tyre and Sidon than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, (T) will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to (U) Hades.

16 (v) "The one who hears you hears me, and (w) the one who rejects you rejects me, and (x) the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy-Two

17 (v) The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, (z) even the demons are subject to us in your name!" **18** And he said to them, (AA) "I saw Satan (AB) fall like lightning from heaven. **19** Behold, I have given you authority (AC) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of (AD) the enemy, and (AE) nothing shall hurt you. **20** (AF) Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that (AG) your names are written in heaven."

Luke 9:23-25 = how to lose soul...

Not "following" = "forfeiting"

Note: **Luke 9...** Jesus sends out the 12

Luke 10... the 72

Acts 1:8... the 120 / (ALL)

Note: **Luke 10:3** "*I am sending*"

= 1 Greek word: "apostello" (verb form of the noun for "apostle"/sent-one... Thus, while only the 12 were

given the office/title of Apostle, every disciple has been given the command (Matthew 28:19) to fulfill their own apostolic (sent to proclaim) ministry!

*** See Matthew 10:16... Disciples are not just "sent ones," we are "sent sheep in the midst if wolves."

Romans 10:9-17...

9 because, if (L)you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and (M)believe in your heart (N)that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, (O)"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 (P)For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; (Q)for the same Lord is Lord of all, (R)bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For (S)"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him (T)of whom they have never heard?[c] And how are they to hear (U)without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, (V)"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But (W)they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, (X)"Lord, who has believed what he has heard

*from us?" 17 So (v)faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ.*

Faith comes by hearing the Word of the gospel truth
(vs. seeing the people of God just living the gospel).

***** The Gospel's Biblical hierarchy:**

1. The Spirit of God
2. The Word of God
3. The People of God
 - A. Gospel Proclamation
 - B. Gospel Demonstration
 - C. Gospel Saturation

Let's Pray!