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Learning to walk as Jesus did

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Great Commission Mandate

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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**Discover
Demonstrate
Duplicate**

Series designed to:

- Take areas of biblical truth and provide avenues to begin taking steps of obedience.
- Small steps and starting points

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Three Big Concerns

1. We make this about the destination not the journey.
2. That we do not confuse walking like Jesus in obedience with earning our salvation
3. You would avoid being here or learning truth due to discomfort or unwillingness for change

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Being a disciple of Christ = being known

- our culture and community
 - * personal rights and choices
 - * social engagement w/o contact
 - * self reliance as a value
 - * new having more value than old

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Misconceptions In Christian Circles :

- going to a church = belonging to a church
- faith is a personal thing = my faith is a private thing
- institutional or leadership failures = distrust and shifting loyalty necessary

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1. Design of God

- Gen. 1:27 “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”**
- Gen. 2:18 “The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”**

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1. Design of God

- Gen 3:8-9 “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

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1. Design of God

- Gen 3:8-9

- Designed and created to have vertical and horizontal relationships. To know and be known – to need one another
- From marriage, family, chosen people, nation, church – deliberate

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2. N.T. Language on Life Together

– John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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2. N.T. Language on Life Together

- a. “We are... Members of one another”
– Rom 12:5**
- b. “Love one another with brotherly affection”
– Rom 12:10**
- c. “Out do one another in showing honour”
– Rom 12:10**
- d. “Pursue... for building one another”
– Rom 14:19**
- e. “Instruct one another...” – Rom 15:14**

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2. N.T. Language on Life Together

- f. “Have the same care for one another”
– 1 Cor 12:25**
- g. “Through love, serve one another”
– Gal 5:13**
- h. “Bear one another's’ burdens” – Gal 6:2**
- i. “With patience, endure one another”
– Eph 4:2**
- j. “Be kind to one another” – Eph 4:32**

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2. N.T. Language on Life Together

- k. “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ” – Eph 5:21**
- l. “in humility, consider others above yourself” – Phil 2:3**
- m. “Don’t lie to one another” – Col 3:9**
- n. “Encourage one another” – 1 Thess 4:18**
- o. “Always seek to do good to one another” – 1 Thess 5:15**

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2. N.T. Language on Life Together

- **Hebrews 10:24** “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...”
- **James** – ‘do not speak evil to one another’ (4:11), ‘don’t grumble against one another’ (5:9), ‘confess your sin to one another’ (5:16), ‘pray for one another’ (5:16)

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- 3. God Expects our Horizontal and Vertical relationships to be evident**
- Rom 15:5-7 “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

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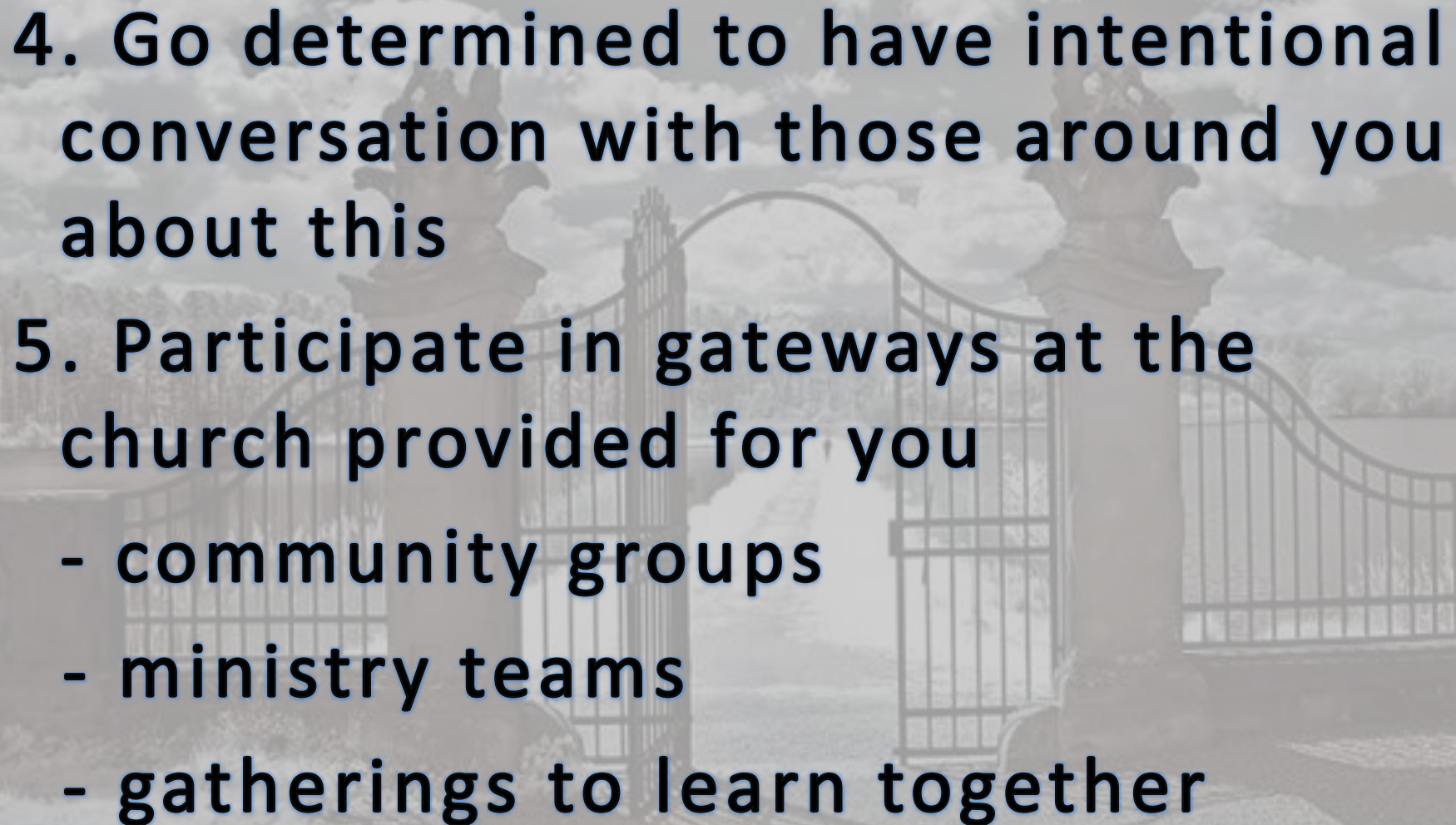
- 3. God Expects our Horizontal and Vertical relationships to be evident**
- 1 John 4:12 “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”**

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So What

1. Am I Known? Do I have authentic biblical community?
2. Am I Willing to be Known? Do I have barriers to obedience?
3. Is My Heart open to Scripture and to the Holy Spirit's leading on this issue?

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4. Go determined to have intentional conversation with those around you about this
 5. Participate in gateways at the church provided for you
 - community groups
 - ministry teams
 - gatherings to learn together

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