

## GAME CHANGING CONVICTIONS

### Who's Your One? – Part 5 of 5

*“19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

*“I have chosen you and appointed you that you should go and bring forth much fruit and that your fruit should remain.” John 15:16*

*“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18b*

*“1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' 5 Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they begin to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch people.' 11 So they pulled their boats up on the shore, left everything and followed him.” Luke 5:1-11*

## FOUR GAME CHANGING CONVICTIONS

**GAME CHANGER #1:** Helping people take **STEPS** towards faith in Christ is the core mission of the church

*“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.” Luke 15:7*

*“Jesus looked at His disciples, and He said, 'Follow Me and I'm going to make you fishers of men.'” Matthew 4:19*

*“Who appointed me a judge or arbiter between you?” Luke 12:14*

**GAME CHANGER #2:** Each year, an increasing percentage of people in our culture have to be reached **OUTSIDE** of the church.

*“11 It was he Jesus, who gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip God's 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.” Ephesians 4:11-13*

**GAME CHANGER #3:** Jesus's promises about the rapid expansion of the gospel requires both a refocused and **REVITALIZED** local church and the **PLANTING** of new healthy churches, not just gathering and counting.

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12*

*“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.” John 16:7*

**GAME CHANGER #4:** Influence in the world only comes through death to **SELFISHNESS** and **APATHY** in the heart of each Christ Follower.

*“24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. 25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. 26 Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me...” John 12:24-26*

*“24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross and follow me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.’” Matthew 16:24-25*