

## GROWTH TRACK

### Lesson Four

#### The Local Church

#### The Great Commission

1. Three legged plan to build the Church. **Matthew 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

a. Prayer - **Acts 2:42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

b. Evangelism - sharing the gospel with others

c. Discipleship - modeling and teaching others who have believed.

2. True Evangelism

a. Is being so filled with Jesus that wherever we go, we discover people who need to know Him.

b. Loving God is a call to love others. **Luke 10:27** So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

c. Jesus wants to make us fishers of men. **Mark 1:17** Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

3. The Oikos principle.

a. Oikos means household or family. The people we relate to on a regular basis.

b. Cornelius invites his oikos to meet with Peter to hear the gospel. **Acts 10:24** And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

c. A jailor's entire household came to Christ in **Acts 16:31** So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

4. Kinds of people in your Oikos.

a. Family, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and others with whom you have regular contact, your warm market.

b. Levi invites business associates to hear Jesus. **Luke 5:29** Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

c. Philip's friendship with Nathaniel brought him to Jesus. **John 1:45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

5. Spend time mentoring others.

a. Jesus spent time with 12 to mentor them. **Mark 3:14-15** Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demon

b. Making disciples is laying down our lives for others. Taking time needed to see them grow spiritually.

6. Hospitality in Homes.

a. Hospitality in homes is a powerful way of being involved in discipleship. **1 Peter 4:9** Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

b. We should practice hospitality. **Romans 12:13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

7. Sowing your life into others.

a. **John 12:24** Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.