Greater Things - Week 3

Paul's Blueprint for the Nations:

1. Invest in People, Not Programs

- Paul empowered leaders to lead.
- Leaders' role: equip and empower others, not do all the work.
- Examples of disciples Paul invested in: Timothy, Titus, Silas, Aquila & Priscilla.

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."

Reflection Question:

- Who is God calling me to invest in this week?
- Am I building programs or people?

2. Build Communities, Not Crowds

- Paul didn't just gather large crowds.
- He planted hub communities of believers in strategic cities.
- Goal: a network of people living on mission.

Reflection Question:

How can I be part of a community that multiplies disciples?

3. Focus on Reproducing, Not Growing

- More people ≠ more disciples.
- Multiplying disciple-makers = multiplication of believers.
- Example: Paul's "School of Tyrannus" (Acts 19:8-10)
 - Paul left the synagogue and taught daily in a lecture hall.
 - Within 2 years, all Jews & Greeks in the Province of Asia heard the Word of the Lord.

Reflection Question:

Am I helping others reproduce faith, or just gather numbers?

Replicating Paul's Strategy Today - CF's Blueprint to Build World Changers

Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Our children's and student ministries work together as one unified discipleship system.

Reflection Question:

How can I invest in the next generation to build world changers?

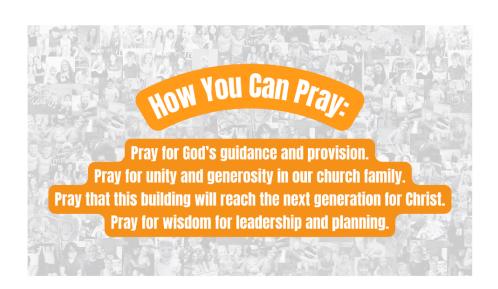
Takeaway:

- Programs don't multiply people people do.
- Paul's strategy: equip leaders → build communities → reproduce disciples → impact the world.
- CF's strategy: unified discipleship from nursery to graduation → building a movement.

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Coming up:

No children's ministries on Wed 10/15-Fall break

- Romania Mission trip 10/8-10/17
- Baptism Sunday 10/26
- Night of Worship
 10/29 @6pm

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