



Center City Church

JANUARY VISION SERIES

The Design of Discipleship

God's strategy to strengthen souls

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'multiplying disciples'

Genesis 3:

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Matthew 28:

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2 Timothy

2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, **2** and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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Outline

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To bring glory to God, through more and more image bearers, until the earth is filled with the glory of God.

Hebrews 1:1-3

2 in these last days he (GOD) has spoken to us by his Son (Jesus), whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,** and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Colossians 3:10

¹⁰ put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge **after the image of its creator.**

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Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled

with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.