

**3 + 12 + 72
= DISCIPLESHIP**

**DISCIPLESHIP CIRCLES
FOR TRANSFORMATION**

TRANSFORMATION

2 Pet 3:18 - *grow* in grace and knowledge

Eph 4:13 - *continual maturing* in faith, knowledge, and the work of ministry, where you know you are done maturing when you measure the same in those areas as Christ (ie: you never stop :)

Heb 6 - *continual maturing* beyond the elementary doctrines

1 Pet 2 - *growing up* into your salvation

1 Cor 14:20 - *growing* a mature intellect

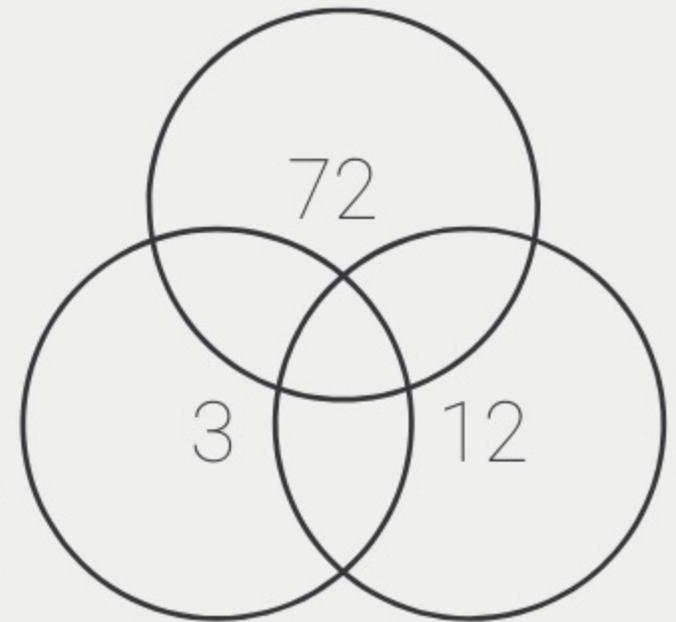
Rom 12:2 - *be transformed by the renewing* of your mind

2 Cor 3:18 - “and we all with unveiled face, as we continually behold the glory of the Lord are *being transformed* into the same image from one degree of glory to another...

BELIEVE, REPENT, CONFESS:

Not just the way *in*,
but the way *of*.

**THESE ARE THE 3
IDEAL GROUPS
YOU SHOULD BE
SHOOTING FOR IN
ORDER TO
PRODUCE
MEANINGFUL
TRANSFORMATIVE
OPPORTUNITIES.**



THE THREE:

JAIRUS' DAUGHTER - MARK 5

Jesus was teaching them trust in him and each other by a **private experience of his power**. This was not to be used as testimony at the time, but for a while was kept as a **close friend experience that grew their trust in Jesus and each other**.

THE THREE:

TRANSFIGURATION - MARK 9

“questioning:” suzēteō = debate

If you don't have a few others that have **the requisite demonstrated loyalty to Jesus and each other for serious debate**, you are probably not growing as much as you could as a disciple.

THE THREE: **MOUNT OF OLIVES - MARK 13**

These close circles provide the context for disciples **to face uncertain and potentially uncomfortable futures together.**

THE THREE:

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE - MARK 14

Very close groups are also the ones
**where failure can be recognized
and addressed.**

THE TWELVE



The twelve are the ones you are not only spending your life *with*, they are the ones you wrestle Scripture with, and figure out how to apply it *to* your life.

THE 72

The local church isn't just a place to find "threes" and "twelves" (although they are here). The 72 had a commission and ministry that saw people healed and evil displaced. **The big group had a mandate that made Jesus himself rejoice.** And so does your local church.

