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Week 2

KEY TEXT – Mark 3:13-21

“He appointed twelve so that they could be with him and he could send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14 ESV

(THE GENESIS PRINCIPLE) – Read Genesis 2:1-25

- Why did the Lord say it was not good to be alone?
- What is the difference between being alone and being lonely?
- What was the purpose of marriage?
- In what ways is being in a group similar or different than being in a group – as it relates to our needs and desires?

(THE ECCLESIASTES PRINCIPLE) Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- How does this passage compare to Genesis 2:18?
- What are some of the benefits of having Christian friends?
- Who is in your circle of three?

(DISCIPLESHIP) Read Matthew 28:18-20

- Pastor Mark talked about three types of disciples: the curious disciple, the convinced disciple, and the committed disciple.
- **The curious disciple:** not yet a believer or follower of Christ, but examining who Christ is and what it means to follow Christ.
- **The convinced disciple:** a believer in Christ, they are convinced that Christ is the Son of God and that he died on the cross and rose again so that we might have life in his name.
- **The committed disciple:** a believer who is fully devoted to following Christ and loving others deeply.
- Which stage of discipleship are you currently in? What is your next step, believing in Christ, getting baptized, or getting plugged into a small group here at the Chapel?

“Biblical community is a group of diverse people who share a common bond in Jesus Christ, also a common commitment to follow Christ by modeling love and acceptance in open and transparent relationships so that they might fulfill a common mission, bringing others into the community.” Weekend Message

- How would you define Biblical community?
- Compare this definition with Mark 3:13-21.

(HOSPITALITY) (Philoxenia) Love for Strangers

- Read Romans 12:9-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11
- According to Paul and Peter, what does it look like to show hospitality to those within the church?
- The word hospitality means the love for strangers. In what ways have you been hospitable and in what ways can you become more hospitable?

(THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES) Read John 15:1-17

- What does it mean to have a relationship with Christ?
- What were Jesus’s expectations of his disciples as they related to them and their group?
- Why does Jesus make “love for one another” the main commandment, far above all other commandments?
- What are 2 or 3 takeaways from John 15 that you can immediately apply in your life and small group?

(MESSAGE RECAP) The Ins and Outs of Groups

- **Follow Christ** – being involved in a group is essential because this is the model that Christ gave us on how to do life with Christ and others.
- **Pray First** – praying is vital when it comes to having a healthy small group. Pray for your group, your leader, and those who will eventually be in your group.
- **Hang with Jesus** – make sure that Jesus is in the center of your group. Jesus should ultimately be the leader of every group.
- **Love Wins** – the win for every group should be to love others.