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SHARING
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ACTS 4:32-37

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³² Now the entire group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held everything in common. ³³ With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them. ³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them,

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brought the proceeds of what was sold,
³⁵ and laid them at the apostles' feet. This
was then distributed to each person as any
had need.

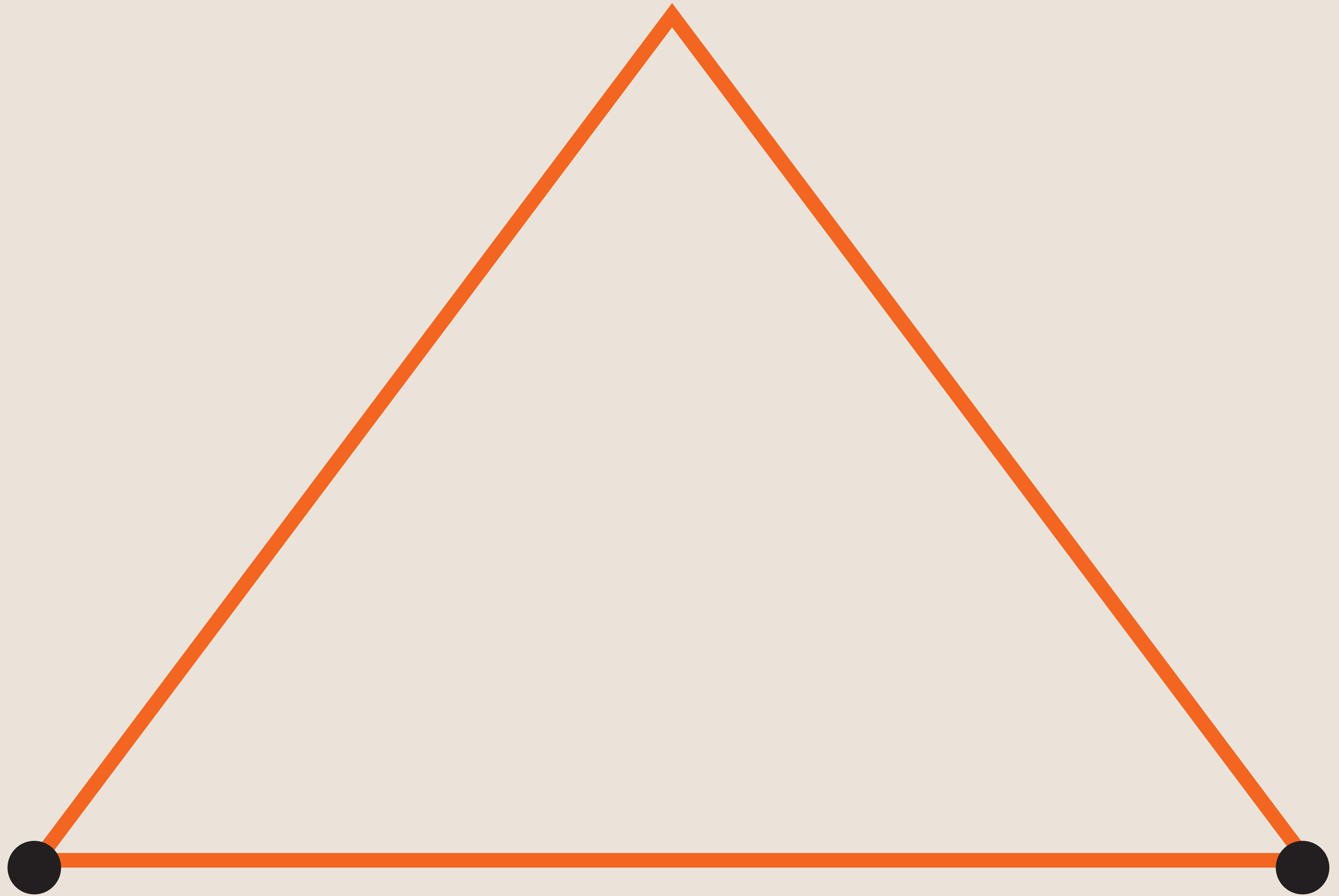
³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the
one the apostles called Barnabas (which is
translated Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ sold a
field he owned, brought the money, and laid
it at the apostles' feet.

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1. They sensed a **common purpose**. (vs. 32)

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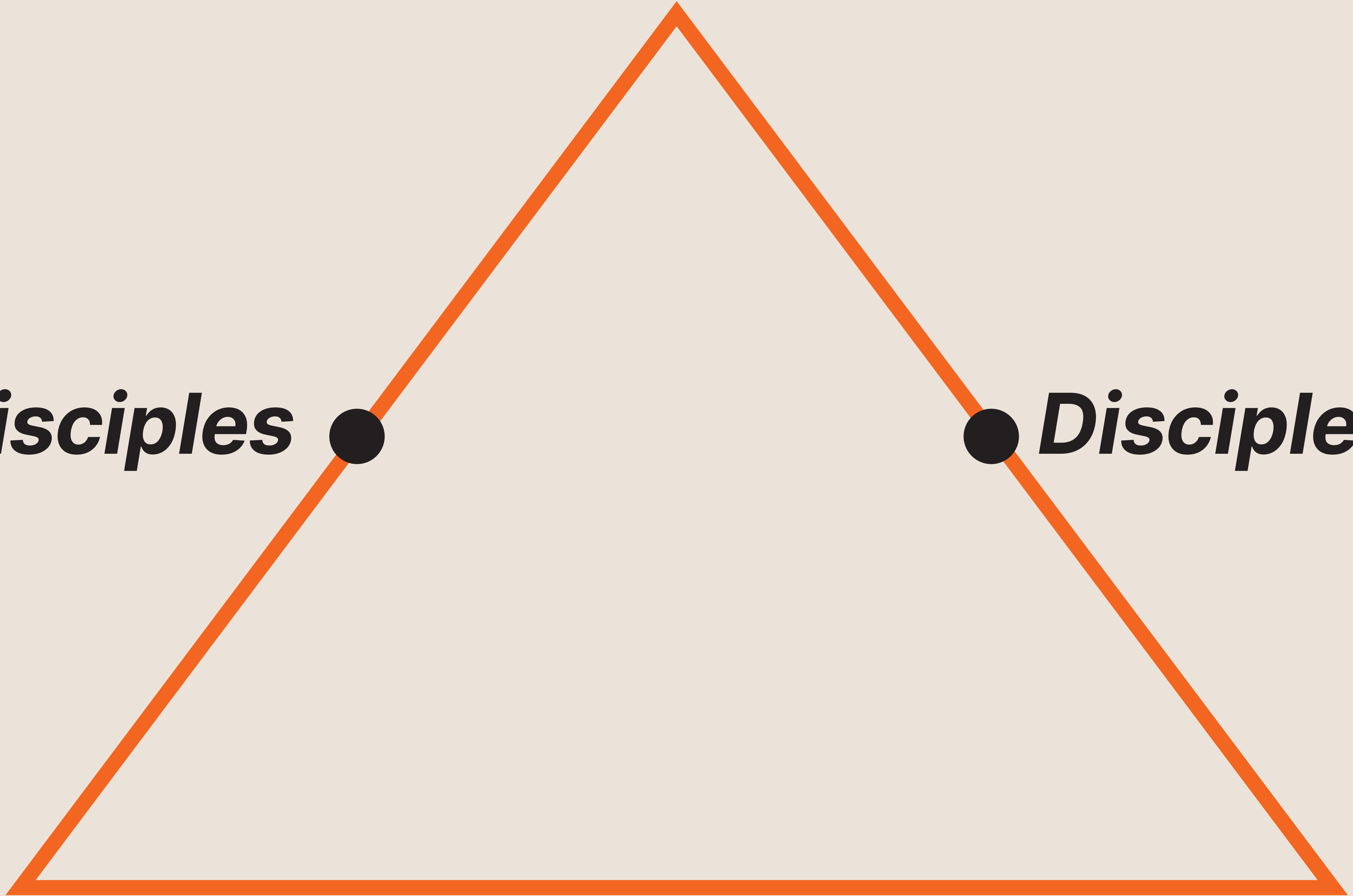
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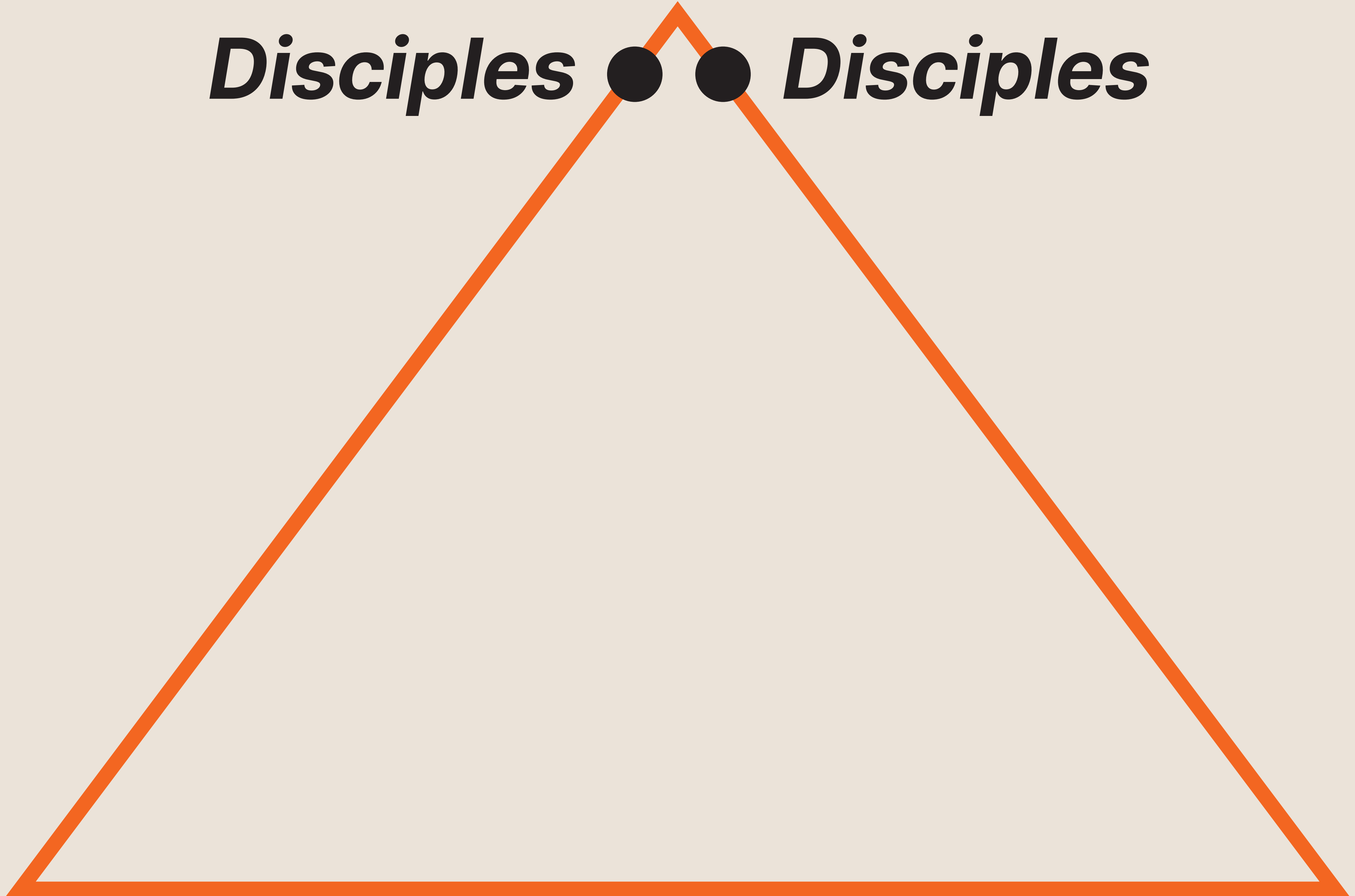


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If we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we
have fellowship with
one another.

1 John 1:7



**2. They showed a
dynamic power. (vs. 33a)**

³³With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

**3. They shared a
great grace. (vs. 33b)**

³³...and great grace was on them all.

4. They supported others with *great generosity*. (vs. 34–37)

³⁴For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of what was sold, ³⁵and laid them at the apostles' feet...

Placing the money at the apostles' feet suggests:

- 1. Confidence in leadership**
- 2. Sensitivity to needs**
- 3. Genuine sacrifice for others**
- 4. Personal involvement**

Four implications we need to think about:

- 1. True unity is a central mark of God's work in a local church.**
- 2. Unity is seen by the way we treat each other.**
- 3. The world responds when our message is accompanied by visible love.**
- 4. Sharing with the needy is a primary sign of God's grace at work.**