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NEW YEAR, ON THE RIGHT TRACK! – Part 2

## **“What is My Role?”**

### **KISS Principle (Keep It Simple Saints)**

Where are we going? Why does it matter? What is *my* role?

#### **Great Commandment**

**Jesus:** “<sup>37</sup>...‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-39 ESV)

#### **Great Commission**

**Jesus:** “<sup>18</sup>...‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

#### **WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

We’re seeking to be faithful to Jesus’ commands in the Great Commandment and Great Commission to lead everyone to become more like Jesus.

#### **WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**

Because everyone needs Christ in their lives, and Jesus created the Church, not an institution but a movement of people, to be his hands and feet and voice to share this Good News with a world that is dying apart from it.

#### **WHAT IS MY ROLE?**

**We tend to want instant results, but that often leads to us facing lots of ups and downs and typically fails to look at the overall context and long haul.**

**We tend to want to aim just for hitting high points, like we can cherry pick our way from peak to peak without also going through valleys, and so we tend to discount the importance of daily routines and practices.**

#### **MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY (Insert)**

- **Non-Believer**
- **New Believer**
- **Growing Believer**

James 2:17 (ESV): "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

- Devoted Believer

A "Devoted Believer" isn't a *destination* we arrive at but a *journey* that increasingly mirrors Jesus' life and teachings.

It's helpful to have some idea of where we are on this journey, but what also matters is which direction we're headed, toward growth or decay.

- Stuck

#### Four Areas That Disciples Routinely Engage In To Grow:

1. We COMMIT to Christ, God's Word and Prayer because *We believe* that having personal intimacy with God brings about true transformation.

2 Timothy 3:16-4:5

2. We CONNECT with one another because *We believe* we connect relationally to grow spiritually.

Colossians 3:12-17

3. We SERVE one another because *We believe* that serving others demonstrates God's love.

Luke 22:25-27, Mark 10:45

4. We SHARE the Good News because *We believe* that we are ALL called to share Jesus because God desires ALL to be saved.

Jesus: "'For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.'" (Luke 19:10 NLT)

#### Three Areas To Help Equip The Saints In This Journey:

1. Attend Worship

The word "worship" says what we do - we worship *God*.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** (NLT): “<sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

2. **Serve on a Team**

3. **Join a Group**

Get the *Life Journal* Bible Reading Plan at [gateway-community.org/Find-it](http://gateway-community.org/Find-it)

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