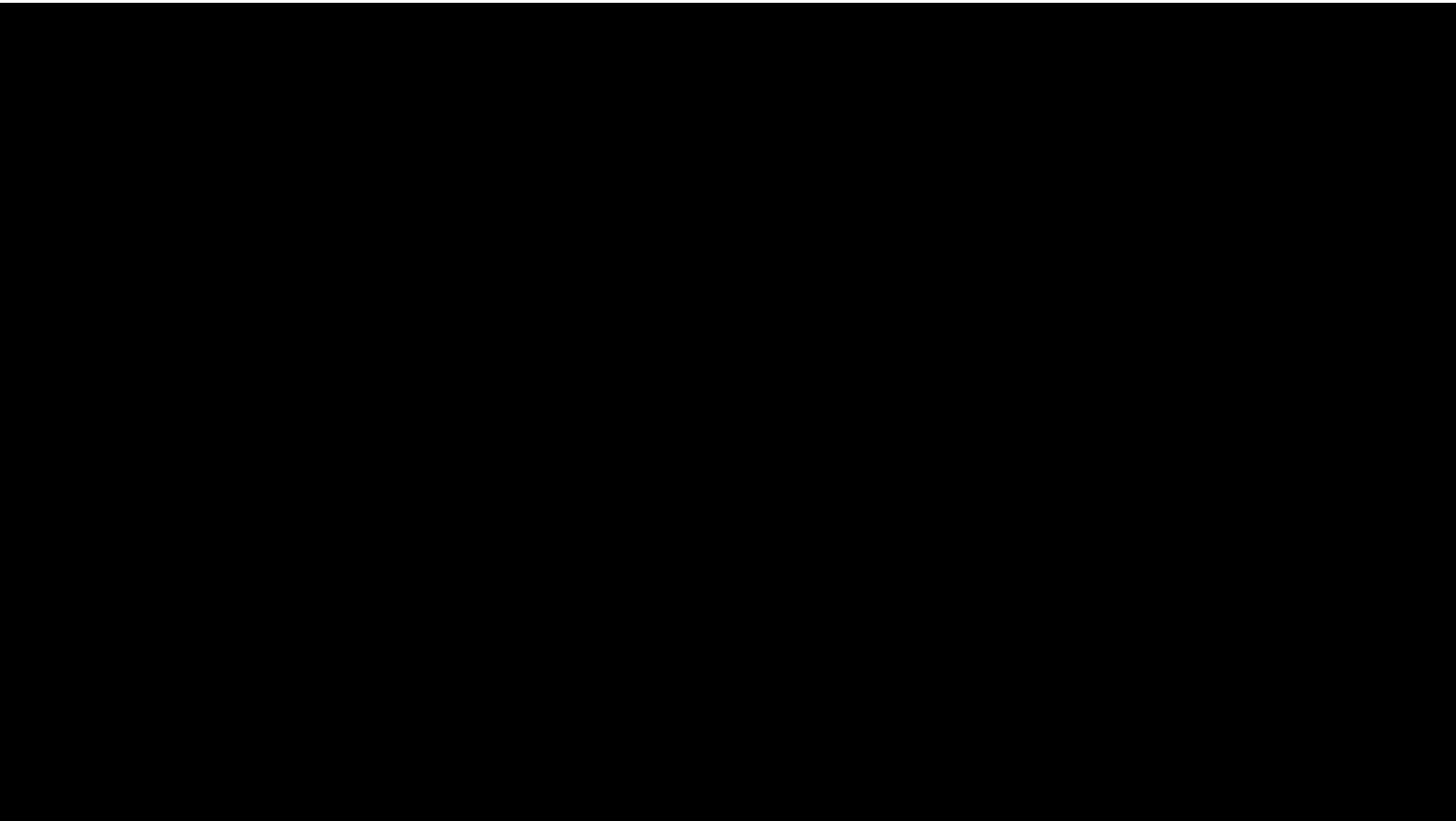




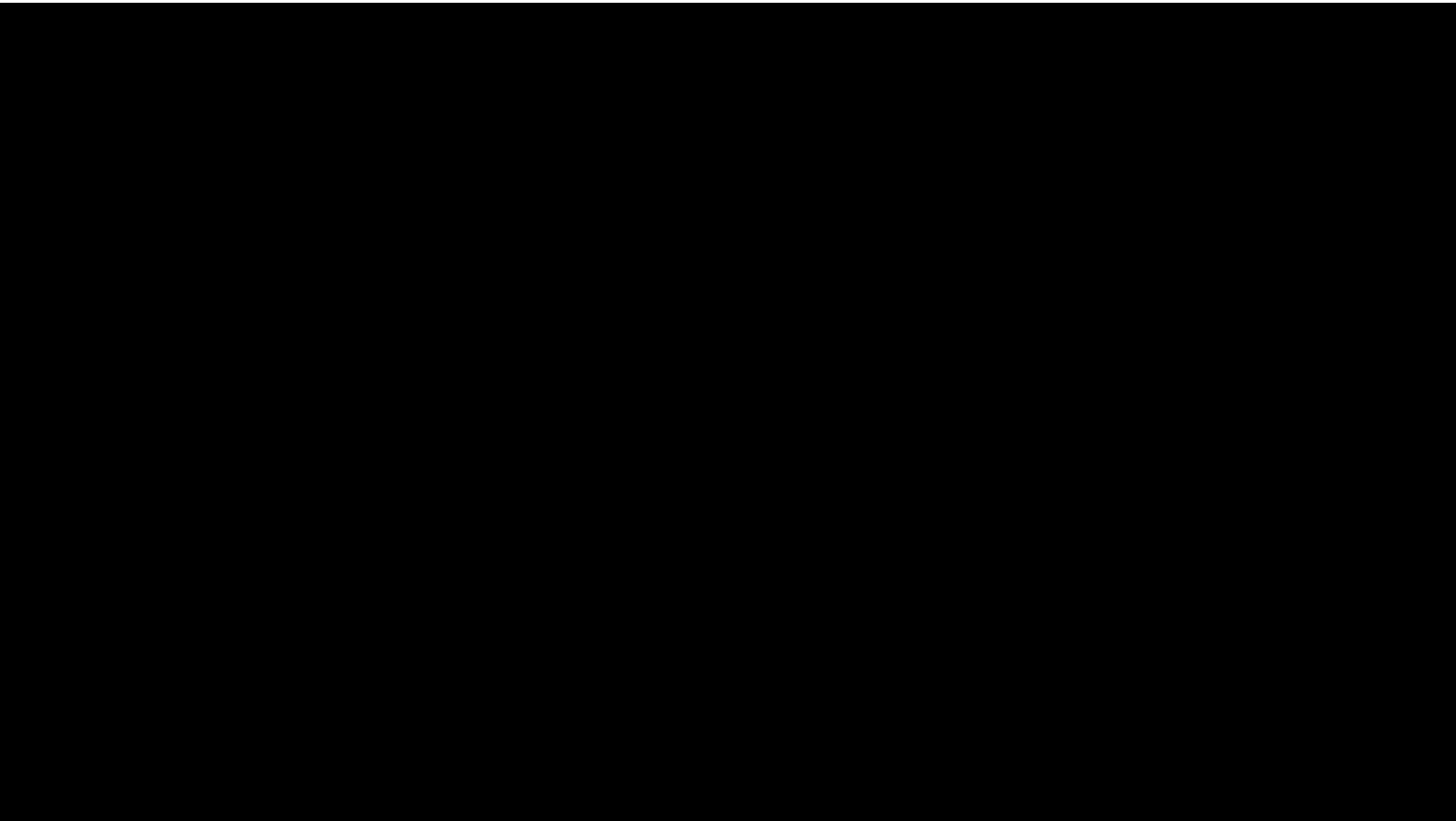
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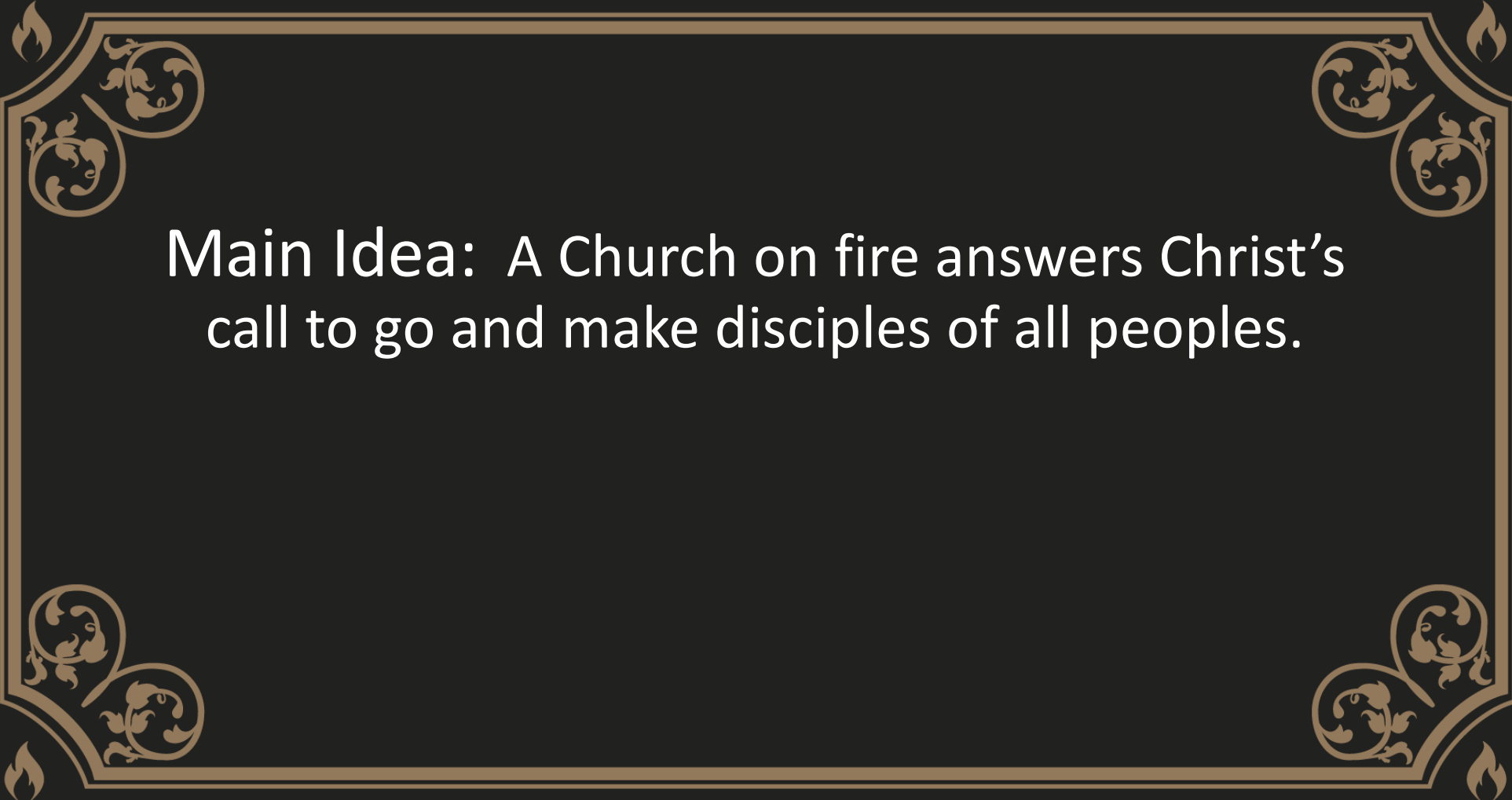
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FOLLOWING JESUS' CALL
ACTS 8:1-17; 10:1-23

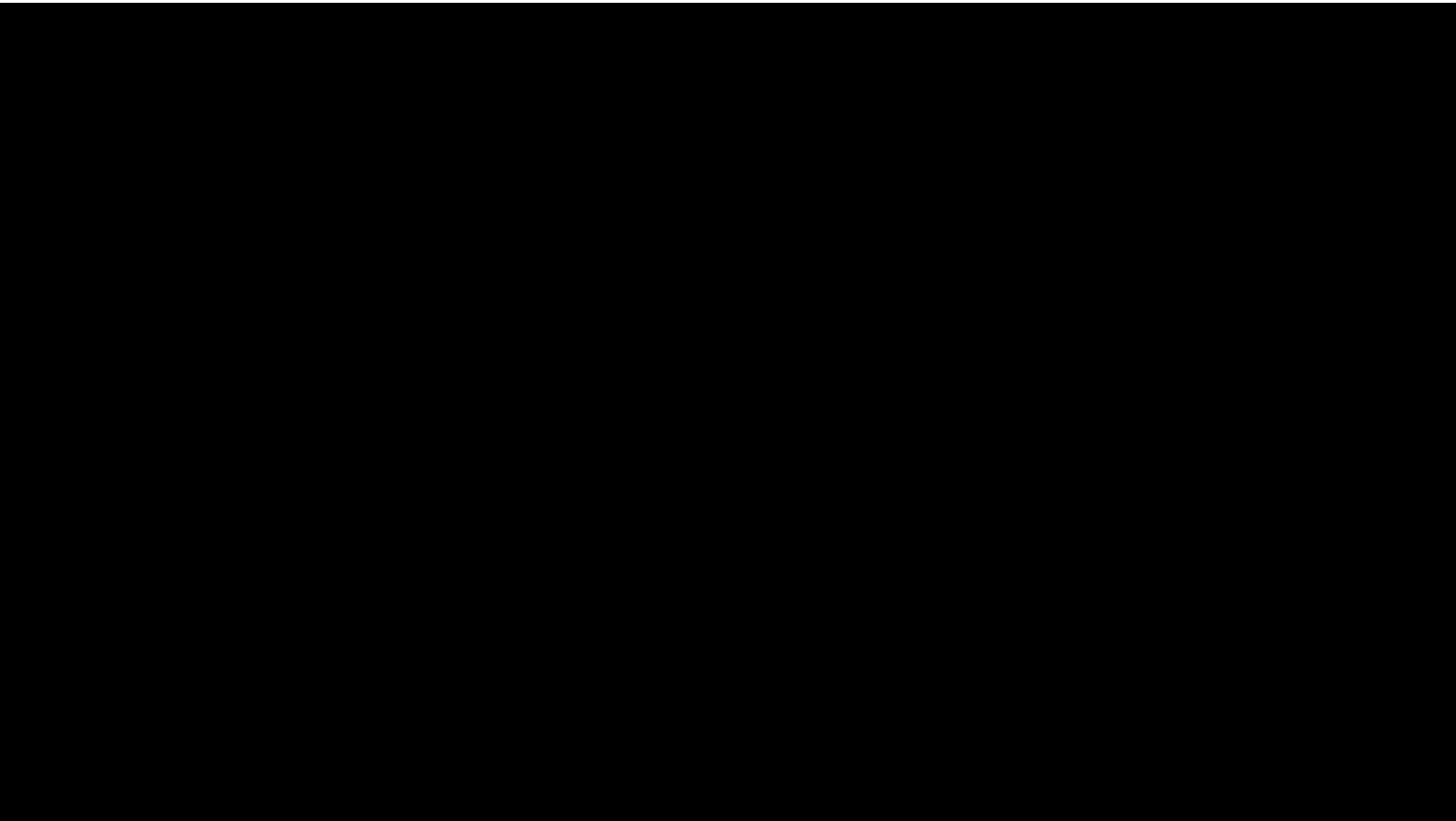




Main Idea: A Church on fire answers Christ's call to go and make disciples of all peoples.

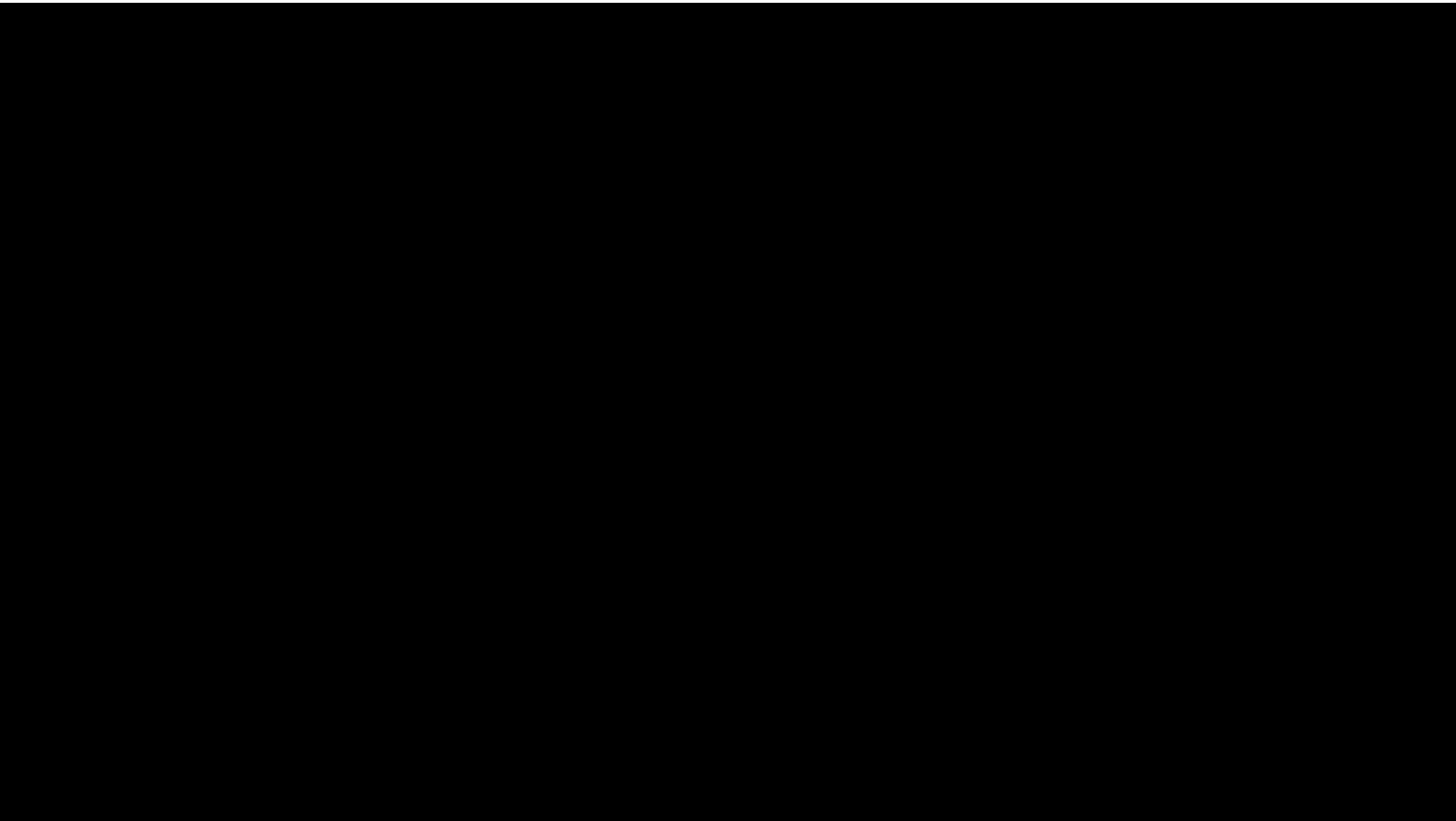
GENESIS 12:2-3

2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. 3 And I will bless those that bless you, and curse those who curse you. And in you all the families on the earth will be blessed.”



MATTHEW 28:19-20

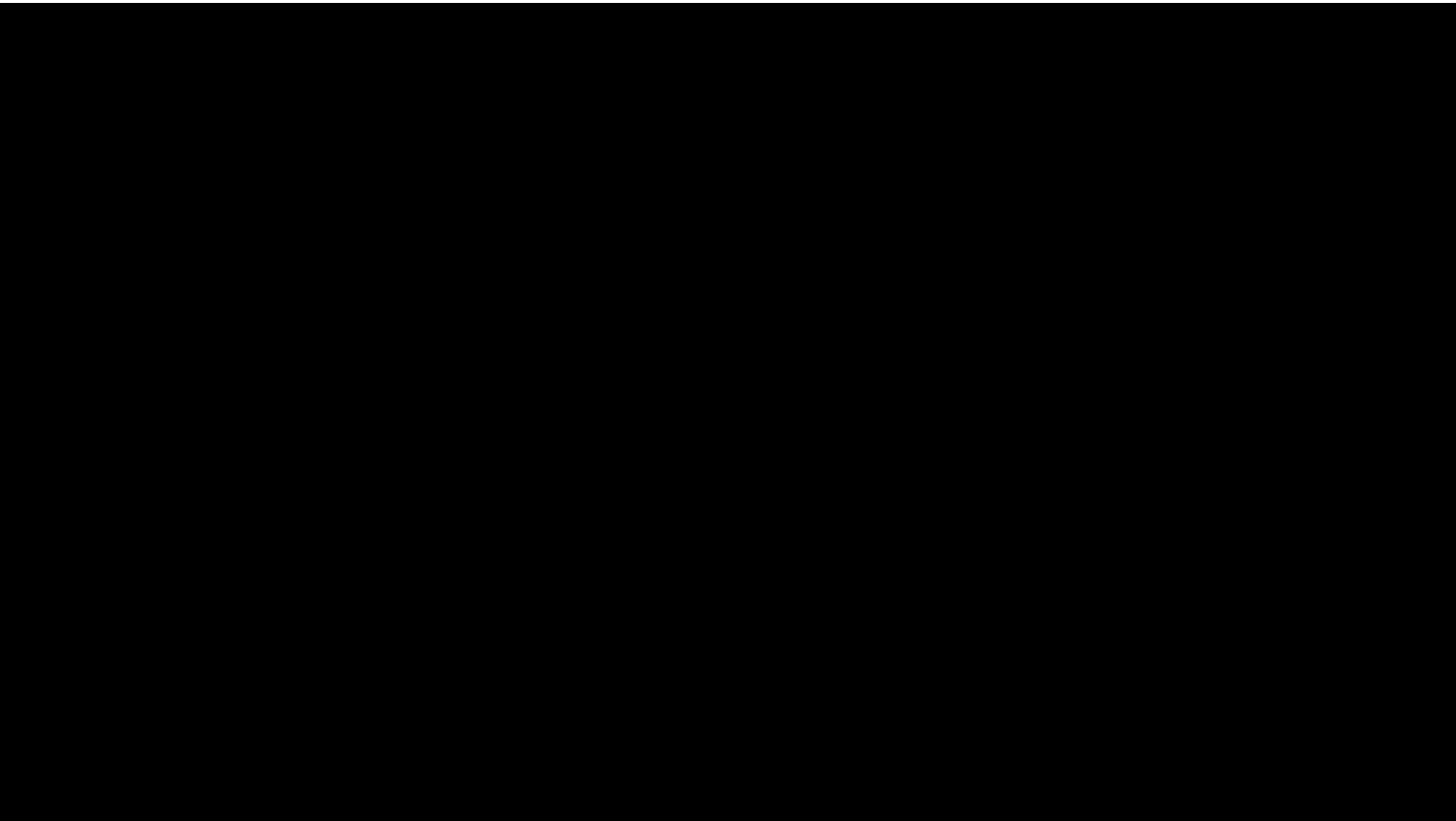
¹⁹ “Therefore, go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. And I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

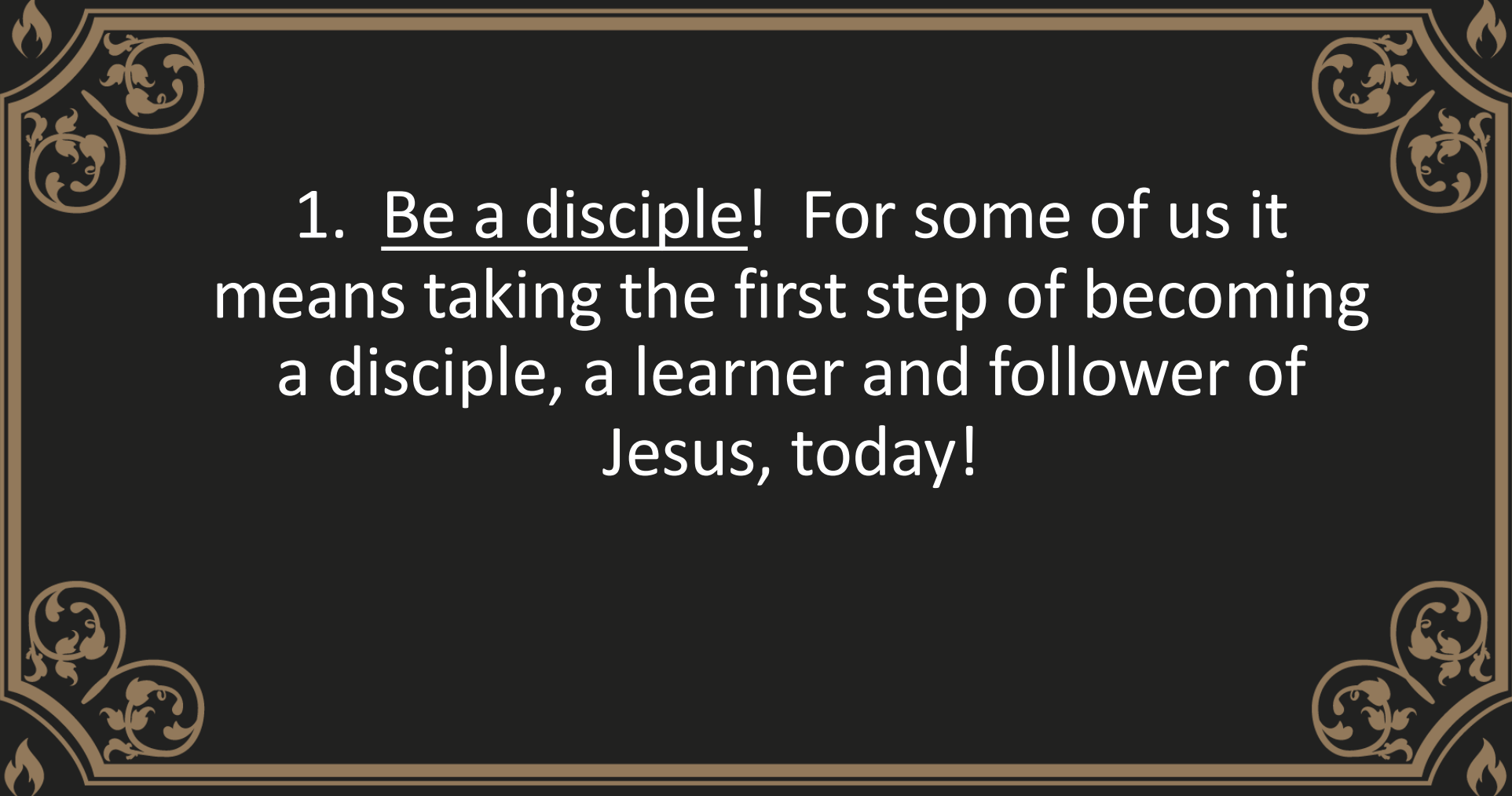




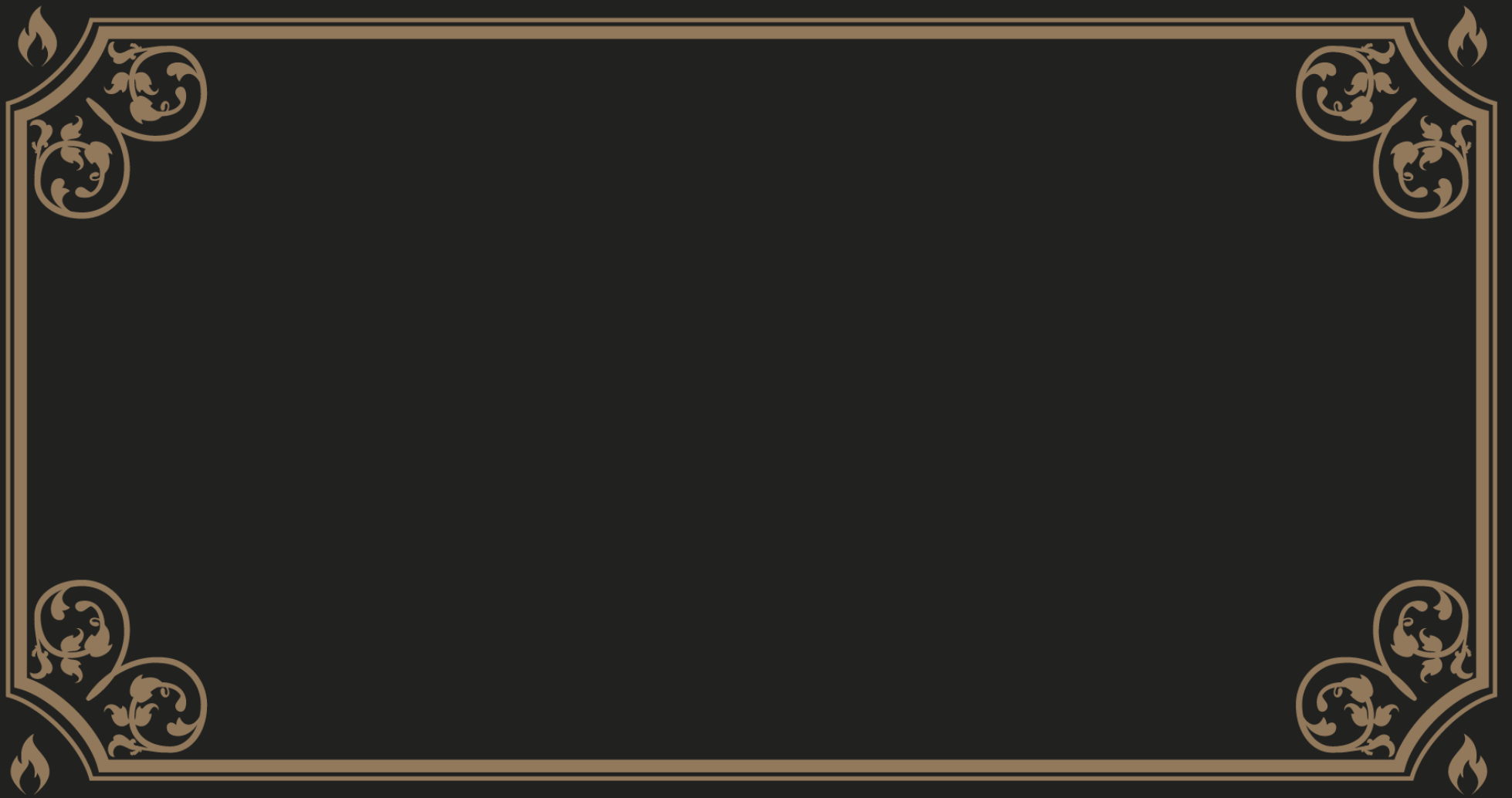
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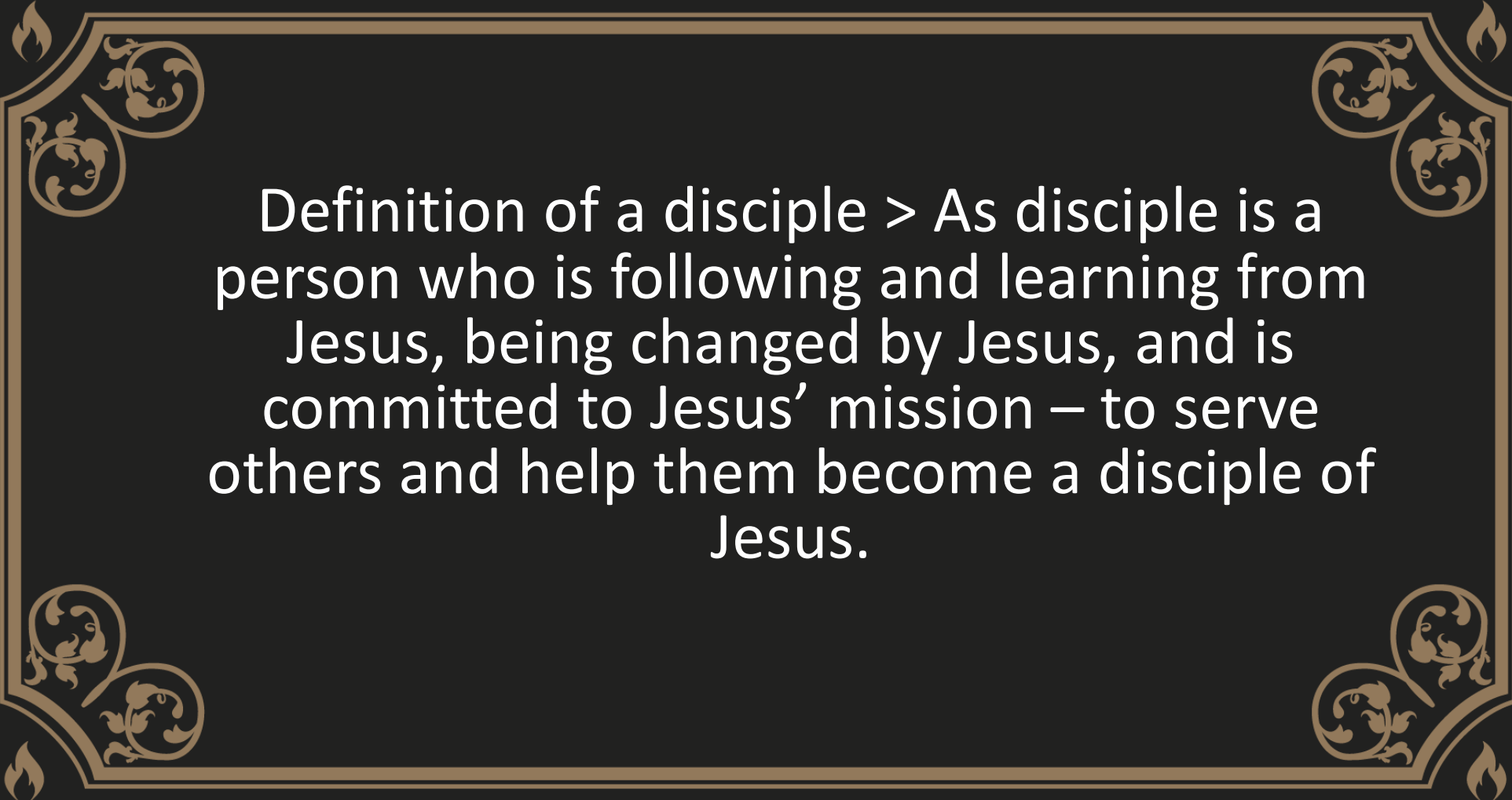
8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



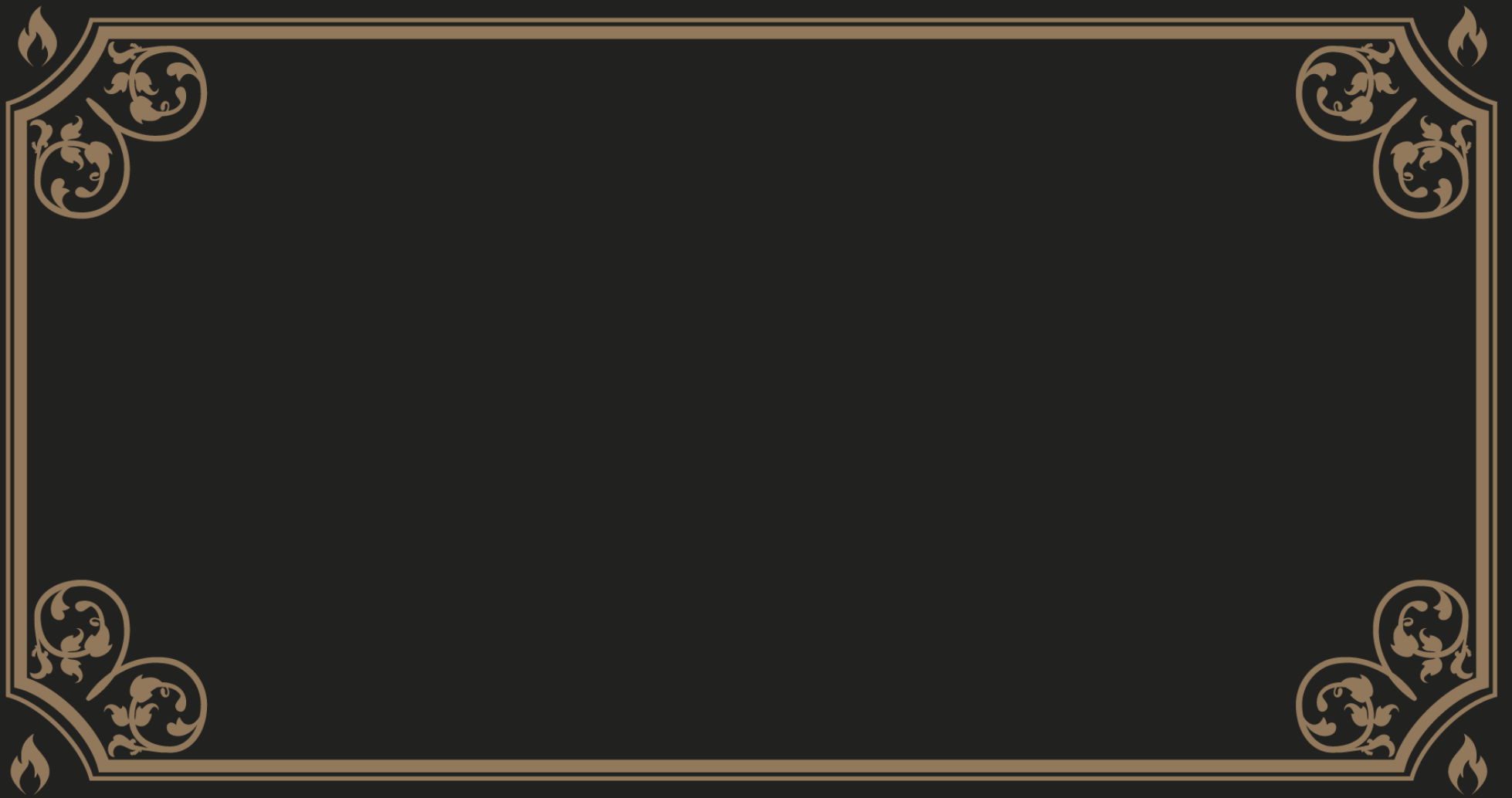


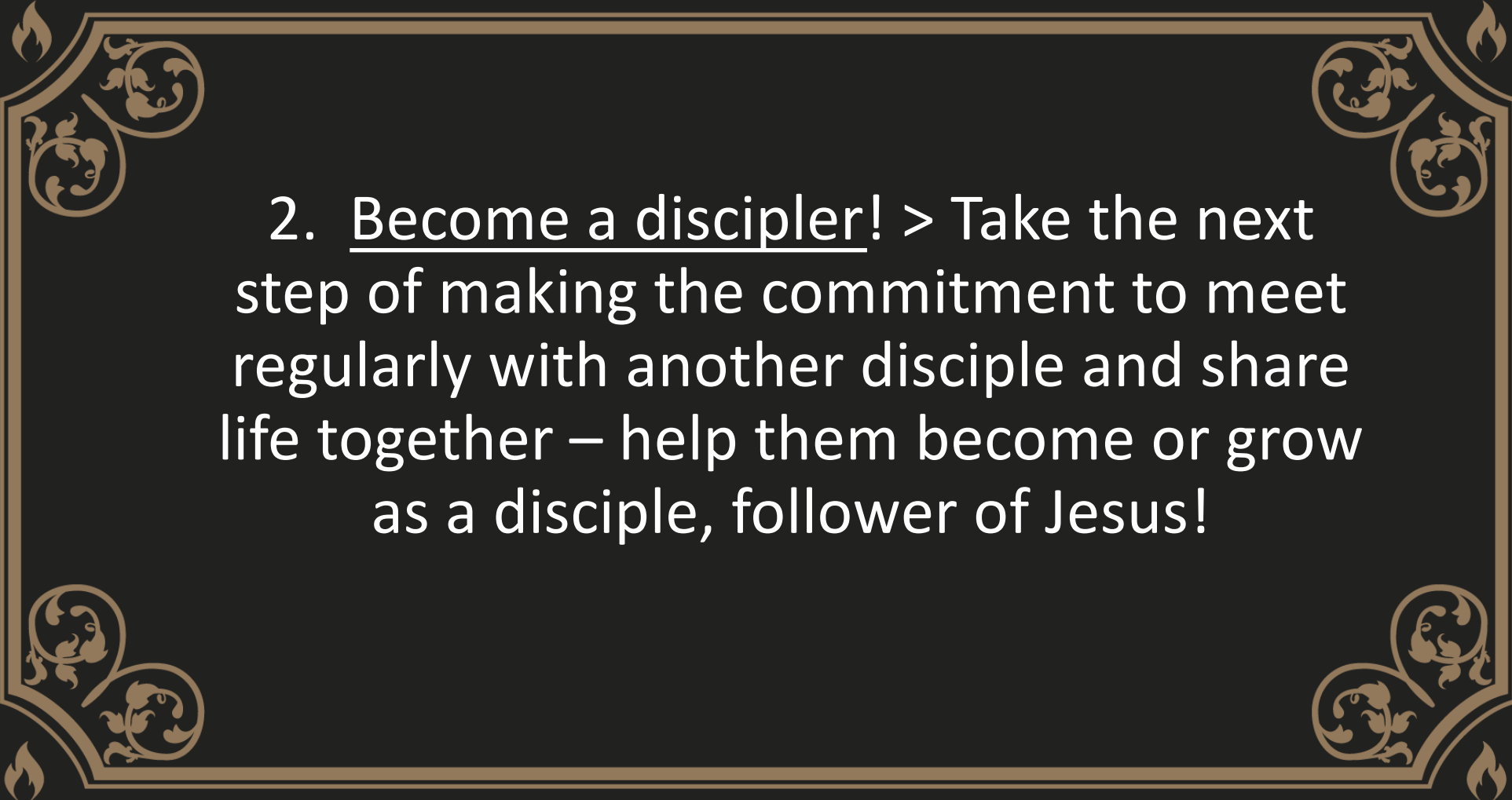
1. Be a disciple! For some of us it means taking the first step of becoming a disciple, a learner and follower of Jesus, today!



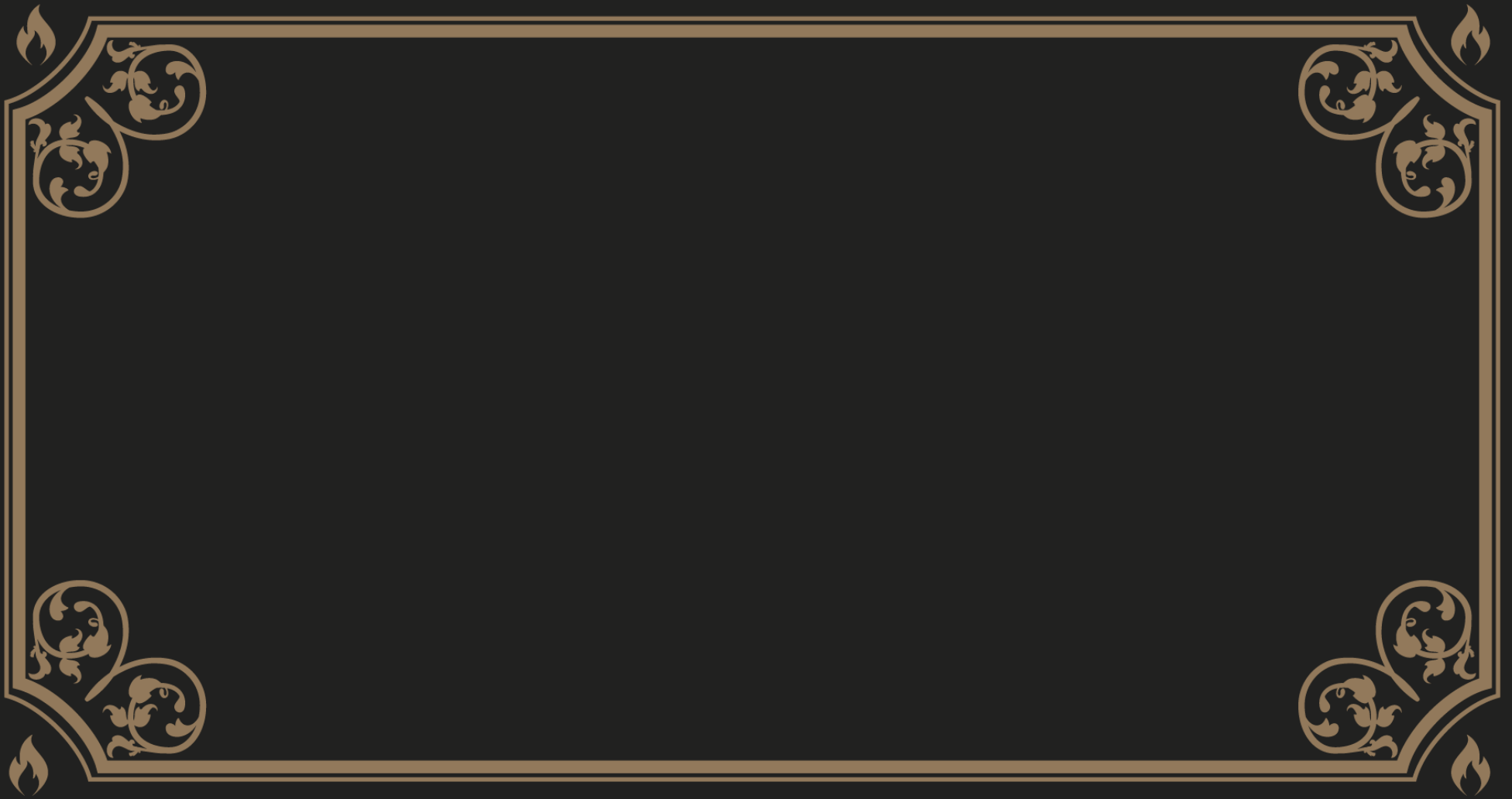


Definition of a disciple > As disciple is a person who is following and learning from Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to Jesus' mission – to serve others and help them become a disciple of Jesus.





2. Become a discipler! > Take the next step of making the commitment to meet regularly with another disciple and share life together – help them become or grow as a disciple, follower of Jesus!



ACTS 8:1-8

That very day the church in Jerusalem began to suffer cruel persecution. All the believers, except the apostles, were scattered throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. Some devout men buried Stephen, mourning for him with loud cries. But Saul tried to destroy the church; going from house to house, he dragged out the believers, both men and women, and threw them into

ACTS 8:1-8

jail. The believers who were scattered went everywhere, preaching the message. Philip went to the principal city in Samaria and preached the Messiah to the people there. The crowds paid close attention to what Philip said, as they listened to him and saw the miracles that he performed. Evil spirits came out from many people with a loud cry, and many paralyzed and lame people were healed. So there was great joy in that city.



ACTS 8:12-17

But when they believed Philip's message about the good news of the Kingdom of God and about Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself also believed; and after being baptized, he stayed close to Philip and was astounded when he saw the great wonders and miracles that were being performed.

The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of

ACTS 8:12-17

Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.





3. Be a missionary! > Chapter 10:1-23

-As God sent Peter to the Gentiles, He may be calling some here to go fulltime to other peoples!

ACTS 10:1-23

There was a man in Caesarea named Cornelius, who was a captain in the Roman army regiment called "The Italian Regiment." He was a religious man; he and his whole family worshiped God. He also did much to help the Jewish poor people and was constantly praying to God. It was about three o'clock one afternoon when he had a vision,

ACTS 10:1-23

in which he clearly saw an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius!" He stared at the angel in fear and said, "What is it, sir?" The angel answered, "God is pleased with your prayers and works of charity, and is ready to answer you. And now send some men to Joppa for a certain man whose full name is Simon Peter. He is a

ACTS 10:1-23

guest in the home of a tanner of leather named Simon, who lives by the sea." Then the angel went away, and Cornelius called two of his house servants and a soldier, a religious man who was one of his personal attendants. He told them what had happened and sent them off to Joppa.



ACTS 10:34-44

Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know of the great event that took place throughout the land of Israel, beginning in Galilee after John preached his message of baptism. You know about

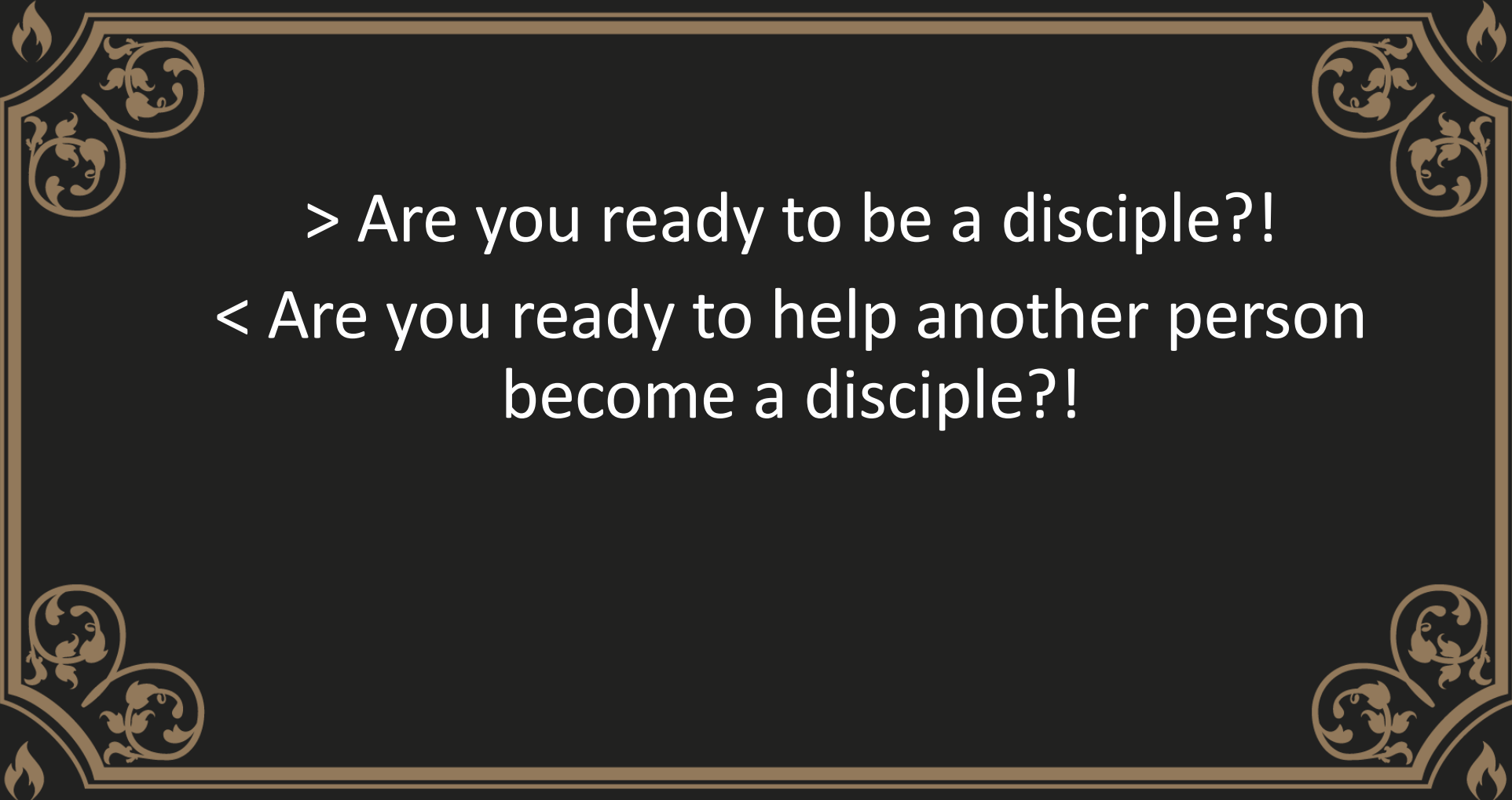
ACTS 10:34-44

Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of everything that he did in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem. Then they put him to death by nailing him to a cross. But God raised him from death three days later and caused him to appear, not to everyone, but only to the witnesses that God had already chosen, that is, to us who ate and drank with him after He rose from death. And He is the

ACTS 10:34-44

one who commanded us to preach the gospel to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God has appointed judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets spoke about him, saying that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name." While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were listening to his message!





> Are you ready to be a disciple?!

< Are you ready to help another person
become a disciple?!





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