

THE WAY OF JESUS: GREATER

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*“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even **greater** things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)*

[1. God’s church is an empowered church]

John 14:12

- Greater = μέγας (*megas*)

[2. The Holy Spirit is the agent of empowerment]

Acts 1:8; Luke 7:28; John 14: 16–18

- Potential (potent): powerful, able, capable, possible
- We create orphan mentality when we foster non-empowering cultures

[3. An empowered church is a fruitful church]

John 14:25,26; Eph 4:11-16; Acts 4:13-14

- Equip = καταρτισμός (*katartismos*): to adjust, to put in order, to restore, to furnish completely.
- The mark of a healthy church is not the quality of the sermon but the fruit produced by the body.
- It’s hard to have the same fruit as the early church when we value knowledge that they didn’t have above the Holy Spirit that they did have
- Before we represent Jesus to the church we need to re-present Jesus to the church

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had the experience of comparing yourself to other Christians and feeling disqualified from being used in God’s Kingdom?
 - a. What sort of gifts/situations make you feel this way?
 - b. How do verses like Luke 7:28; Eph 2:10; 1 Pt 4:10; 1 Cor 12:18-26 challenge the lies the enemy speaks?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says we will do “greater things” (John 14:12)?
 - a. What sort of “things” did Jesus do?
 - b. What might it look like if our church did “greater things”?
3. What are the marks of a healthy church?
 - a. Look at the Scriptures listed in #3 on the left.
 - b. What other Scriptures can you think of that describe a healthy church?
 - c. What is your role in helping Grace Chapel be a healthy church?
 - d. What gifts do you have that God might want you to start using in His Kingdom?