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LEVERAGING

ALL THAT WE HAVE

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations

— Matthew 28:19

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“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who are identified as Christians will become disciples students, apprentices, practitioners of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.”

— Dallas Willard

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4 INGREDIENTS OF TRANSFORMATION

PRESENCE - HOLY SPIRIT

PROBLEMS - TRIALS

PRACTICE - VALUES

PEOPLE - COMMUNITY

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***THE CHURCH IS MEANT TO BE
A REFUGE FROM THE WORLD
AND A REFUGE FOR THE WORLD***

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HOSTILE

“Belonging to an enemy.”

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About that time there arose a great
disturbance about the Way

— Acts 19:23

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So too, at the present time there is
a remnant chosen by grace.

— Romans 11:5

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I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

— Romans 8:18-19

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FUTURE GLORY
IS SEEN THROUGH
PRESENT GLIMPSSES

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God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

— Ephesians 1:5 NLT

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but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 3:15 NAS

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HOUSEHOLD [OIKOS]

“House, Dwelling Place, Habitation.”

LEVERAGING

***A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES
MOVES US FROM
A BROKEN ECOSYSTEM TO
A BRILLIANT ECOSYSTEM***

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

— Acts 2:42 CSB

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All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts

— Acts 2:43-46

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In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

— 2 Corinthians 8:2-5

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends.

— John 15:15

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FRIENDSHIP SHEPHERD [RA`AH]

“Close friend.”

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***JESUS' STRATEGY
WAS CALLED
FRIENDSHIP WITH
PURPOSE***

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***IF YOU WANT THE
LIFE OF JESUS, YOU
HAVE TO TAKE ON
THE LIFESTYLE OF
JESUS***

LEVERAGING

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down
one's life for one's friends.

— John 15:13

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***LEVERAGING IS
INVITING***

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***THE WORD
“INVITED” MEANS
AT THE TABLE***

LEVERAGING

***JESUS LEVERAGED
POSITION FOR
PROXIMITY***

LEVERAGING

***JESUS MOVED
FROM SANITIZED
TO SCANDALIZED***

LEVERAGING

***JESUS EXCHANGED
WHAT HE HAD FOR
WHAT THEY DIDN'T***

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***LEVERAGING IS
INVESTING***

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The members of the Council were amazed to see how bold Peter and John were and to learn that they were ordinary men of no education. They realized then that they had been companions of Jesus.

— Acts 4:13 GNBUK

LEVERAGING

***LEVERAGING IS INVESTING
WITH YOUR POSSESSIONS,
WITH YOUR PAIN,
WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
WITH YOUR PASSIONS,
WITH YOUR POSTURE,
WITH YOUR PRAYERS,
WITH YOUR PERSPECTIVE.***

LEVERAGING

***SOMETIMES WE WANT
DIVINE OINTMENT
ON OUR WOUNDS.***

***WHEN GOD WANTS
DIVINE ANOINTING
ON OUR WOUNDS.***

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***LEVERAGING IS
INSPIRING***

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***THE SECRET TO
DISCIPLESHIP IS
NOT ABOUT BEING
PERFECT BUT
BEING A PARTNER.***

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**LEVERAGING
MOVES US FROM A
LIFE OF SUCCESS
TO A LIFE OF
SIGNIFICANCE.**

LEVERAGING

***SUCCESS IS
DETERMINED BY
WHAT YOU BUILD.***

***SIGNIFICANCE IS
DETERMINED BY
WHO YOU BUILD UP.***

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***HOW YOU
LEVERAGE
REVEALS WHERE
YOU ALIGN.***

LEVERAGING

***LEVERAGING IS
WHEN GOD TAKES
YOUR SUBTRACTION
AND ADDS HIS
MULTIPLICATION.***

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**LEVERAGING
HAPPENS WHEN
GOD PUTS
HIS SUPER TO
YOUR NATURAL.**

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SELF-
PRESERVATION
GETS IN THE WAY
OF SPIRIT-
PRESENTATION

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***LEVERAGING OFTEN
LEADS TO RELEASING***

***LACK OF LEVERAGING
OFTEN LEADS TO
REGRETTING***

LEVERAGING

***A LEVERAGING COMMUNITY
REVEALS OURSELVES IN
COMPARISON TO JESUS,***

***NOT JUST IN CONTRAST
TO THE CULTURE.***

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does being a place of refuge mean to you?
2. What areas of your life can you leverage for Jesus and others?
3. Is there anyone you are inviting or investing in spiritually?
4. In what ways can you participate in helping others grow spiritually?

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