

# *CULTIVATING*

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But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

— 1 John 2:5-6

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I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last

— John 15:15-16

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# ***AUTHENTIC FRUIT***

Love  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Faithfulness  
Gentleness  
Self-Control

# ***ARTIFICIAL FRUIT***

Lust  
Pleasure  
Escapism  
Avoidance  
Manipulation  
Obligation  
Striving  
Passivity  
Sin Management



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# ***FORMATIONAL SEASONS***

## **Season of Darkness**

God seems distant, life is hard

A lie: "You are **Abandoned**"

Fruit: Persevering Faith

## **Season of Distance**

God seems distant, life is good

A lie: "You are **enough**"

Fruit: Pursuing Faith

## **Season of Discipline**

God seems closer, life is hard

A lie: "You are **Punished**"

Fruit: Pruning Faith

## **Season of Delight**

God seems closer, life is good

A lie: "You have **arrived**"

Fruit: Producing Faith

from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

— Ephesians 4:16 NASB1995

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So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

— 1 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV

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# ***FOUR SPACES OF BELONGING***

Intimate Space

Personal Space

Social Space

Public Space

**2-4**

**5-12**

**20-50**

**70+**

**Vulnerability**

**Accountability**

**Availability**

**Visibility**

# ***THE POWER OF DISCIPLESHIP***

*Experiencing and Expressing the Essence of Jesus.*

# ***THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP***

*Discipleship is the life-transforming journey of doing life with others and being fully known (**Friendship**) as we pursue and practice the life of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit (**Purpose**).*

# ***THE PLAN OF DISCIPLESHIP***

*Invite, Invest, and Inspire.*





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# ***CURIOUS FOLLOWER***

*Those who follow Jesus with caution  
but are openly seeking.*

# ***CONFLICTED FOLLOWER***

*Those who want what Jesus offer  
but also want what the world offers.*



# ***CASUAL FOLLOWER***

*Those who believe fully in Jesus but follow  
as a consumer when it is convenient.*

# ***COMMITTED FOLLOWER***

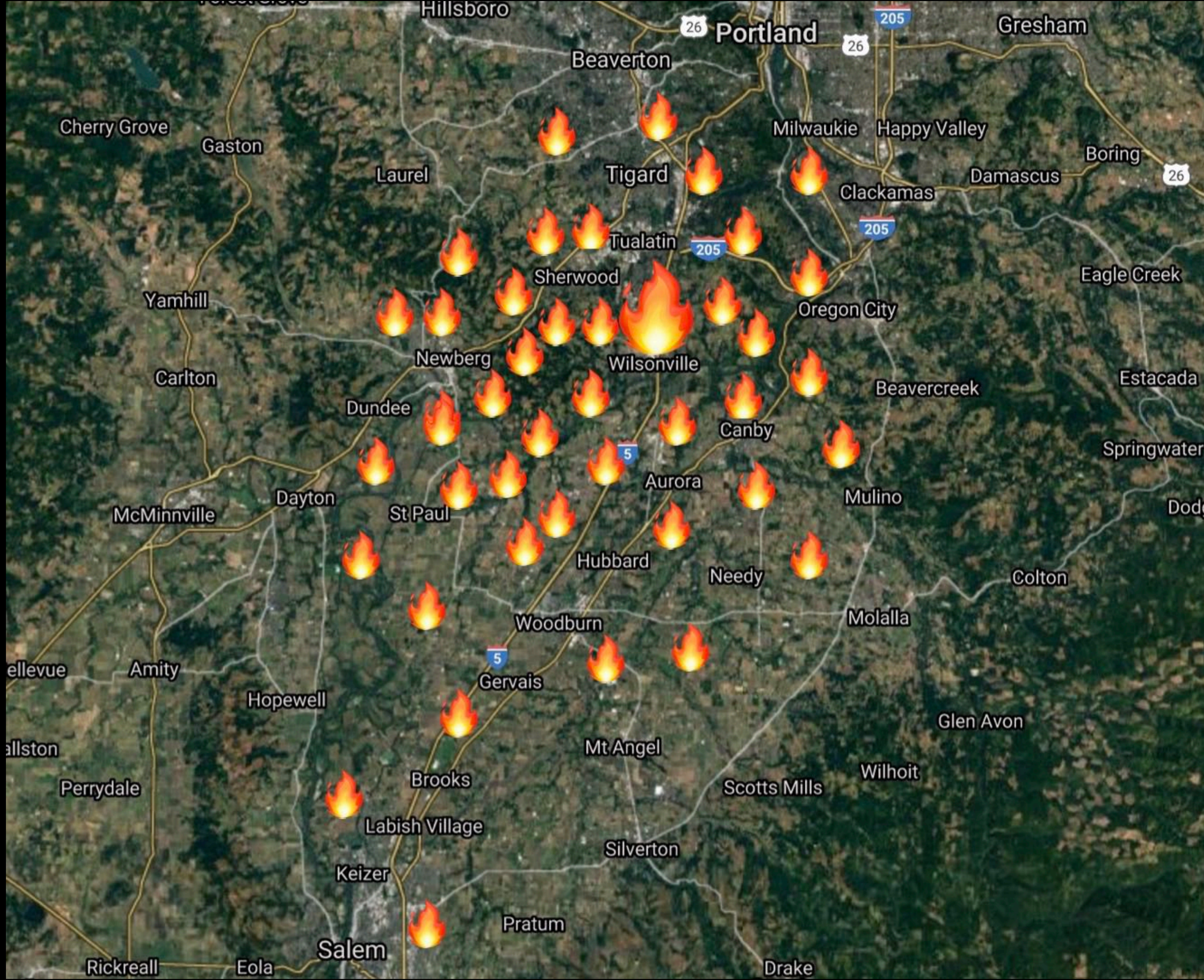
*Those who are all in and fully devoted  
their lives to risking and following Jesus.*

# ***CONNECTED FOLLOWER***

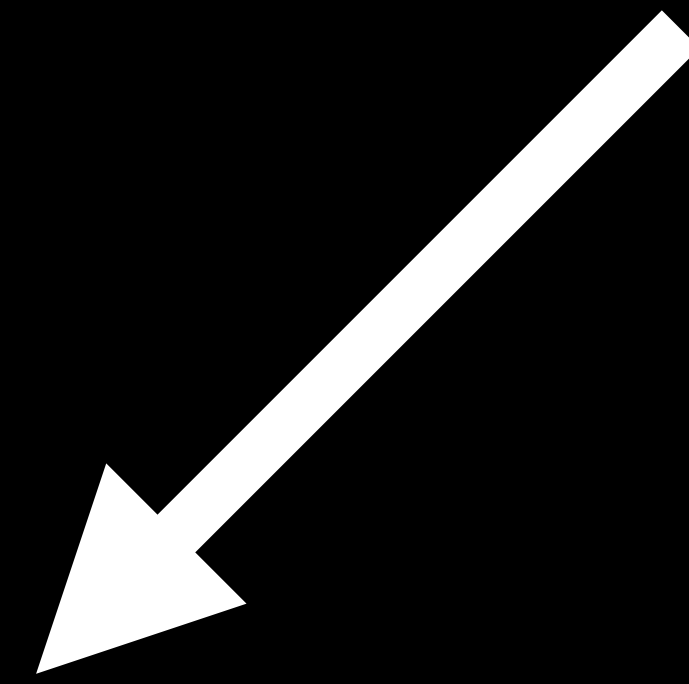
*Those invested in a discipleship group  
and helping to cultivate Jesus in others.*



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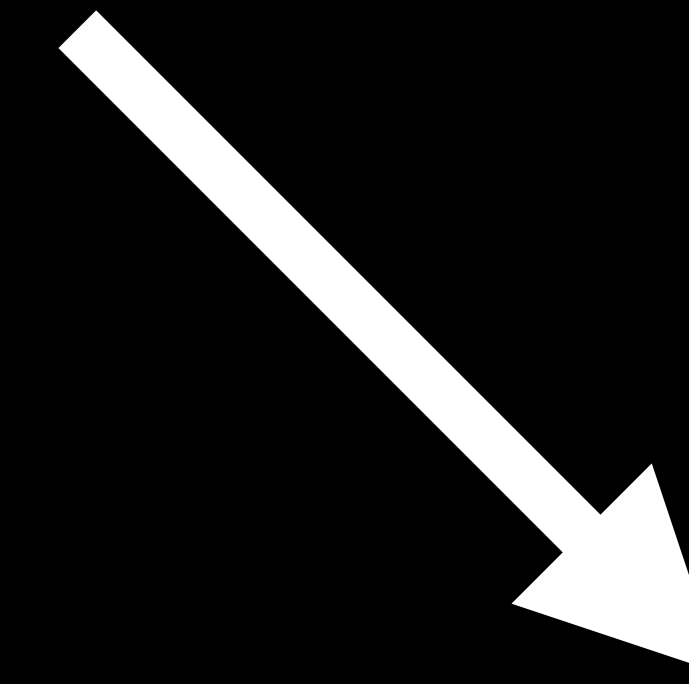


# ***GROUPS***



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