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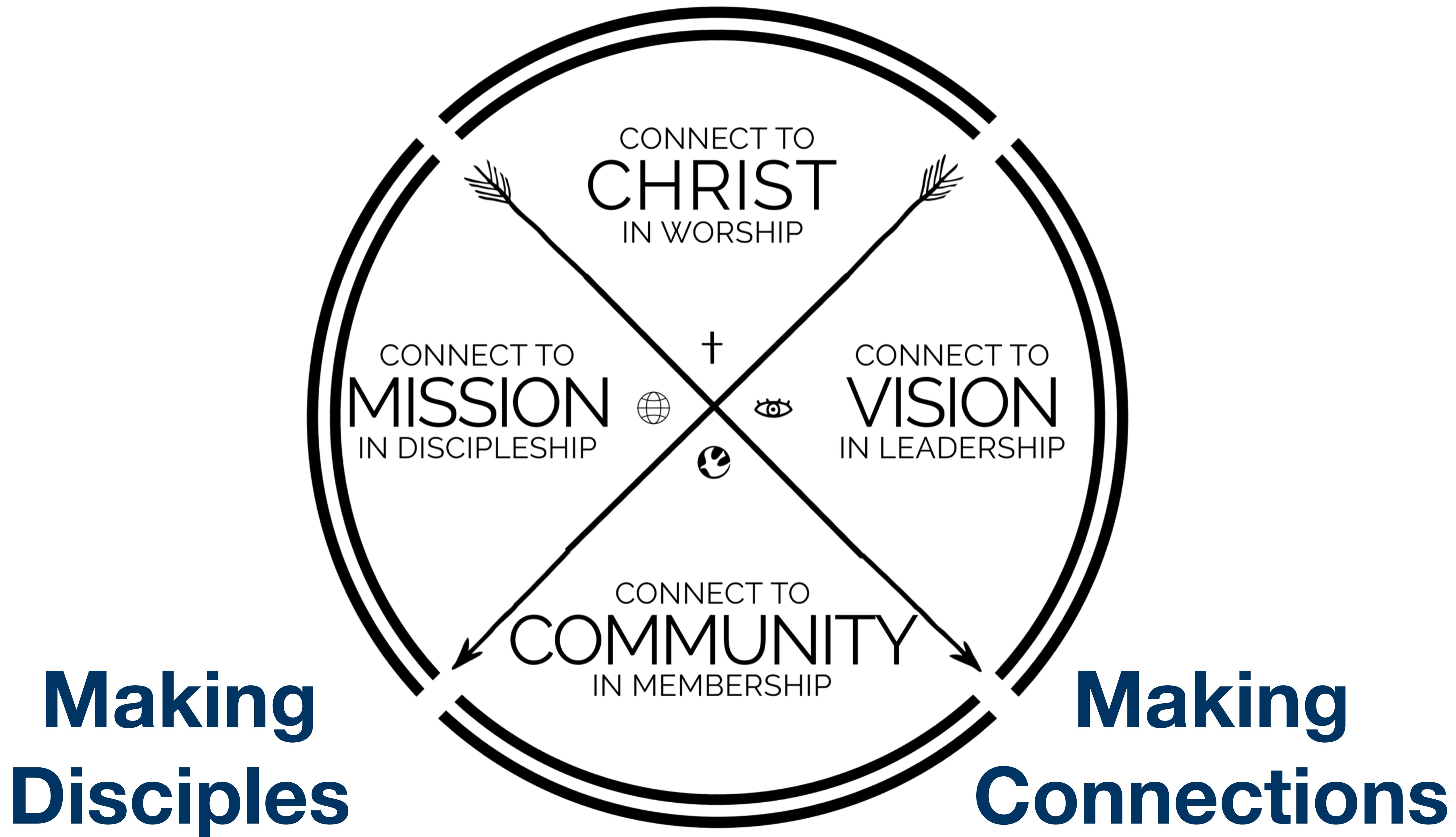
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Glorifying God by Making Disciples



LIFT UP YOUR EYES
2020



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INTRO:

- ❖ Malachi = Messenger
- ❖ Final word before intertestamental period of 400 years.
- ❖ God's 3 statements:
 - (1) You have despised Me. 1:6
 - (2) You have wearied Me. 2:17
 - (3) You have robbed Me. 3:8

I. The Motivation of Worship

II. The Contamination of Worship

III. The Instruction of Worship

Malachi 1:1 The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. 2" I have loved you," says the Lord. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob 3 but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert." 4 If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the Lord of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the wicked country,' and 'the people with whom the Lord is angry forever.'" 5 Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the Lord beyond the border of Israel!"

I. The Motivation of Worship, 1:1-5

A. God says: “I have loved you.”

1:2

B. God says: “Great is the Lord
beyond the border of Israel.” 1:5

Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' 7 By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the Lord's table may be despised. 8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. 9 And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts. 10 Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

12 But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. **13** But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. **14** Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

II. The Contamination of Worship, 1:6-14

- A. You say: “How have we despised Your Name?” 1:6

- B. You say: “What a weariness this is.” 1:13

Malachi 2:1 “And now, O priests, this command is for you. **2** If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. **3** Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. **4** So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the Lord of hosts. stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts,

Malachi 2:5 My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. 6 True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. 7 For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. 8 But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts, 9 and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.”

III. The Instruction of Worship, 2:1-9

A. Covenant of Life, 2:5

B. Correction of Leadership, 2:6

APPLICATION:

1. I will prioritize the worship of God in my daily life in 2020. (take the time)
2. I will prioritize the worship of God in church services in 2020. (use my talent)
3. I will prioritize the worship of God in my offerings in 2020. (invest my treasure)

sermon in a single verse

*Worship the Lord in
the splendor of
holiness; tremble
before him, all the
earth! Psalm 96:9*