
7. We persuade the world by loving each other.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give you that you love one another as I have loved you. By this, all men will know you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

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Life in the Church

Multiply—Week 4

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Matt. 28:19-20 As you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you to the close of the age.

The Great Commission was given to the disciples *together*.

What Is a Church?

■ 1. A church is: God's people, in community. ■

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

"ekklesia" -

■ 2. We belong to God. ■

Rom. 14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

3. We belong to each other.

Gal. 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

4. We are teammates with each other.

Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'Today', that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

5. We are transformed through each other.

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

6. We are humble with each other.

Galatians 6:3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.⁴ Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else,⁵ for each one should carry his own load.

Mark 7:18 "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'?¹⁹ For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.'

²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
