



Discipleship and Discipling Others

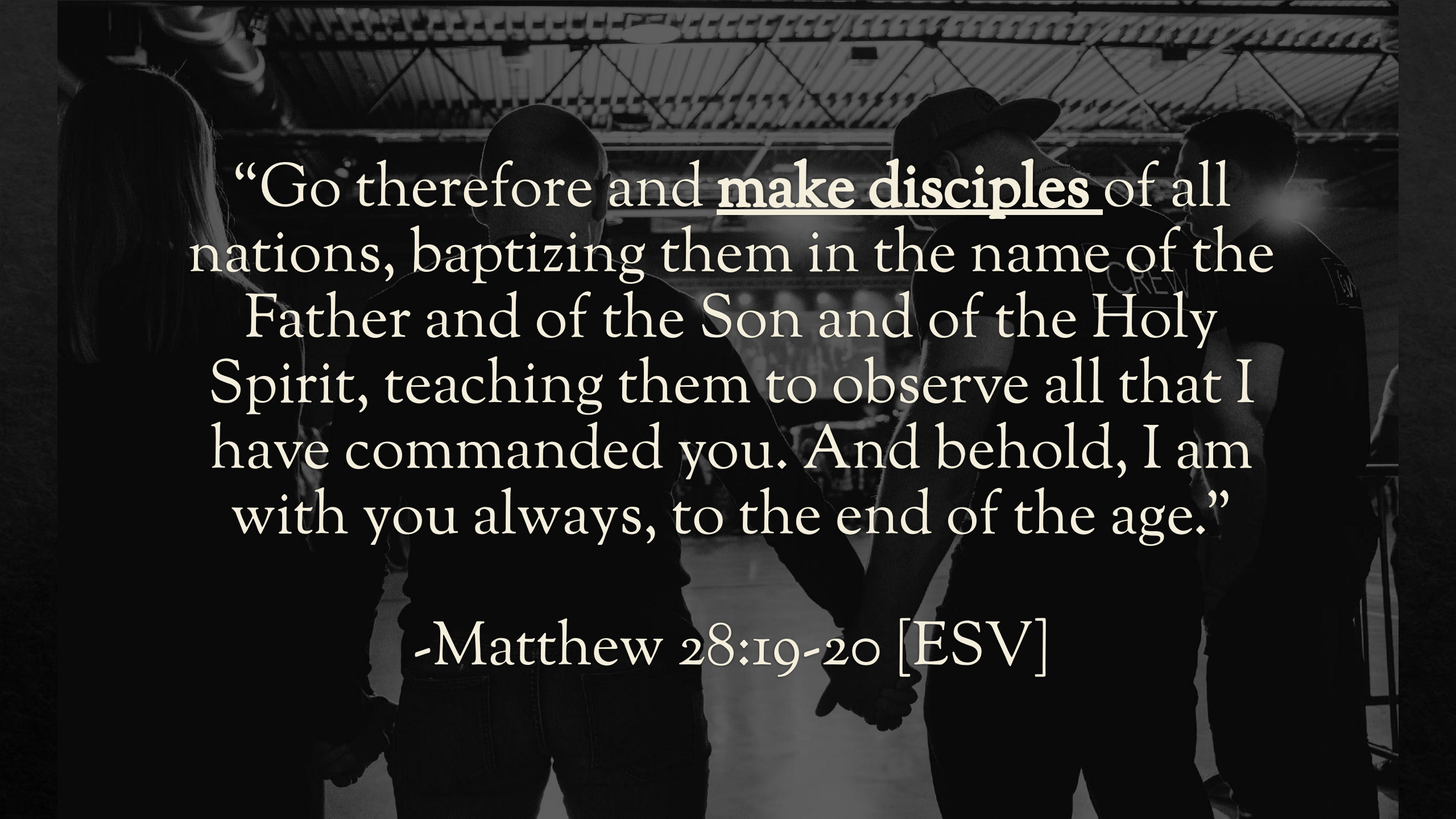
The Church's Post-Evangelism Mission



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enough!

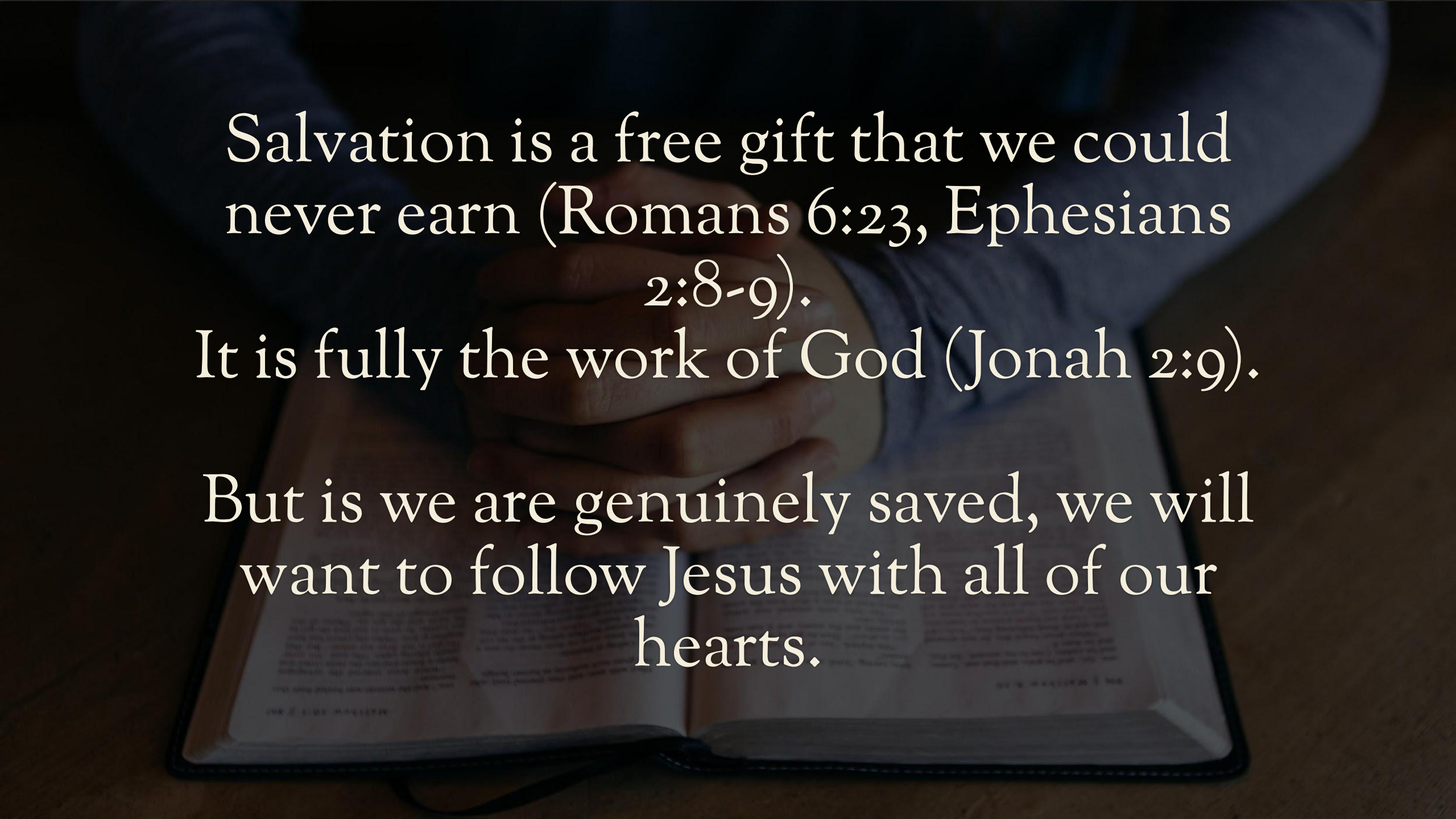
A photograph of three young men in a parking lot at night. The man in the center is laughing heartily, wearing a dark jacket with white stripes on the sleeves and a dark beanie. To his left, another man in a dark jacket and sunglasses is also laughing. To the right, a third man in a light-colored hoodie and cap is partially visible, looking towards the others. The background shows a parking lot with cars and some lights.

The Great Commission calls us
not specifically to evangelize,
but to **make disciples!**



“Go therefore and 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 observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19-20 [ESV]

An open Bible with hands resting on it. The text is overlaid on the image in a white serif font.

Salvation is a free gift that we could never earn (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9).

It is fully the work of God (Jonah 2:9).

But if we are genuinely saved, we will want to follow Jesus with all of our hearts.

What is a Disciple?

In the New Testament, the Greek word used is "μαθητής" (mathētēs), and it translates to "disciple" in English. It refers to a learner, pupil, or follower of a teacher, particularly in the context of the teachings of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. A disciple is someone who not only learns from their teacher but also seeks to imitate their way of life and teachings.

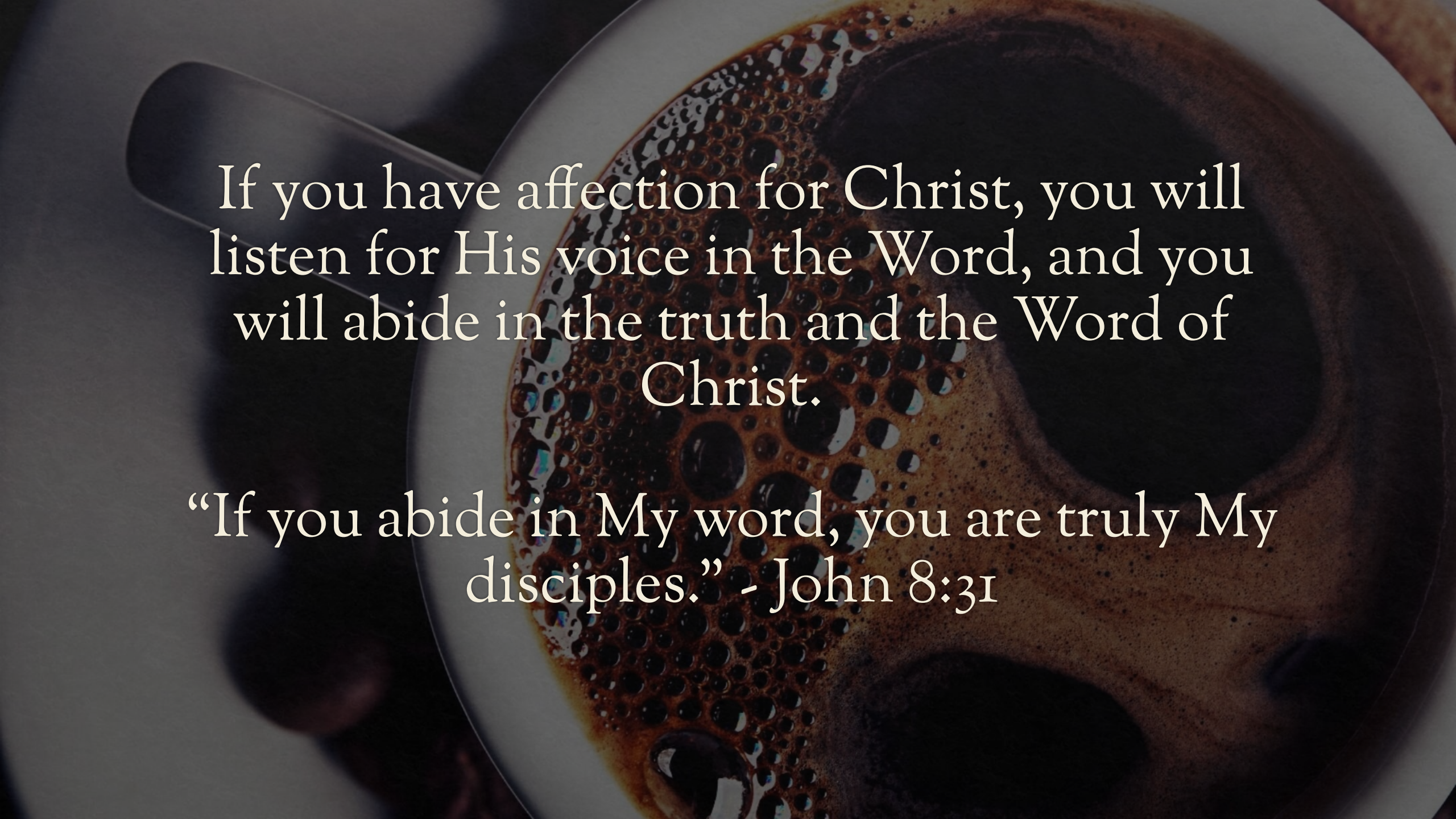
A man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, is sitting in a red folding chair and reading an open book. He is smiling slightly. In the background, a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue and white patterned shirt, is sitting in a similar red folding chair, looking towards the man. The scene is outdoors with green foliage in the background. The image has a dark overlay.

People live and make decisions based
on conviction and affection.



The Process with the Truth:

- You understand it.
- You believe it.
- Then it will take over your life because it becomes a conviction.
- Lastly, it will transform your heart into affection: you **love** Christ because of it.



If you have affection for Christ, you will listen for His voice in the Word, and you will abide in the truth and the Word of Christ.

“If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples.” - John 8:31

A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are seated around a long wooden table. They are all focused on reading books or papers in front of them. The setting appears to be a study or a classroom. The lighting is soft and focused on the table, with a slightly dim background. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet concentration and learning.

Once you are on the road of being a
disciple, spiritual maturity will develop
and grow.

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

- 2 Peter 3:18

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

- Colossians 2:6-7

“So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

- Ephesians 4:14-15

What Does the Life of a Disciple Look Like?

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A new heart that has been transformed (regenerated) and is being made holy (through sanctification) through the Holy Spirit

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A great mission that is being completed:
Making Disciples

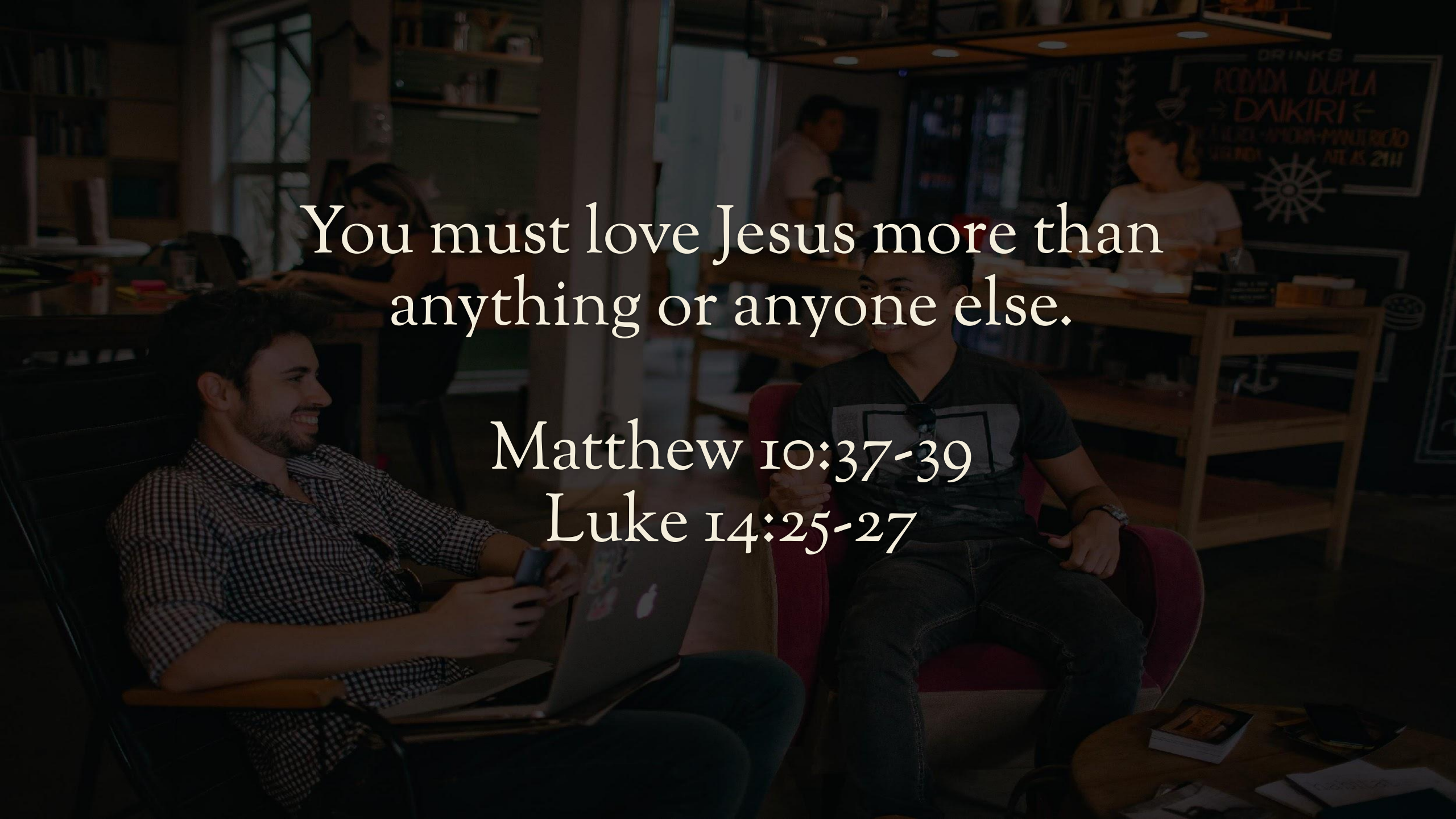
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A great command that is being carried out: Love God, Love Your Neighbor

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Being a disciple means dying of yourself.
It will cost you **everything**.

“When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



You must love Jesus more than
anything or anyone else.

Matthew 10:37-39
Luke 14:25-27

A person wearing a dark, textured hooded garment stands on a rocky shore, looking out at the ocean. The scene is dimly lit, with the person's silhouette and the texture of their clothing being the primary focus against the dark, misty background of the sea and sky.

It will cost you your very life.

Matthew 16:24
Luke 9:23

A person is sitting on a dark grey tufted sofa. They are wearing a dark red t-shirt and blue jeans. Their hands are clasped together in their lap. The background is slightly out of focus, showing a wooden cabinet or desk. The overall lighting is dim and moody.

The cost is very high.

Luke 14:28-33
Acts 20:24

What Are the Marks of a Disciple?

01

Love

(John 13:34-35)

02

Fruitfulness

(John 15:8, Galatians
5:22-23)

03

Obedience to
Christ

(John 14:15)

A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are seated around a long wooden table. They are all focused on reading open books or papers. The setting appears to be a quiet study or library. The lighting is soft and even. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet concentration and learning.

Discipleship is done on a small scale:
Jesus had His core group of 12 disciples.

A group of people's hands are clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and teamwork. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands in the center.

Doing life together as disciples in an
even smaller group:

Inner Circle or Fire Team

A photograph of two men sitting at a table outdoors, engaged in conversation. The man on the left has a beard and is gesturing with his hands while speaking. The man on the right is listening attentively, holding a coffee cup. Both are wearing white shirts. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a building. The text is overlaid in a white serif font.

One-on-One Mentoring:
Example of Paul and Timothy

A group of people, likely students or participants in a training session, are seated around a long table. They are looking towards the right side of the frame. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark overlay. The text is centered over the image.

Making Other Disciples

Since we are commanded by Jesus to make disciples, we are to evangelize (if necessary) and to train up others to follow Him.

A photograph of three men sitting around a table in a room with a brick wall. The man on the left is wearing a blue shirt and is looking towards the other two men. The man in the middle is wearing a grey shirt and is looking down at something on the table. The man on the right is wearing a dark red shirt and is gesturing with his hand while speaking. The overall lighting is dim, and the image has a dark, moody atmosphere.

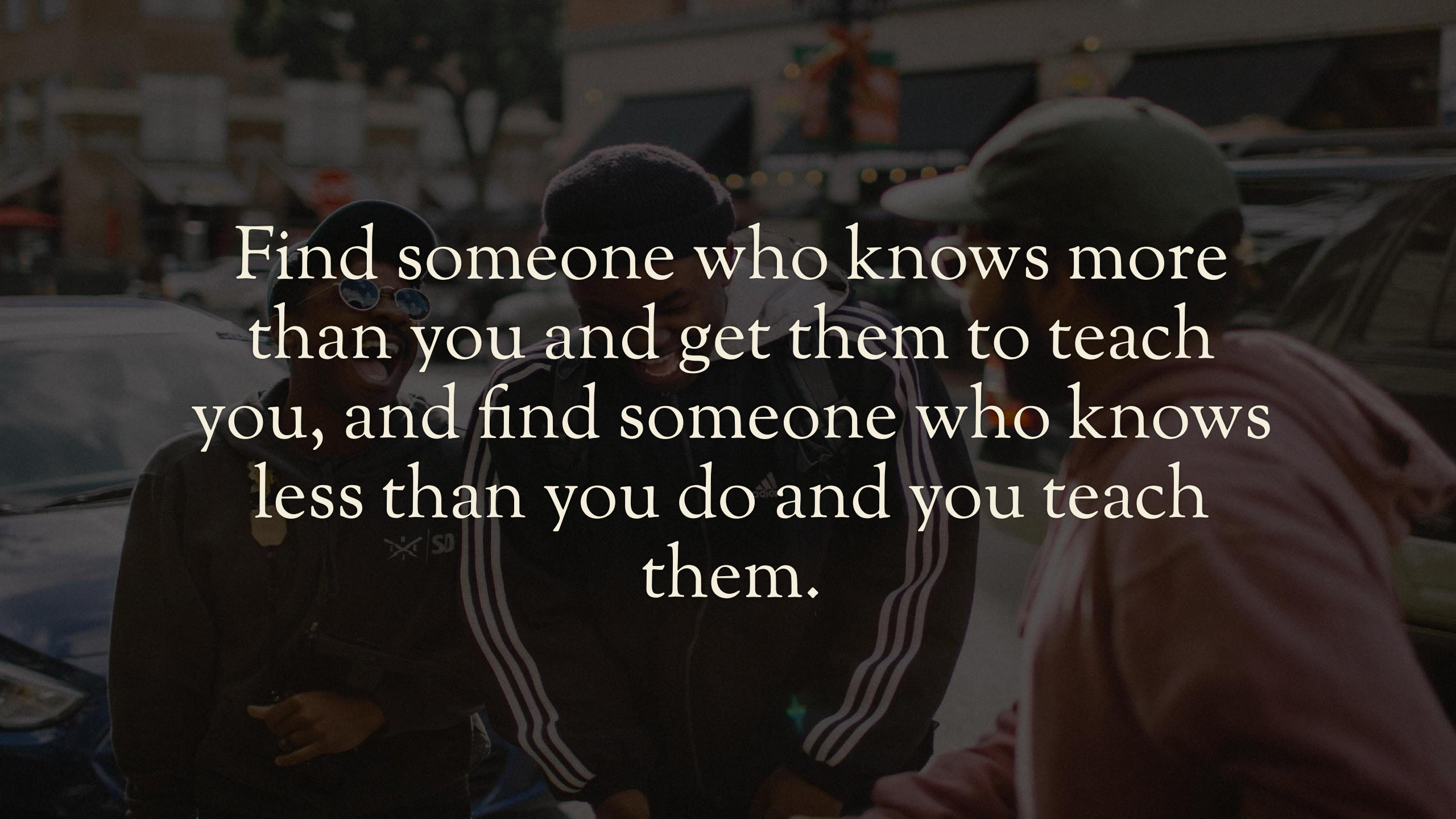
Discipleship Multiplication Effect

“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

- 2 Timothy 2:2

What We Train In Others

- Accountability with one another
- Making sure they continue with the basics:
Gospel assurance, Bible reading, daily prayer,
attending a church, fellowship, and evangelizing
- Spiritual growth and maturity
- Training them to eventually become
disciple-makers

A photograph of three young men laughing together in a parking lot. The man on the left is wearing a black hoodie and sunglasses. The man in the middle is wearing a black Adidas hoodie with white stripes on the sleeves. The man on the right is wearing a white hoodie and a white cap. The background shows a parking lot with cars and buildings.

Find someone who knows more than you and get them to teach you, and find someone who knows less than you do and you teach them.



Challenge

By the start of the summer, find a newer Christian and take him under your wing by disciplining him.

A photograph showing a group of people's hands clasped together in prayer or study over an open book. The scene is dimly lit with warm, golden light. The word "Questions?" is written in a white, serif font across the center of the image, overlaid on a semi-transparent dark rectangle.

Questions?