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Organic Disciples

GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND SHARING JESUS





SERMON NOTES
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THE RIGHT QUESTION, AT THE
RIGHT TIME, CAN CHANGE
YOUR LIFE.

BEFORE



AFTER



75 lbs lost

“¹³UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURE MANHOOD, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST,
¹⁴ 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.

[EPHESIANS 4:13-16 ESV]

¹⁵ RATHER, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE ARE TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST, ¹⁶ FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND HELD TOGETHER BY EVERY JOINT WITH WHICH IT IS EQUIPPED, WHEN EACH PART IS WORKING PROPERLY, MAKES THE BODY GROW SO THAT IT BUILDS ITSELF UP IN LOVE.”

[EPHESIANS 4:13-16 ESV]

I. HOW CAN I KNOW I AM
GROWING AS A DISCIPLE
(FOLLOWER OF JESUS)?

[EPHESIANS 4:13-16; GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV]

**“²² BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY,
PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, ²³ GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL;
AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.”**

[GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV]





**BIBLICAL
ENGAGEMENT**



**PASSIONATE
PRAYER**



**WHOLEHEARTED
WORSHIP**



**HUMBLE
SERVICE**



**JOYFUL
GENEROSITY**



**CONSISTENT
COMMUNITY**



**ORGANIC
OUTREACH**

“WHEN WE ARE DEVELOPING
EACH OF THE SEVEN MARKERS,
WE MOVE UPWARD TOWARD
GOD, INWARD TOWARD HIS
FAMILY, AND OUTWARD WITH
THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS”

- KEVIN HARNEY



Spiritual Growth

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2. IS DISCIPLESHIP BIGGER
THAN “ME AND JESUS”?

[2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, NIV; PSALM 78:5-7 ESV]

“¹ BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY,
PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL;
AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW YOU
THEN, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS
IN CHRIST JESUS. ² AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE
HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY
WITNESSES ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO
WILL ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS.”

[2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, NIV]

THE FOUR GENERATIONS



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**GENERATION 1
“PAUL”**

**WE NEED A
SPIRITUAL MENTOR.**

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**GENERATION 2
“TIMOTHY”**

**WE ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

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GENERATION 3
“RELIABLE PEOPLE”

**WE ARE CALLED TO
INVEST IN THE
JOURNEYS OF OTHERS.**

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GENERATION 4
“THOSE THEY TEACH”

**WE ARE CALLED TO
INVEST IN OTHERS
WHO FOLLOW JESUS.**

“5 HE ESTABLISHED A TESTIMONY IN JACOB AND APPOINTED A LAW IN ISRAEL, WHICH HE COMMANDED OUR FATHERS TO TEACH TO THEIR CHILDREN, 6 THAT THE NEXT GENERATION MIGHT KNOW THEM, THE CHILDREN YET UNBORN, AND ARISE AND TELL THEM TO THEIR CHILDREN, 7 SO THAT THEY SHOULD SET THEIR HOPE IN GOD AND NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF GOD, BUT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS”

[PSALM 78:5-7 ESV]

3. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN DISCIPLESHIP AND
EVANGELISM?

[MATTHEW 28:19-20 ESV]

“¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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]



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Hard-core
Atheist

Resistant
non-believer

Open but still
pushing back

Open to
spiritual
conversations
and seeking

Hungry for
Jesus

New believer

First steps of
faith...hungry

Praying for lost
people

Growing and
excited

Sharing faith
and reaching
out

Mature and
consistent
growth

Outreach as a
lifestyle

Radically
mature
Christian

Passionate
outreach
lifestyle

EVANGELISM

DISCIPLESHIP



THE RELATIONSHIP OF DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM:

EVANGELISM
AND
DISCIPLESHIP
ARE NOT
ENEMIES

EVANGELISM
AND
DISCIPLESHIP
ARE NOT JUST
FRIENDS

EVANGELISM
AND
DISCIPLESHIP
ARE MARRIAGE
PARTNERS

NEXT STEP
QUESTIONS:

Have you received Jesus?

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**Will you take the assessment to help
yourself and Pathway?**

NEXT STEP
QUESTIONS:

Will you join the Organic Disciples journey to “grow and go” with Jesus?

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NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

