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# Organic Disciples

GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND SHARING JESUS





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**“ORGANIC DISCIPLESHIP” MEANS WE ARE  
EXPLORING 7 WAYS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY  
AND NATURALLY SHARE JESUS**

# Spiritual Growth

## ASSESSMENT



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**PASSIONATE  
PRAYER**



**WHOLEHEARTED  
WORSHIP**



**HUMBLE  
SERVICE**



**JOYFUL  
GENEROSITY**



**CONSISTENT  
COMMUNITY**



**ORGANIC  
OUTREACH**

# CONSISTENT COMMUNITY



**JESUS IS OUR MODEL AND MADE US FOR  
CONSISTENT COMMUNITY WITH HIM  
AND WITH OTHERS.**



PATHWAY'S MISSION IS, "TO LOVE GOD  
AND LOVE ALL PEOPLE IN OUR PATHWAY"



**“29 JESUS ANSWERED, “THE MOST IMPORTANT IS, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ 31 THE SECOND IS THIS: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.”**

**[MARK 12:29-31 ESV]**

**JESUS IS OUR MODEL AND MADE US  
FOR CONSISTENT COMMUNITY WITH  
HIM AND WITH OTHERS.**

**[MARK 12:29-31; JOHN 13:34-35; MATTHEW 28:16-20 ESV]**

**“34 A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER: JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 35 BY THIS ALL PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.”**

**[JOHN 13:34-35 ESV]**

**“16 NOW THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES WENT TO GALILEE, TO THE MOUNTAIN TO WHICH JESUS HAD DIRECTED THEM. 17 AND WHEN THEY SAW HIM THEY WORSHIPED HIM, BUT SOME DOUBTED. 18 AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, “ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. 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 28:16-20 ESV]**

JESUS AND “WE” > JESUS AND “ME”

**“ALL THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES, WE LEARN  
THAT GOD ACCOMPLISHES MORE FOR HIS  
GLORY THROUGH HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER  
THAN IF THEY ARE DISCONNECTED.”**

**- SHERRY HARNEY**

OUR GOD LOVES CONSISTENT  
COMMUNITY AND CREATES US FOR  
CONSISTENT COMMUNITY.

[GENESIS 1:26-27; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20 ESV]

**“26 THEN GOD SAID, “LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS. AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS AND OVER THE LIVESTOCK AND OVER ALL THE EARTH AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPS ON THE EARTH.” 27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.”**

**[GENESIS 1:26-27 ESV]**



**“12 FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. 13 FOR IN ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY—JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE—AND ALL WERE MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT. 14 FOR THE BODY DOES NOT CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER BUT OF MANY. 15 IF THE FOOT SHOULD SAY, “BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY,” THAT WOULD NOT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY.**

**[1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20 ESV]**

**16 AND IF THE EAR SHOULD SAY, “BECAUSE I AM NOT AN EYE, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY,” THAT WOULD NOT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY. 17 IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, WHERE WOULD BE THE SENSE OF HEARING? IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EAR, WHERE WOULD BE THE SENSE OF SMELL? 18 BUT AS IT IS, GOD ARRANGED THE MEMBERS IN THE BODY, EACH ONE OF THEM, AS HE CHOSE. 19 IF ALL WERE A SINGLE MEMBER, WHERE WOULD THE BODY BE? 20 AS IT IS, THERE ARE MANY PARTS, YET ONE BODY.”**

**[1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20 ESV]**

**“CHURCH IS NOT JUST SITTING, ATTENDING,  
AND LISTENING TO A SERMON. IT’S TO  
REALLY KNOW EACH OTHER, LOVE EACH  
OTHER, AND BE ONE WITH ONE ANOTHER”**

**- FRANCIS CHAN**

**“11 THEREFORE REMEMBER THAT AT ONE TIME YOU GENTILES IN THE FLESH, CALLED “THE UNCIRCUMCISION” BY WHAT IS CALLED THE CIRCUMCISION, WHICH IS MADE IN THE FLESH BY HANDS— 12 REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE AT THAT TIME SEPARATED FROM CHRIST, ALIENATED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL AND STRANGERS TO THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING NO HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD. 13 BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

**[EPHESIANS 2:11-22 ESV]**

**14 FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE, WHO HAS MADE US BOTH ONE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN IN HIS FLESH THE DIVIDING WALL OF HOSTILITY 15 BY ABOLISHING THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS EXPRESSED IN ORDINANCES, THAT HE MIGHT CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW MAN IN PLACE OF THE TWO, SO MAKING PEACE, 16 AND MIGHT RECONCILE US BOTH TO GOD IN ONE BODY THROUGH THE CROSS, THEREBY KILLING THE HOSTILITY. 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR OFF AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR. 18 FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS IN ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER.**

**[EPHESIANS 2:11-22 ESV]**

**19 SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS,  
BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND  
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, 20 BUILT ON THE  
FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST  
JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, 21 IN WHOM  
THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER,  
GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. 22 IN HIM YOU  
ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING  
PLACE FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT.”**

**[EPHESIANS 2:11-22 ESV]**

**CONSISTENT COMMUNITY IS LIFE-  
GIVING AND SHOWS THE PRESENCE  
AND POWER OF JESUS.**

**[EPHESIANS 2:11-21; MATTHEW 18:15-22 ESV]**

**COMMUNITY IS BROKEN,  
COMPLICATED, PAINFUL, POWERFUL,  
HEALING, AND LIFE-GIVING.**



**“15 ‘IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT, BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE GAINED YOUR BROTHER. 16 BUT IF HE DOES NOT LISTEN, TAKE ONE OR TWO OTHERS ALONG WITH YOU, THAT EVERY CHARGE MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE EVIDENCE OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. 17 IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THEM, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH. AND IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH, LET HIM BE TO YOU AS A GENTILE AND A TAX COLLECTOR. 18 TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.**

**[MATTHEW 18:15-22 ESV]**

**19 AGAIN I SAY TO YOU, IF TWO OF YOU AGREE ON EARTH ABOUT ANYTHING THEY ASK, IT WILL BE DONE FOR THEM BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. 20 FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I AMONG THEM.” 21 THEN PETER CAME UP AND SAID TO HIM, “LORD, HOW OFTEN WILL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?” 22 JESUS SAID TO HIM, “I DO NOT SAY TO YOU SEVEN TIMES, BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES.”**

**[MATTHEW 18:15-22 ESV]**

PASTOR BRIAN'S "PETER PRINCIPLE":

HURTING PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE, BUT  
HEALING PEOPLE HEAL PEOPLE.

# NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**ARE YOU IN CONSISTENT COMMUNITY WITH  
JESUS AND WITH OTHERS?**

# NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**WILL YOU CONSIDER YOUR NEXT STEPS WITH  
CONSISTENT COMMUNITY?**

**TAKE THE FIRST STEP:**

SHARE A MEAL, TAKE A  
WALK, ENCOURAGE  
SOMEONE

**CONNECT:**

COME CONSISTENTLY  
TO WORSHIP  
SERVICES

**GROW:**

JOIN A  
PATHWAY GROUP

**SERVE:**

SERVE WITH GOD AND  
WITH OTHERS

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