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Plentiful Messy Discipleship

Matthew 28:16-20







Marriage Equipping Day

Greeley Summitview Community Church

October 11 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open to all engaged and married couples

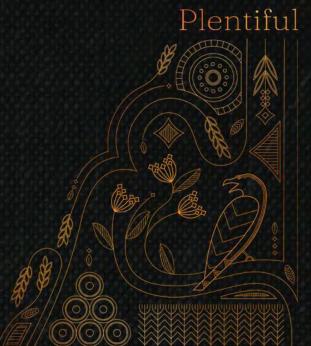
COST: \$30 per couple





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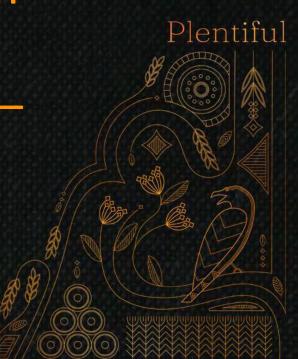
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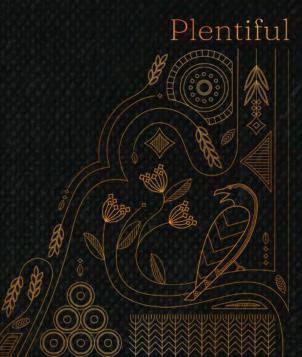
The schedule is too messy to add time to

disciple someone! Perhaps later when I'm

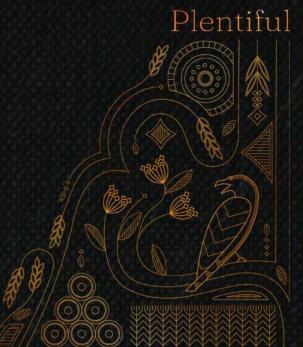
through this season of:



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Read Matthew 28:16-20 (page 835)

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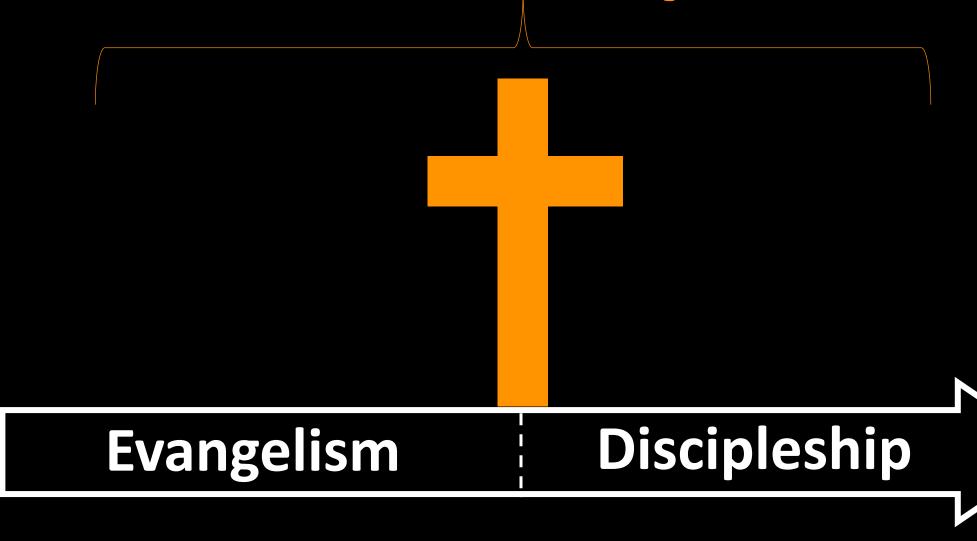
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observe all that I have commanded you...

(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Make Disciples"





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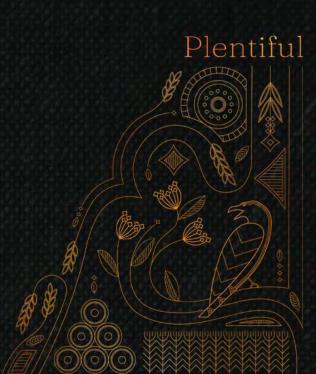
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Invite your friend to be baptized

Baptism Class October 5 | 8:00am | Library

Baptisms on October 19





2. The harvest is likely in an unexpected messy place

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority

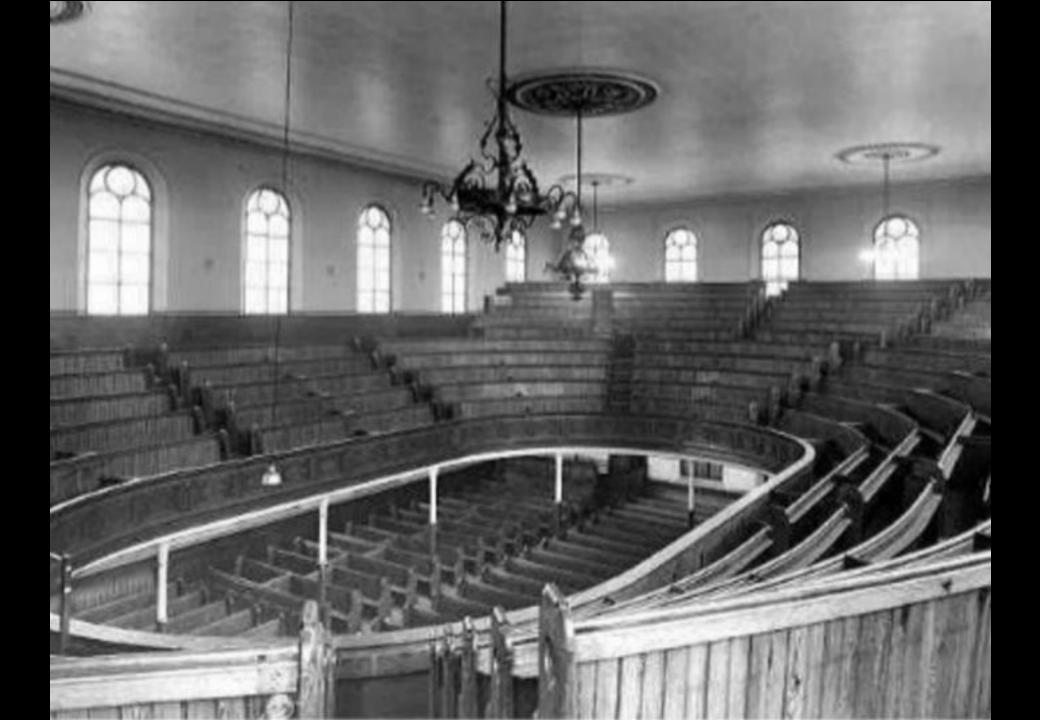
in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

(Matthew 28:18–19)



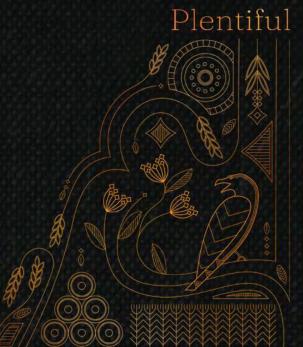








EXCUSE: I only want a plentiful harvest if it's non-messy people who are similar to me!

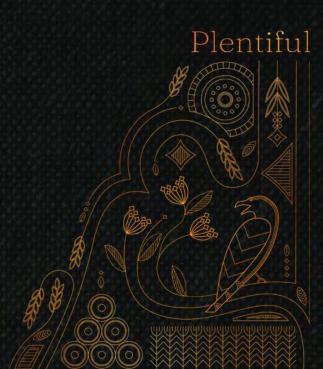


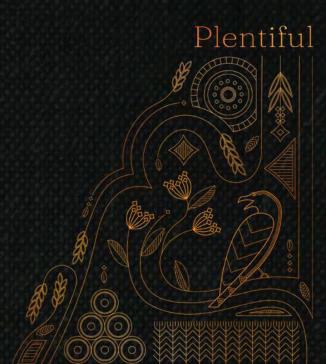
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them...Go

therefore and make disciples...(Matthew 28:16,19)

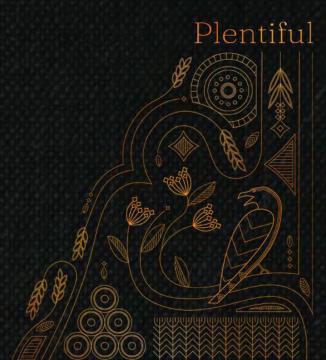
Parable of the Mustard Seed

(Matthew 13)



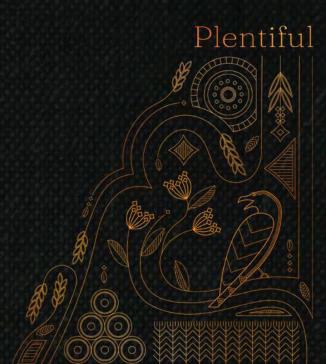


And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach... (Mark 3:14)

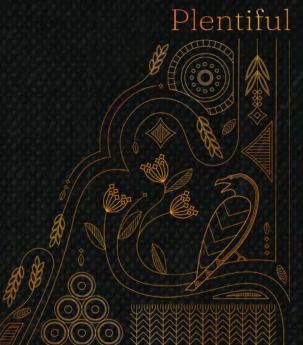


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Now when they saw the **boldness of Peter and** John...uneducated, common men, they were astonished. Plentiful And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)



"More is caught than taught."



Scriptures about learning through imitation

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on

those who walk according to the example you have in us.

(Philippians 3:17)

Scriptures about learning through imitation

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the

believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in

faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)



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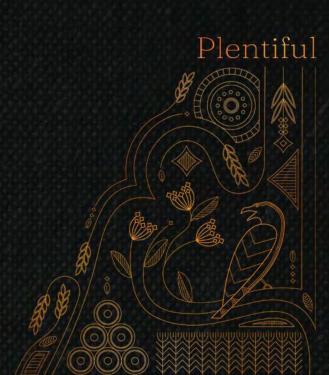
Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word

of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and

imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)



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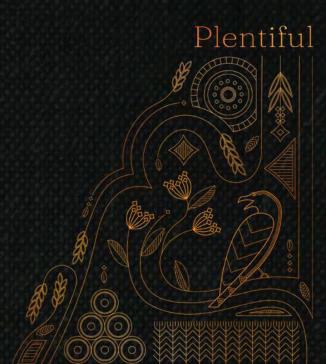
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3. Discipleship starts small but grows big



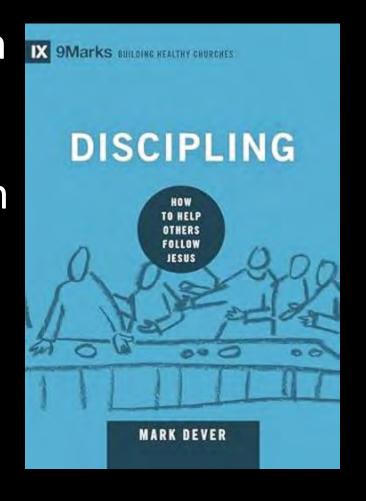
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and what you [Timothy] have heard from me [Paul] in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)

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3. Discipleship starts small but grows big

"For me, discipling is the only way I can evangelize non-Christians and equip Christians in that one place where I can never travel—the future beyond my life. Discipling others now is how I try to leave time-bombs of grace."



EXCUSE: I don't have any time to disciple someone! Perhaps later when I'm through this season of:

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Questions to Ponder...

 Are there activities you need to subtract in order to create margin for discipling another?

 What is the name of someone you're intentionally investing your time into for the sake of their discipleship?

Go therefore and [you plural] make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you [plural]. And behold, I am with you [plural] always, to the end of the age.

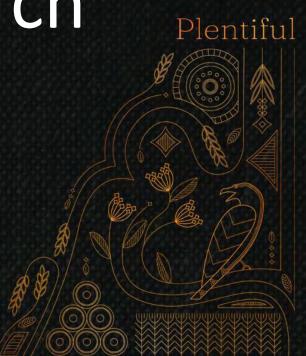
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Story of the Antioch Church

(Acts 11)



Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together...(Ephesians 4:15-16)

...by every joint with which it is equipped, when

each part is working properly, makes the body

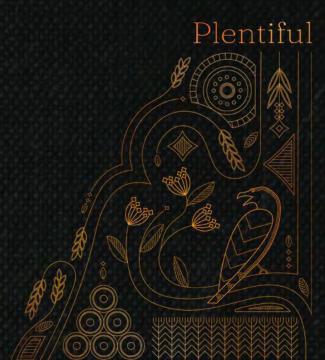
grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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EXCUSE: <u>I'm a burnt-out mess</u>

trying to reach this person for

Christ all alone.



"...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you...<u>so that the world may believe that you have sent me</u>...may become perfectly one, <u>so</u> that the world may know that you sent me and

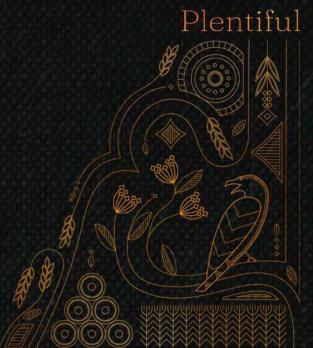
loved them even as you loved me." (John 17:20-23)



Questions to Ponder...

Who in your life needs exposure to Christ's Church?

Which non-believing friend could you invite to 321?





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5. Harvest intentionality reveals the mess inside

