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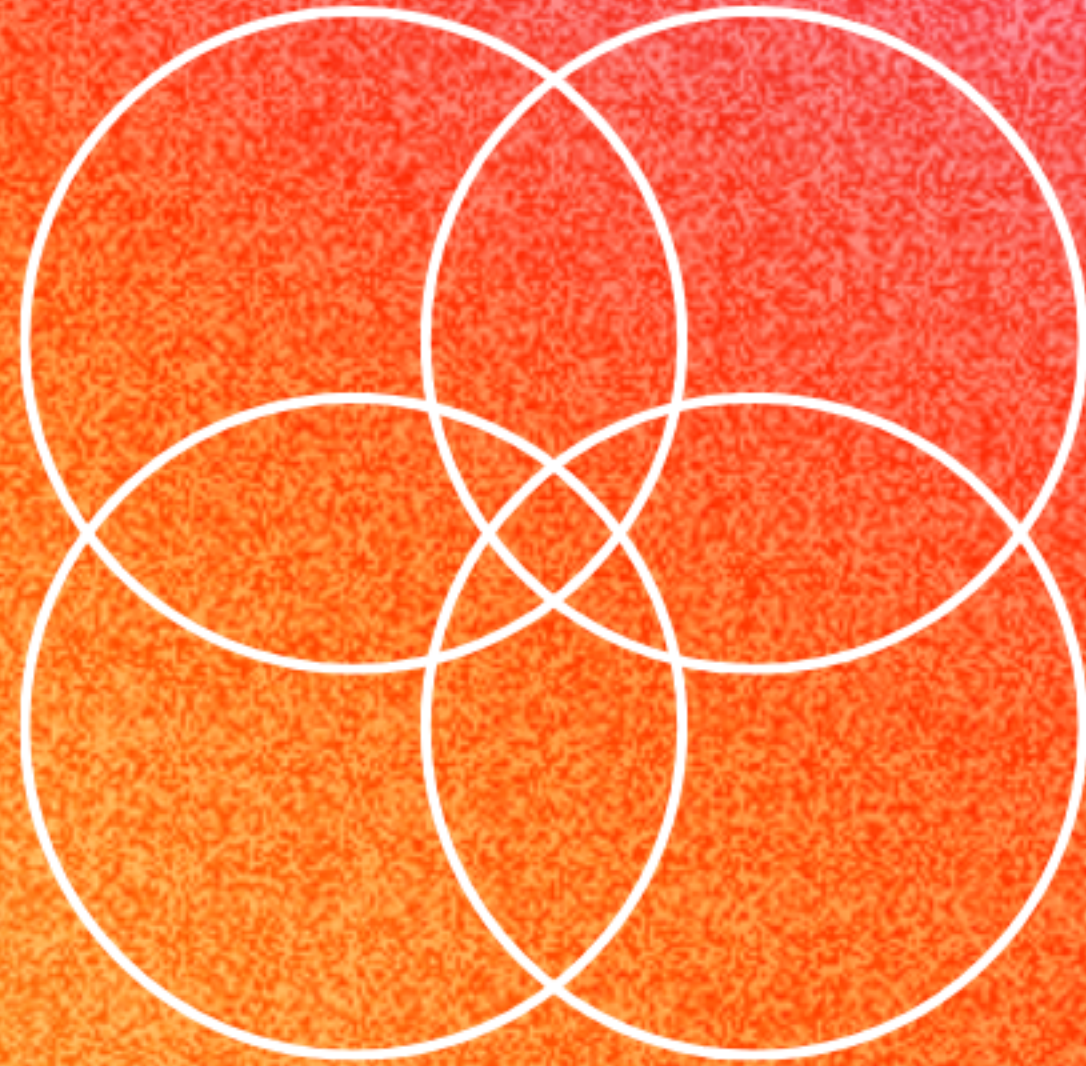
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# **FUTURE CHURCH**



**FOUR GOALS FOR THE  
NEXT FOUR YEARS**



# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-14



**BIBLE SATURATED**  
**SPIRIT LED**  
**DISCIPLESHIP DRIVEN**  
**OUTWARD ORIENTED**



# **DISCIPLESHIP DRIVEN:**

**BY 2028, WE WANT EVERY MEMBER OF CITY CHURCH TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE THEY ARE PERSISTENTLY INVESTING IN, AND AT LEAST ONE PERSON PERSISTENTLY INVESTING IN THEM.**

**THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, “ALL  
AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS  
BEEN GIVEN TO ME. THEREFORE GO AND  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,  
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE  
FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM**

**- MATTHEW 28:18–20**



**TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED  
YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”**

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***THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID,  
“LOOK HOW MIGHTY I AM AND HOW GREAT  
OF A JOB I DID IN MY MINISTRY. NOW, YOU  
HAVE TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL  
NATIONS, BAPTIZE THEM, FIX THEM, TRAIN  
THEM TO NEVER MAKE A MISTAKE, JUST  
LIKE I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY  
I’LL BE WATCHING YOU ALWAYS, TO THE  
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**FOR WE KNOW, BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
LOVED BY GOD, THAT HE HAS CHOSEN YOU,  
BECAUSE OUR GOSPEL CAME TO YOU NOT  
SIMPLY WITH WORDS BUT ALSO WITH  
POWER, WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND DEEP  
CONVICTION. YOU KNOW HOW WE LIVED  
AMONG YOU FOR YOUR SAKE. YOU BECAME**

**- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-7**



**IMITATORS OF US AND OF THE LORD, FOR YOU WELCOMED THE MESSAGE IN THE MIDST OF SEVERE SUFFERING WITH THE JOY GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. AND SO YOU BECAME A MODEL TO ALL THE BELIEVERS IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA.**

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# **UP - IN - OUT**

## **UP:**

- **WHAT IS GOD TEACHING YOU?**
- **HOW ARE YOU MAKING SPACE TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM?**
- **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO OBEY?**

# **UP - IN - OUT**

## **IN:**

- **HOW ARE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS (FAMILY, LIFE GROUP, ETC)?**
- **HOW ARE YOU INVESTING IN THEM?**
- **WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING ABOUT FOR THEM?**

# **UP - IN - OUT**

## **OUT:**

- WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE THAT DON'T KNOW GOD?**
- ARE YOU INTENTIONALLY REACHING OUT TO THEM?**
- HOW ARE YOU MAKING SPACE FOR THEM TO ENCOUNTER GOD?**



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- **MODEL FOLLOWING JESUS TO EVERYONE, INVITE THE HUNGRY**



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- **COMMIT TO A LENGTH OF TIME**

