

**JEREMIAH 30:19,** There will be joy and songs of thanksgiving, and I will **multiply my people**, not diminish them; I will honor them, not despise them.

Reproduction is the goal of every living thing. Anything that stops reproducing is dead. The Bible is full of reproductive language. God created humankind, animals, and plants to reproduce. Another word for reproduce is multiply. The church was never intended to be an end in itself; rather, as a living church of living disciples of Jesus, we are called to multiply new disciples of Jesus. Before Jesus went back to heaven, he looked at his followers and gave a final word, Matthew 28:19 "Go into all the world and make disciples". It reflects his heart for the nations and for every individual. For his followers then and now, this is a clear command. This is what followers of Jesus do, there is no getting around it. We are called to tell people what He has done. We are called to look different because he has made us different. We can no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view, but we are tasked with seeing them Jesus does- people who desperately need the ministry of reconciliation to God as much as we do.

It all begins with Jesus. John 15:5. Apart from Jesus, we are all spiritually dead. You and I cannot reproduce apart from the grace of God and the life Jesus gives. We can have life in God by receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior! As we connect ourselves to Jesus, we begin to draw strength life and strength from Him (. Being connected with Jesus, heart and soul is a sure source of fruitfulness!

It's a paradigm we embrace. The most powerful paradigm for reproducing disciples is the discipleship methodology of Jesus. For Jesus, making disciple was not through programs or classes; but through individual relationships, with the initial number of 12. With a handful of men who devoted themselves to Him, heart and soul, he changed the world. The paradigm of Jesus is relationship—investing time, talent and treasure on individuals who are far from God by simply bringing them closer.

It's a practice we get into. Jesus healed many and preached to many, but he invested his time on 12. He wasn't exclusive, everyone was welcome, but he chose, prepared and sent 12. It's a simple process—connect (build relationships), share and teach (what God is teaching you), send (challenge them to do the same). 2 Timothy 2:2 sums up this practice.

It's driven by love. John 14:23-24. We make disciples because we love and serve Jesus and we want to obey His command, heart and soul. We want to multiply because we know Jesus is real and promises are true; hell is real and Jesus came to save people from spending eternity in hell. Jesus loves all people and He wants them to join Him in heaven. We are called to love others as Jesus does—to see them the way Jesus does; and to help them come to the place of receiving Jesus as Lord. I John 3:16. Spiritual Multiplication proves that we truly love Jesus and others!

It's all worth it. Making disciples, multiplication can be difficult. For fruit to multiply, a seed has to be buried in the ground and break from its shell. That is the only way to bear fruit. Multiplying disciples can be difficult, but we don't give up, because Jesus never gives up on us because He knows it's worth it! In fact, He so convinced that it's worth it that He chose to die on the cross for all of us—every man, woman or child—is worth it!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:**

- Team Night (November 26, 5:00PM, Microtel Inn)
- Leaders Lab (December 7, 7:00PM Lakeland College)
- Christmas Prom (December 22, 7:00PM Grace Hall)

## PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- A heart that is ready to be used by God to multiply disciples.
- Every member of Mosaic to be a discipler.

#### **GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:**

To learn how to multiply yourself by the power of the Spirit—to start from scratch just as Jesus did and help raise a better generation of new disciples! Be a reproducing disciple. Remember, living organisms reproduce! Death things don't! You are alive in Christ, allow Him to reproduce you!

## **Connection and Action**

Questions to promote conversation and connection

# **CELEBRATE!**

Before we dive into our discussion, let us celebrate and give thanks to Jesus for the birth of a new DGroup! They launch this Saturday (Nov. 25), to be led by Elfran Calacal and his wife, together with their core members, Chris and Janet Tell who were both baptized last September.

### **Question:**

Have you ever been lost? How did you feel and how did you find your way?

When Jesus left for heaven, His final words were about multiplication. Why do you think is Jesus so concerned with multiplication of disciples?

## Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

### WE ARE DISCIPLES HEART AND SOUL

Because Jesus is Lord, we commit to abide in Christ as growing disciples. We prioritize worshipping together in big or small groups; and seek to increasingly treasure Jesus and glorify Him above all things, submitting all of our lives to his Lordship. This means we don't just believe the Word but we also obey (Luke 8:21).

Think of ways how you can grow as a disciple of Jesus. What should you be involved and engaged in more?

WE MAKE DISCIPLES HEART AND SOUL

Because Jesus is Lord, we lock arms with our church family to seek the renewal of this city, province and nation. We commit to be in the game, making disciples and inviting others to imitate our lives as disciples. This means our homes are open to non-believers, our time is available to non-believers and our prayers are aimed at salvation for non-believers and helping them to grow as disciples.

How can we encourage one another to make disciples? How can we push one another to get better at making disciples?

WE ARE FAMILY HEART AND SOUL

Because Jesus is Lord, we commit to create community, not kill it. We love one another as Christ has loved us through promoting unity, bearing burdens, and avoiding all divisiveness. We regularly participate and prioritize our church family's patterns: worship experiences, DGroups, Life on Life Mentoring relationships. How can you help make our church become more like family?

## **Growing in Leadership**

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

WE ALIGN WITH THE VISION OF OUR CHURCH HEART AND SOUL

Because Jesus is Lord and was sent to us we take personal responsibility for our church family's mission that seeks to align with the life and call of Jesus by living sent to the world around us (John 20:21). God has called us to plant 5 venues by 2021 and 1000 people in worship by 2019. That means we must multiply everything: disciples, leaders, DGroups, and venues.

Our goal of reaching 1000 people to be made alive and included in Christ by 2019 is daunting for us but not to God. God wants us to be brave in pursuit of this goal. How can you contribute to the fulfillment of our vision and our goal of reaching 1000 people by 2019? Think of measurable ways and means.

This coming year (2018), we are praying, believing and declaring to plant two new Mosaic venues! The Lord willing, we are praying to launch Mosaic Downtown Lloydminster (early February 2018), and Mosaic Calgary (early October 2018)! What are some ways you or you group can be part of this move?

How can you help in the start up of our new venues?

For people who are serious about their relationship with God, our church wants to raise them to leadership and effective in helping our church reach and raise 1000 disciples by 2019! Our Leaders Lab is a way for us to do this. Have you signed up for it?