



**Our vision is Jesus. Our mission is discipleship.**

Imitation is what discipleship is all about. Mk 1:17, I Cor 4:16 Heb 13:7

Discipleship is the infra-structure of the church. Because the church is made up of disciples, discipleship is the means by which it does mission. Discipleship is the vehicle of mission. A disciple is not a disciple until they reproduce a disciple. Jesus is not counting anything else. Not attendance. Not decisions. The key question is: How many disciples do you have? How many people are imitating your life?

The Gathering Network hopes to become a discipleship movement of multiplying, missionary communities sent into our city, nation, and world to make wrong things right. (Matthew 9:35–38, Isaiah 61)

- The *wineskin* is a multiplying, decentralized network of mission-driven communities.
- These communities covenant with one another to connect around 3 loves & 4 commitments.

3 loves (up, in, out)

4 commitments (serve, grow, give, live)

*Why*: Gal 4:19—so Christ is formed in you

*War*: Don't be fooled. This is a battle!

### **How do we take the fight to the enemy?**

**Serve** in missional communities and discipleship: Acts 2:42–47, Matthew 28:19, Phillipians 2

Webster = Servant: “a person devoted to another, cause or creed”

Serve: “to meet needs”

1) a servant sacrifices. John 15:13

2) a servant anticipates needs.

3) a servant submits to God their tongues, their will, and their resources.

**Grow** in personal holiness: 1 Timothy 4:7–8, Galatians 6:7–10, James 1:13–15

“Do not be deceived, ... you reap what you sow.”

Sow a thought, reap an action.

Sow an action, reap a habit.

Sow a habit, reap a character.

Sow a character, reap a destiny.

Galatians 5:13–26, 1 Corinthians 6:12–20, 1 Corinthians 10:23–24, 10:31–11:1

Power over the past comes through purity in the present.

**Give** 10% of your income: 1 Timothy 6:17, 2 Corinthians 8, Matthew 6:21

Money is a power and an idol in our lives .

Our first, Exodus 34:26 Our best, Malachi 1:13b–14 Fully devoted, Leviticus 27:28

Tithe = 10 % to your local church (tithe is the starting point, not the finish line)

Offerings = above and beyond (child sponsorship, Young Life, LTP, etc)

Further study: *Tithing* by R.T. Kendall, *Challenge of the Disciplined Life* Foster

**Live** an evangelistic lifestyle: Luke 2:10, 4:43; Romans 10:15; Acts 8:12, 13:32

Greek: Evangel—Good News

Living an evangelistic life style is imitating Jesus. Luke 7:20–23

*“It’s hard to argue with a life so well lived.”*