

Connecting

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I'm with you always, even to the end of the age. *Matthew 28:18-20 Amen*

We declare we are Servants serving people, reaching, connecting, and converting.

Since Resurrection Sunday, I have been studying the post-resurrection scriptures to ensure I understand my assignment here on earth.

As believers in Christ Jesus, we must understand our WHY.

I
Discipleship is our Why.

We enter discipleship at the moment of salvation. A disciple is a student and learner. A disciple of Jesus Christ is a follower of the life, nature, and character of Him and their teacher.

A disciple answers the call, responds, spends time with the teacher, and is then sent out.

Come unto me, Follow me, Learn of Me and Go.

In Ministerial Alliance we put it like this, discovery, development, and deployment.

Discipleship allows us to learn it, live it, and give it. As a disciplined devoted disciple of Jesus Christ, we must be intentional.

II
Connecting is our How.

If no one reaches no one gets touch.

Connecting - when individuals come together, join, and share experiences, wisdom, patterns, habits of obedience, and principles and link together.

Our greatest witness is our lifestyle, be an example. *I Timothy 4:12*

Tell your story. *Psalms 71:17-19*

Joined and knit together. *Ephesians 4:11-16*

Connecting allows each part to do its own special work, it helps the other parts grow so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

III

Growth in the Body of Christ

In the book of Acts, Luke challenges men and women to take the commission seriously and spread the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We shall be witnesses to Him - *Acts 1:8*

Spread out our sphere of influence, occupy - *Luke 19:13*

When the word is shared, people were added to the Kingdom, *Acts 2:41, 2:47, 5:14, 6:1 and 6:7*.

When Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ, *Acts 8:8* declares there was great joy in the city.

We declare *Acts 13:44*

On the next Sabbath, almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

Will you accept the challenge to invite someone to church with you next week?

Let's reach out and connect!

Consider this as we close; the connections that touch Saul's life to bring about a conversion to Paul. *Acts 9*

1. Saul's breathing out threats to the disciples.
2. He went to the High Priest for a letter.
3. He had an encounter with God.

4. Men who are with Saul led him.
5. Ananias gets the assignment from the Lord to go minister to Saul.
6. Saul preaches Christ.
7. Saul tried to connect with disciples in Jerusalem, but they were afraid.
8. But Barnabas took him.

Then the churches throughout all of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. *Acts 9:31*

9. Timothy connects with Paul and Silas, *Acts 16:5* So the churches were strengthened in faith, and increased in numbers daily.
10. Macedonian called, women at the riverside, and Lydia opened her heart and was baptized. *Acts 16:15*
11. Paul connected with others through handkerchiefs placed on others and was healed of their diseases. God gave Paul the power to do unusual miracles. *Acts 19:11*
12. Have you read the Pauline epistles such as *Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews?*

Connections are lasting and critical.

In the Kingdom of God, it starts with the connection of Jesus Christ.

As we connect with Jesus, let us connect with others.

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