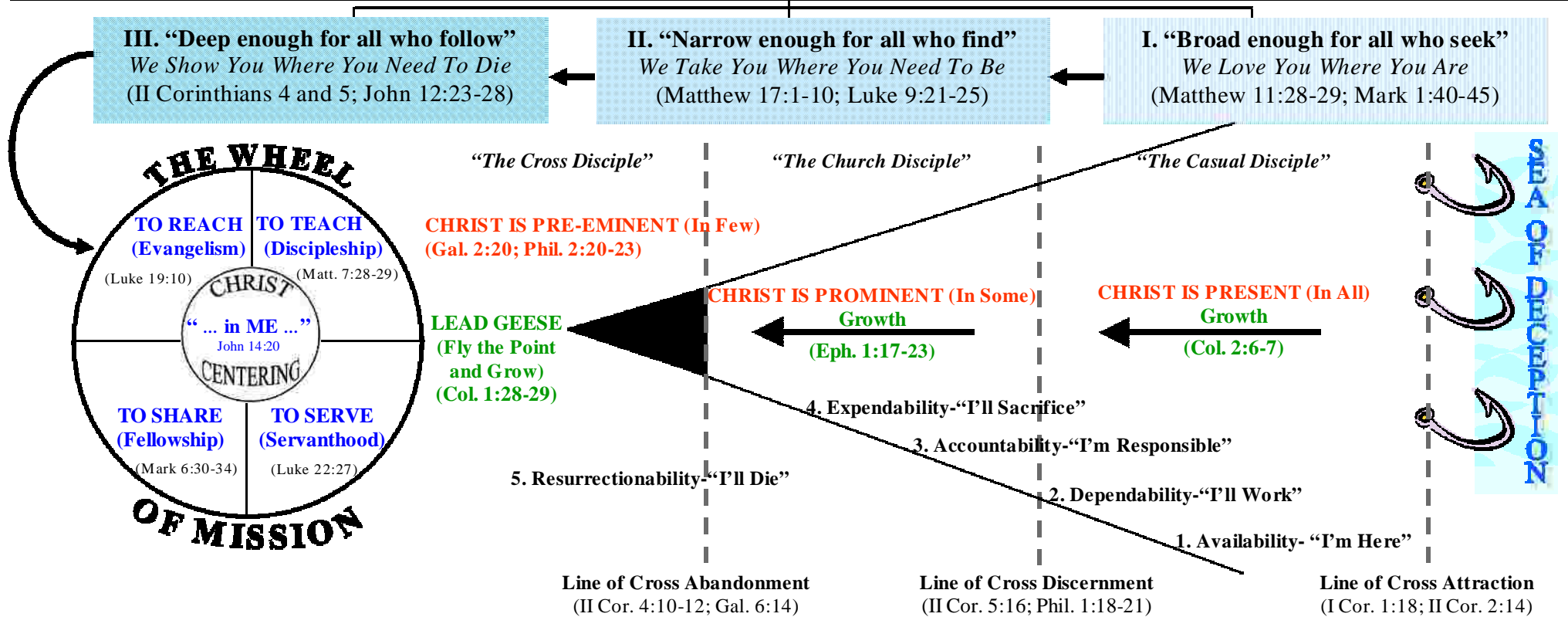


A Churchmanship Vision

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THE THREEFOLD AMBITION FOR A CHRIST LIFE COMMUNITY *Creating a Church of Cross Discipleship and Messiah Love*



The Master's Five Mandates for His Church

We must be Centered in the Christ Life /Cross Discipleship Process in Order to Demonstrate Our Messiah Love Mission

*Centering, reaching, teaching, sharing and serving must all be "put" in Christ increasingly or ministry is void of maximum Messiah Presence and Impact. Our Lord made this clear in John 15:5 ... "without Me (centered) you can do nothing."
(Colossians 1:24-29)*

The Five Fold Resurrectionability Process

Essential Sequential Principles of Ascending Triumph as a Disciple Continues Taking Up the Savior's Given Daily Cross

1. *Salvation—Knowing Him More Deeply*
2. *Spirit—Experiencing His Resurrection Power*
3. *Suffering—Sharing His Cross Sacrifice*
4. *Self—Becoming Alive Out of His Death*
5. *Standing—Attaining His NOW Resurrection
(Philippians 3:10-11)*

The Five Transitions to the Cross

Drawing Disciples Continually Into the Pipeline by Giving Them a Compelling Vision of the Magnificent Christ

1. *Availability*
 2. *Dependability*
 3. *Accountability*
 4. *Expendability*
 5. *Resurrectionability*
- Phase I—Christ is Present (In me)
Phase II—Christ is Prominent (About me)
Phase III—Christ is Preeminent (Through me)
(I Corinthians 10:32-11:1; Hebrews 5:11-6:3)

CHURCHMANSHIP THOURTS ACCORDING TO CHRIST JESUS

“Every decision you make in life will be faulty until you see the world from God’s perspective.” (Ralph Winter)



THE HOOKS OF MINISTRY—Jesus Fragrance (II Cor. 2:14-17) will turn us into ...

Fishers of Men = “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17)

We want to extend as many hooks as we can into the world and “bait them” with aroma of Christ. This demands our own demonstration of contentment, satisfaction and triumph in following the Lord Jesus. We are “sent” as spiritual hooks to God-hungry people to give them Messiah knowledge. Our adequacy to do this depends on our vision of and yielding to His cross invitation! We develop a heart like the Father’s and “become all things to all men in order that we can win some” to our Lord. (TEXT) “Hooks” that adequate for the Disciple to “fish the world” demand “three possessions: First, you must have a hook. Our hook to save others is Christ’s Gospel! Second, you must have desirable and attractive bait on the hook. The only bait that works for any of us is to be a cross carrier! “Put” your life of “overcoming” for Jesus and “caring” for people and many of them will bite again and again and again! Third, we must place our hook in the “best spots” for success. This means cultural wisdom. Experience as a veteran spiritual angler will tell us where to throw our lines! Our hooks have their greatest potential when we comprehend ... Christ for the world, a cross for me and a culture in need. When we “fish for others,” we learn the wonder of how our Lord has and is “fishing for us!”

THE THREE PHASES OF DISCIPLE GROWTH—The beloved Apostle John makes it clear in I John 2:12-14 that our three growth stages as Believers are as children, then young men (adults) and, finally, fathers (veterans). Multitudes of Christians never seem to grow beyond the child stage and fall short of the Lord’s provision for their sanctification. They remain infants (I Cor. 3:1-3), “Casual Disciples” in the faith, and of limited use in spiritual battle. They are usually available and dependable, but their impact is slight. The adults of faith, “Church Disciples” explore, taste and participate in the beginnings of building Christ’s church and can be counted on to take spiritual responsibility. They often offer themselves in expendability for the higher purposes of the Gospel. (TEXT) The mature veterans, true “fathers and mothers,” give of themselves consistently and sacrificially and have no thought of “saving their own lives.” The primary purpose of living for these “Cross Disciples” is to “lose their lives for Jesus’ sake!” (Luke 9:24?)

THREE CHURCH TYPES

BOX MENTALITY:



Man’s Pharisaic Narrowness (Matt. 23:13) - The Disciples are Truth Blockers! The church is what “religion” wants it to be! Heaven is limited to us and those who keep the of law!

TUBE MENTALITY:



Man’s Deceiving Broadness (Jude 11) - The Disciples are Truth Diminishers! The church is what “culture” wants it to be! Heaven is open to all who seek the rule of freedom!

SPEAR MENTALITY:



Christ’s Penetrating Balance (Josh. 8:18, 26) - The Disciples are Truth Revealers! The church is what “Messiah” wants it to be! Heaven is given to those who die for the rule of love!

THE CONQUERING SERVANT CENTERS ON JESUS— *They “Feed His Sheep”*

(John 21:15-22; II Cor. 12:14-15)

“This is why the Father loves Me. I lay My life down for the sheep” John 10:15 ☐ “I Am among you as a servant.” Luke ?? ☐ “Whoever is great among you must be your servant.” Matt. 20:26 ☐ “Who is the one who will be the faithful and wise ser t. 24:25 ☐ “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Matt. 25:21 ☐ “No servant can serve two masters.” Luke 16:13 ☐ “Whoever serves Me must follow Me and where I Am My servant also will be.” John 12:26