

encourage the oppressed and to give hope to the abandoned



Grace Chapel of Houma

Celebrating 20 years of Making Jesus First Again



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This fellowship was built on the Word of God, verse by verse, with Jesus as its cornerstone.

GOD'S PLAN

- It started before time began. He knew man would sin and be lost, separated from any fellowship with God.
- Therefore, He made a plan to reconcile the descendants of Adam through Jesus our Messiah.)

Every plan starts with a blueprint.

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHURCH GROWTH IN THREE FAITHFUL STEPS

Step #1 RESPOND TO THE CALL

Step #2 RESPOND TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT GOD SENDS

Step #3RESPOND BY MAKING DISCIPLES

Step #1 Luke 9:1-10

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Jesus CALLED The 12

God was preparing them for something great.

WHEN GOD CALLS, RESPOND. YOU MIGHT BE THE CHANGE THAT YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

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Jesus EMPOWERED the 12 over ALL DEMONS and to CURE disease and told them to preach vv1-2

THE SAME POWER TO CAST OUT DEMONS IS THE SAME POWER THAT CHANGES HEARTS.

Act 1:8 But you shall receive <u>power</u> when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and <u>you shall be witnesses</u> to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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RESPOND TO THE CALL

Jesus DIRECTED The 12

Go without money....

EXPECT A RESPONSE. SOME MIGHT WANT YOUR HEAD BUT OTHER JUST WANT TO BE FED

Step #2 RESPOND TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT GOD SENDS Luke 9:11-17

If we are obedient to the Call and to the Message, God will place ministry opportunities directly in our path.

Step #3 Luke 9:18-27

RESPOND BY MAKING DSCIPLES

- **Q:** What is a DISCIPLE?
- A: A Learner or a student
- **Q:** Are all DISCIPLES believers?
- A: No. A Biblical Disciple is a LEARNER and a FOLLOWER. Not a hearer only

Jesus in these verses describes of the two types

Step #3 RESPOND BY MAKING DSCIPLES Luke 9:18-27

v.20 It is hard to make DISCIPLES if we do not believe that Jesus is THE CHRIST OF GOD

True DISCIPLES

- Die to themselves (Galatians 2:20)
- Take up their CROSS... Putting to death the things of the flesh DAILY
- FOLLOW Jesus... They are not Ashamed

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WE ARE TO BE MAKING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AND NOT FOLLOWERS OF MAN (PASTORS) OR FOLLOWERS OF DENOMINATIONS

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