



# WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?

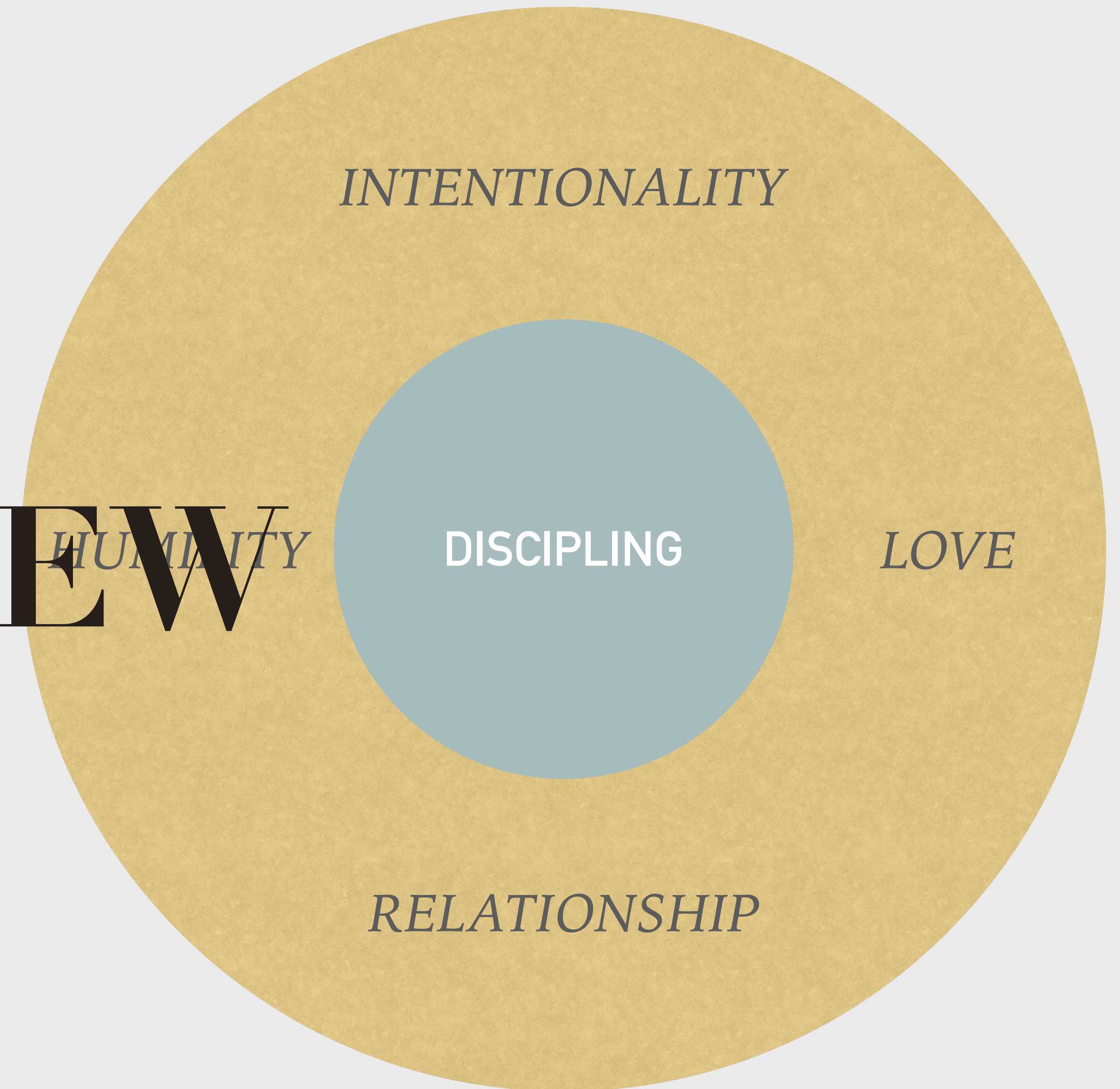
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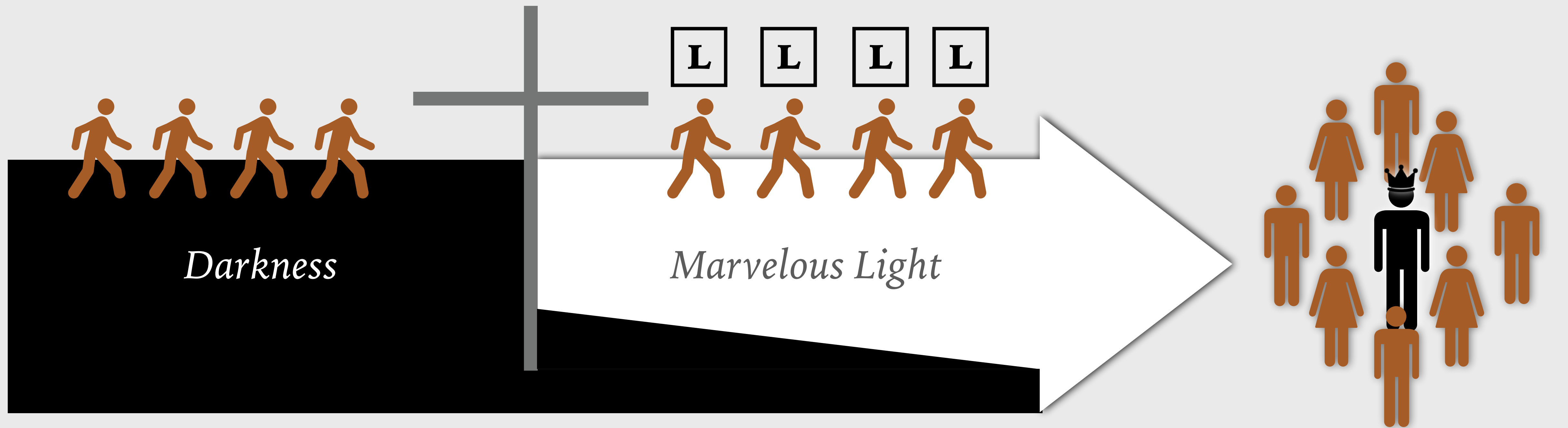
- A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is learning Christ through repentance and faith.
- Discipling is the people of God perseveringly proclaiming and modeling the word of God in prayerful dependence on the Spirit of God so that others would be more like Christ.

# REVIEW



# MOVING OTHERS TO THE RIGHT

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*1 Peter 2:9*

*A community of  
the redeemed  
around King Jesus*



# FOUR REASONS

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1. Love for, obedience to, & partnership with God
2. Love for others
3. Joy in others
4. Glory to God







# 1. LOVE, OBEDIENCE, & PARTNERSHIP

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# LOVE, OBEDIENCE & PARTNERSHIP

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What is God's plan for the world?

What is he doing in all of human history?

- Revelation 4 & 5; 7; 19, 21 & 22
- Colossians 1:13–20
- Titus 2:11–14
- Ephesians 1:3–10

# LOVE, OBEDIENCE & PARTNERSHIP

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What is God doing in all of human history?

1. Glorifying his Son.
2. Rescuing a people out of darkness.

*God's goal for the whole world and the whole of human history is to glorify his beloved Son in the midst of the people he has rescued and transformed.*

# LOVE, OBEDIENCE & PARTNERSHIP

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- We are invited & commanded to join in what God is doing in the world.
- Matthew 28:18–20
- Response 1: We should be humbled & thankful for the high privilege.
- Response 2: We should obey our gracious Lord.



# 2. LOVE FOR OTHERS

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- If we love God, we will do what he says. And we will also love others.
- Mark 12:30–31 – Loving God and loving others are inextricably linked.
- The comprehensiveness of your devotion to God will be demonstrated by your love for those made in God's image.
- 1 John 4:19–21 – God's love for us starts a chain reaction.



# LOVE FOR OTHERS

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- We can tend to forget that our unbelieving neighbors and family members are imprisoned in darkness. This world is not neutral territory. We are behind enemy lines.
- Civilized society can cause the black to turn to gray and people's plight doesn't seem as terrible and awful as it really is.
- This drastically saps the urgency from making new disciples of Christ.





## 3. JOY IN OTHERS

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- Philippians 1:3–5
- Philippians 2:1–2
- Philippians 4:1
- Romans 16:19
- 1 Thess. 2:19–20
- 2 John 4
- In all these verses, what was Paul and John's basis for rejoicing? Can you pick up any common themes in these verses that explain their motivation for discipling?



# JOY IN OTHERS

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- They wrote about their own joy.
- God intends to produce joy in you when you are used to help others prosper and grow.
- So is this sort of joy selfish?  
Does a joy in personally helping to mature disciples lead us to be man-centered or is this a good thing?
- Does it lead to pride?



# 4. GLORY TO GOD

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# GLORY TO GOD

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- Philippians 2:11
- John 15:1–8
- 1 Peter 4:8–11
- The goal of all our disciple-making efforts is to bring glory to God.
- We pray with the apostle Paul: Ephesians 3:20–21