

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Supernatural Church
11: Supernatural Disciples Take Responsibility

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7 / Ephesians 4:16
Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: Worship - Pray – Make Disciples - Fellowship – Do Ministry (service). How do we do them supernaturally?

Today we continue supernatural discipleship: a change of paradigm: taking responsibility for my own growth.

- It's a net, not a string.
 - **Body parts are connected to other body parts.** That is where discipleship so supposed to take place. Ephesians 4:16
 - A net is composed of strings knotted together. Each knot is connected to 4 at most. Every disciple is able to make more disciples. Mark 1:19
 - We need a paradigm shift from entertainment and consumerism to one-anotherism.
 - Two supernatural things are required:
 - A body composed of willing mentors (Knots) Romans 15:1-2
 - A work of God in a heart that compels them to come, even if it costs them everything. Acts 2:42 NLT All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.
- **The call is to follow, not to sit**
 - Jesus call to His disciples was very tough: "Follow me." Luke 14:25-27
 - The excuses are universal and absolutely understandable as long as Jesus is one priority to be weighed against other, equally weighty, issues. Luke 14:16-21 / Matthew 8:19-23
 - New Testament discipleship is following someone who is following Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 / Hebrews 13:7 / 1 Corinthians 11:1
 - If you want to be a disciple, if you're committed and determined, find someone to mentor you
 - It will be your responsibility to identify someone who has what you need. Look for humility, Bible knowledge, fruitful service. You can't follow someone who is not moving.
 - Submission to elders is a required part of being a disciple: 1 Peter 5:5-7.
- **Supernatural discipleship is more than Bible study:**
 - Receives impartation, not just instruction.
 - Romans 1: 10-11 Giftings are imparted by contact
 - Philippians 2:19-26. Looks for a place of sonship
 - Learns the essentials of the faith
 - Large meetings with Apostolic teaching are still desirable. Be there. (If you have been around here regularly for 3 years, you ought to be teaching others)
 - Application issues need someone to talk to: How do I apply Biblical principles in real life?
 - Learns how to follow the Spirit of God: My job is not to tell you what to do, it is to teach you how

to read the Bible for yourself and hear the voice of God.

- John 14:17,26 / 1 Peter 1:22- 2:3. Get hungry whether you feel hungry or not.
- Romans 8:14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
(Proverbs 20:27)

"The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people." - A. W. Tozer