

Jesus' Plan to Change the World

Not Sure Who Said It--Possibly attributed to "Salty Church": (rest now? faith is not in political system)

One lesson that we Christians have still not learned in the past 2000+ years is that Jesus had no political control over the Roman empire, and he still changed the entire world. We keep trying to change the world the way Rome did it, instead of the way Jesus did.

How Did Jesus Change the World? → a group that would grow and go...Go, make disciples, baptize, teach

- Mat 28:18-20 ESV And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Jesus Changed the World by changing individuals, / families or oikos / and entire cities (JOY)

- **INDIVIDUALS** 2Co 5:17 & 21 ESV Therefore, if **anyone** is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.....21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God**.
- **FAMILIES** Acts 16:34 NIV The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; **he was filled with joy** because he had come to believe in God--**he and his whole household**.
 - In Acts → 13 group conversions and 3 individuals (Paul, Ethiopian, Sergius Paulus)
- **CITIES LIKE SAMARIA Act 8:5-8 ESV** Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6 And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 **So there was much joy in that city.**

The Farewell Discourse (last words of Jesus to get us to a place where the world would know)

Get into a Group -- Learn to Love One Another

- John 13:34-35 – "A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **By this all people will know that you are my disciples**, if you have love for one another."

Be discipled and learn to be empowered by the Holy Spirit

- Joh 16:7-8 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, **he will convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

Embrace the mission - be trained to Go

- Joh 17:18-21 ESV **As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.** 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for **those who will believe in me through their word**, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so **that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

Invitation to a pathway to change the world Jesus' way - **That the world may know**

GATHER - Sunday to experience the presence of God, to hear from the word, and the Holy Spirit - to serve

GROUP - join a group, **learn to love one another** (small group, bible study, serve team, don't isolate)

GROW - step into being a disciple - **learning to hear from the Lord and follow Him, led by Spirit**

GO - be a great commission Christian - **so people will believe in Jesus because of our word**