



Our Work - Fully Rooting the Paradigm

# The Way of Christ and His Apostles - Fully Rooting the Paradigm

- Hearer and Doers - our work is to personally become established in the teachings
- What's behind and beyond the Green Check Marks - our educational pathway culminates with “green checks” in our Cloud system
- We Love Assessment - why assessment is important and healthy for continued establishment, and how we have built our educational pathway to include continuous assessment
- The Conference - Competency workshops, accomplishing green checks, rooting as a global family
- Thanksgiving - Love Feast, examples of people orientating their lives to be fully established - Mark, Curtis, Caleb, Thomas, Logan
- Our Work—Fully rooting in the Paradigm

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1. How do you know when someone understands the paradigm? Can you tell someone that they do or do not understand the paradigm?
2. How do you encourage someone to continue on the path towards being fully rooted? What does a family look like that is fully rooted?
3. How did Paul tell his churches they were not fully rooted in the ideas? What did he do to help guide the church back to those ideas and principals.
4. As we approach the new year, what habits must you and your church renew again?

# 1. Follow the Work of the Holy Spirit

Acts shows two crucial aspects to the faith expanding from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, to the ends of the earth.

1. work of the apostles
2. work of the Holy Spirit - this was how Jesus continued to teach them

The six progress markers in Acts (6:7, 9:31, 12:24, 16:5, 19:20, 28:31) demonstrate how Luke was showing that apostles and the Spirit was progressing the faith.

Michael's China experience this August



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# 1. Follow the Work of the Holy Spirit

What does it take for a church to follow the Holy Spirit

1. Engaged in Prayer...together.....a lot!!!!!!

*Acts 13:3 “So after they had fasted and prayed.....”*

2. Unity about the teachings or moving into that direction

*Acts 2:42- They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer*

3. One mindedness amongst the families *Acts 2:44-All the believers were together and had everything in common*

4. Open to opportunities

Others notice that opportunity



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## 2. Apostolic Teams Moving Throughout the World

<sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, **some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,** <sup>12</sup> to **equip the saints for the work** of ministry, for **building up the body of Christ,** <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the **unity of the faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, **tossed to and fro** and blown about by every wind of doctrine, **by people's trickery,** by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But **speaking the truth in love, we must grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:11–16 (NRSV)



## 2. Apostolic Teams Moving Throughout the World

Apostolic gifted leaders that have a confident boldness (parresia) in the teachings, able to equip

- Global Resource Center - South Asia and Southeast Asia
- Partners that can be “resource centers” to others
- BILD Associates/CityChurch Partners - working with BILD Partners



## 2. Apostolic Teams Moving Throughout the World

What does it mean for churches to support the Apostolic gifted leaders

- Giving the Apostolic team members a safe place “to be”
  - A place for respite and health
  - Taking care of their families
- Participate in the conference and partnerships
- Helping with the Paradigm understanding by interacting, hosting, and maintaining relationships



## 3. Do the Necessary Hard Work

<sup>15</sup> **Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.** <sup>16</sup> **Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.** Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:15–16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Remind *them* of these things, and **solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God** not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman** who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 2:14–15 (NASB95)

Diligent - to do something with **intense effort and motivation, to work hard**



## 3. Do the Necessary Hard Work

1. This work is hard. At times heart crushing, but it is also the work that the God of the universe has called us to do!
2. We get the opportunity to do this work together!!
  1. Clusters involved learning, struggling, and supporting and encouraging together!
3. It takes time and patience
4. Transformation and Confidence will be the result



## 4. Next Generation of Leaders...Stepping Up

Can we truly understand the times in which we live, during the times in which we live them? Or can we only understand them after we have lived them?

We live in an age where we have the opportunity to shape the framework of people's life development for generations to come. Are you aware? Do you understand the stewardship and opportunity that we collectively have?



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## 4. Next Generation of Leaders...Stepping Up

Is the next generation of leaders going to do the work that it takes to continue to pioneer this work?

- **Knew it was a big idea** - often acting on intuition as the paradigm does not have enough empirical data to prove itself yet
- **Had the guts to act on what they believed** - this includes the willingness to move forward with great risk, even personal and family risk
- **They were in it over the long term** - forging a new paradigm is never easy, there are few clear roads and our role is to create a road for those that follow us



# 4. Next Generation of Leaders...Stepping Up



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Now is the time to step up.

Now is the time to dedicate your life to this work.

Now is the time to not be “lukewarm”.

Now is the time to mature in the gospel and the teachings.

Now is the time to fully root the paradigm.

## 5. Our Churches Truly Becoming Families

- We must build models all across the world, each church and network of churches “becoming families”
- This life is hard, we all find support, meaning and purpose through a community of people. Where love abounds as people continually commitment themselves to help each other.
- God’s distribution system of “love” to the world, is His Church...as families
- Eph 5:19, Col 3:16 - Singing to one another in psalm, hymns, spiritual songs



## 5. Our Churches Truly Becoming Families

- How are our families organized? Husband, Wives, Children...?
- How are our churches organized? Elders, Shepherds, Older men/Younger men, Older women/Younger women
- Are you and your family participating well in the church? Are you investing in the lives of those in the church? What about your family can the church not live without?
- God's distribution system of "love" to the world, is His Church...as families, and the world really needs this "Love"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Bringing a teaching or Singing to one another in psalm, hymn



## 6. Being a Global Network...Family

- A collective sense and burden of stewardship for passing on the work of The Way of Christ and His Apostles.
- **The Spirit brings unity as we become one minded around the Teachings**
  - unity is not an emotional exercise
  - unity is not just words
  - unity is in the mind, the heart, the thought world
- Let's become one minded around the Teachings, as the Spirit brings unity in a ways that only He can



## 6. Being a Global Network...Family

- N.T Wright—Simply Good News
- “With this comes a realization that after all this good news actually does make sense. Paul has seen this happen too-- seen what it's like when the light goes on in someone's face, when puzzlement or shock is suddenly replaced with the dawning recognition. He hasn't asked people to fit two or three awkward and incredible things into their existing view of the world, he has told them the most awkward incredible thing you can imagine in the sure knowledge that this news creates its own new world. But it isn't as you would imagine a world apart, a kind of zany private Fantasyland. It's a world then that makes sense, challenging life altering sense, but sense none the less; sense of every other aspect of this world from farming and fishing to politics & Philosophy from love and laughter to history and to Hope.”



## 6. Being a Global Network...Family

- “Paul and the people he knew whose lives had been transformed by the good news, found that what they believed, that the Messiah died for their sins in accordance with the Bible, that he was buried and raised---seemed to make them more alive, more aware of everything, more in tune with the whole of creation. Faith involves believing that certain things are true of course but this isn't about odd, detached dogmas it's about certain things in the light of which everything else at last comes into focus. As CS Lewis once said ,and this quote was chosen for his memorial tablet in Westminster Abbey, “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, because by it, I see everything else.”



## 6. Being a Global Network...Family

- “All this and more is what Paul meant when he spoke of the power and wisdom that becomes real for the announcement of the good news. To say it one more time, the message looks crazy and shameful when you try to fit into any other way of looking around the world but if you let it go inside you or perhaps we should say it if you stand inside it and look out into the world then suddenly you see everything else in a new way a way that makes sense of everything; startling shocking sense, a sudden and scary clarity. This is what Paul means by the power of this good news. It does things to people, it transforms them..”



## 6. Being a Global Network...Family

- “When people find this happening to them they're welcome in into a new family (that's just as well because in Paul's world as many parts of the world today, their own families may then reject them) Within that family they quickly learn how the gospel works out in practice. The announcement of what has happened--- Jesus's death and Resurrection as the Fulfillment of the ancient Biblical promises and divine purposes---is matched by the assurance of what will happen in the future, when God is “all in all” and transforming the whole of creation and raising his people into new transformed bodily life. Within those two poles they learn that the life they now live in the present is to be transformed by its relation to the past and the future because Jesus died and was raised. Those who belong to him have died and been raised and must now live accordingly. Because God is going to remake the whole world and raise his people from the dead, they must now live in the present in accord with that ultimate promised Destiny. Everything from then will be different.”



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On that final day...May the Lord turn His face towards us and say: You were faithful to The Way of Christ and His Apostles, well done good and faithful people.



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