



Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." Matt 13:31-32

I am the Vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"Covenant Grove Church is called through the power of God to transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."

Jesus calls people to follow Him and faithfully grow in three key ways:
Discipleship, Fellowship, and Mission.

As we make choices, actively trust God, and allow Him to grow us in these areas, our lives bear the Spirit's fruit (see Galatians 5:22-23). Be the Tree!

DISCIPLESHIP

The most important commandment is this: "Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." The second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

(DEUT 6:4-5; MATT 4:18-20; 7:17-27; JOHN 15:1-17)

Jesus called men and women to follow Him – to be His close friends and imitate Him. Discipleship is all about accepting God's amazing love and responding humbly with a life of genuine, obedient, devoted love. We grow this love through daily time with Jesus in the Bible and prayer, through worship, and through faithfully giving our time, energy, creativity and resources for God. We are made to live in a growing relationship with our Creator – this is the greatest joy of life!

FELLOWSHIP

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35

(LUKE 10:27; LEV 19:18; ACTS 2:42-47; GAL 5:19-6:6)

The group of people who chose to follow Jesus were incredibly connected to each other – because Jesus was the center of their lives. Fellowship happens when we commit to love each other deeply, and serve Christ together. We support, encourage, forgive and challenge each other. We grow this love through Jesus-centered groups, through ministry and through accountability. We welcome the outcast, seek to be a gathering of all nations, and work to be a place where reconciliation can happen. As we build up the Family of God the whole world takes notice – because we are made to live in caring community as we walk with Jesus!

MISSION

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt 28:18-20

(GEN 12:1-3; ACTS 1:8; ISA 11)

Jesus is God – and He came to this earth with a mission to seek and save the lost. And He called His people to follow Him and join His Kingdom mission to reach out to the lost, the least, and the hurting. Mission happens when we follow the Holy Spirit – out of our comfort zones – and deeply care for people, sharing the hope of Jesus, and serving in Christ's name. We grow this love when we have real relationships with those who don't know Jesus, when we share the good news of the cross, and when we work for justice in the world. We are made to make a difference – and with God's help we truly can change the world!

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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. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

AUTHENTIC DEVOTION AND THE MISSION OF GOD

As we live out these commitments together for God, our church will grow stronger, our lives and others will be changed and full of Christ's joy.

My plan for growing:

My plan for giving:

My area of connecting:

How I can serve in the church:

Where is God leading me to serve outside the church?

People I can share my faith with:

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