

DISCIPLE MAKING AFFIRMATIONS:

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“Initial each Affirmation”

I AFFIRM THE DISCIPLE MAKING GOSPEL: _____

I affirm “the gospel of the kingdom” that is entered into by “the grace of God” through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ, who died on a cross, was buried, and resurrected on the third day as prophesied, who promised the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell, teach, guide and empower followers to produce spiritual fruit for expanding His kingdom on earth as in heaven.

I AFFIRM MY DISCIPLE MAKING CALLING: _____

I affirm that Jesus commissioned all followers to finish what He started by going and making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything He commanded, starting from their Jerusalem, impacting their Samaria, and expanding to the ends of the earth until the end of this age. I affirm that all followers of Jesus are called to move towards maturity to the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ, to adhere to His worldview, beliefs, values, words and actions to be outwardly demonstrated in community.

I AFFIRM JESUS’ DISCIPLE MAKING MODEL: _____

I affirm the importance of having a disciple making strategy and importance of following the promptings of the Holy Spirit to change that strategy while keeping in step with the Spirit. For, while Jesus had a strategy of making disciples who would be able to teach others, at the same time he said “I only do what I see my heavenly Father doing.” I affirm that while Jesus has assigned leadership roles to the church, Christ remains the head of the church, the chief apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd and teacher. I affirm that while I will submit to authority, ultimately, I must obey God rather than man.

I AFFIRM THE FATHER’S DISCIPLE MAKING MOTIVE: _____

I affirm that the driving motive behind disciple-making is the self-sacrificial agape love of God. For, God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life. Therefore, I will obey “the royal law of love” that says “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Furthermore, I commit to love my enemies and to pray for those who persecute me. For, they will know that I am his disciple by my love.

I AFFIRM THE DISCIPLE MAKING MEASURE: _____

I affirm that the measure of success in disciple making is evidenced by the fruit of Holy Spirit, namely, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control demonstrated in relationship with God, my spouse, family, church, community, and the world. For, a tree is known by its external fruit. I affirm the need for integrity, the alignment of allegiances, beliefs, values, words and actions expressed in community. I affirm that success in discipleship is measured by equipping others to make disciples. I affirm that my long-term goal is multiple generations of disciple makers to the third and fourth generation.

I AFFIRM THE DISCIPLE MAKING POWER: _____

I affirm that the power for disciple-making originates from the Holy Spirit. For, just as I am saved and sanctified by grace through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ, so am I empowered to be His witness and to make disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit. For, the Spirit bears witness to my spirit, that I am a child of God. For, I will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon me to be his witness. For, it is the Spirit who is my teacher. For, it is the Spirit that produces fruit through me. For, the Father, the Son and the Spirit give spiritual gifts for service in the body of Christ. For, the weapons of our warfare and not of flesh, but rather spiritual in nature to defeat spiritual strongholds through prayer.

I AFFIRM THE DISCIPLE MAKING ENVIRONMENT: _____

I affirm that the primary environment for disciple making is the home. The second environment is the local church. The third environment is the global church and then the secular world. I affirm that God desire his kingdom to expand outward to transform the secular world, rather than expect the world to come into the church. For, God has called us to be salt in a unsavory world and a light on a hill. For, God desires that his will would be done on earth as in heaven.

I AFFIRM THE DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENT: _____

I affirm that disciple making is about advancing a movement rather than replicating a program. Movements thrive when leaders lead by example transforming the culture and equipping faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Therefore, I will dedicate my time, energy, spiritual gifts, talents and resources towards replicating disciple makers who are faithful, available, teachable, servant-leaders, and obedient to the commands of Christ as guided by the Holy Spirit in dependence upon the heavenly Father. I affirm that a movement is established when there exists multiple generations of disciple makers to the third or fourth generation.

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I HAVE READ THE BELOW DISCIPLE MAKING DEFINITIONS: _____

Disciple making – the commission of Jesus Christ for His followers to proclaim Him warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom in order to present everyone spiritually mature to the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ replicating disciple makers in the process (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:28-29).

Disciple maker – a follower of Jesus Christ, who intentionally enters into relationships with others to assist them in following Jesus and in being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit in cooperation with the mission of God, the Father.

Church – a local spiritual family of God, having Jesus Christ as their head, who regularly meet together for fellowship, worship, prayer, teaching, service, giving and mercy, living a separate lifestyle from the world, but living in the world advancing kingdom of heaven allegiances, beliefs, values, activities and words that are redemptive in nature.

A Disciple Making Culture – an allegiance, set of beliefs, values, actions and narrative that intentionally moves followers of Christ in community towards the fulfillment of their unique designs, gifts, talents, and callings to replicate kingdom of heaven disciple making movements transforming communities and nations by the love of Jesus.

Disciple Making Movement (DMM) – an intentional rapid development of small disciple making groups and leaders who will be faithful, available, teachable, servant-leaders, and obedient followers of Jesus equipping members of the church for the work of the ministry leading towards the third and fourth generation of disciple makers within a reasonable timeframe.

Date: _____

Signature: _____