

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## WEEK 3 - 3 ENEMIES OF CONNECTION PHILIPPIANS 2

"AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, 'ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. 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, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE.'" **MATTHEW 28:18-20 (ESV)**

**WHAT FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCK MUST EXIST FOR DISCIPLESHIP TO OCCUR?**

### THREE CIRCLES OF CONNECTION



**LARGE - MEDIUM - SMALL**

"IT IS IN SMALL GROUPS THAT PEOPLE CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO KNOW EACH OTHER, TO CARE AND SHARE, TO CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT, TO CONFIDE AND CONFESS, TO FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN, TO LAUGH AND WEEP TOGETHER, TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO EACH OTHER, TO WATCH OVER EACH OTHER AND TO GROW TOGETHER. PERSONAL GROWTH DOES NOT HAPPEN IN ISOLATION. IT IS THE RESULT OF INTERACTIVE RELATIONSHIPS. SMALL GROUPS ARE GOD'S GIFT TO FOSTER CHANGES IN CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH." DR. GILBERT BILEZIKIAN

**3 ENEMIES OF CONNECTION:**  
**KEY VERSES: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5**

### 1) OUR MEDITATIONS ( Our Thinking )

**WARNING!** PHILIPPIANS 3:2

**CHALLENGE:** PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

**"DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND, THAT BY TESTING YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT."**

**ROMANS 12:2 (ESV)**

### 2) OUR AFFECTIONS ( Our Love )

**WARNING!** PHILIPPIANS 4:2

**CHALLENGE:** MATTHEW 22:37-39

### 3) OUR INTENTIONS ( Our Purpose )

**WARNING!** PHILIPPIANS 1:15-18

**CHALLENGE:** PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

**"DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT GRUMBLING OR DISPUTING, THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS AND INNOCENT, CHILDREN OF GOD WITHOUT BLEMISH IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND TWISTED GENERATION, AMONG WHOM YOU SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD." PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15 (ESV)**