

# WHAT / WHO IS THE CHURCH?

## “A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP”

(THE SECRET TO MULTIPLICATION: DISCIPLE-SHIFT)  
PART ONE



# Introduction:



**Revelation 6:1-8**

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## A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-SHIFT

### 1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.

- What is the Definition of a Disciple:

1.) **Knowing Christ.** = Faith:  
Becoming Born Again.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

## A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-SHIFT

### **1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.**

- **What is the Definition of a Disciple:**
- **Where do I start?**
- **Matthew 4:19 – And He (Christ) said to them (the Disciples), “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of Men.” Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him.**



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### 1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.

- What is the Definition of a Disciple:
  - 1.) Knowing Christ. – Faith: Born Again.  
Disciple. “Follow Me.”
  - 2.) Following Christ. – Head.  
Example. “And I will make you.”
  - 3.) Changed by Christ. – Heart.  
Disciple-Maker. “Fishers of men.”
  - 4.) Committed to Christ. – Hands.

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### 1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.

- What is the Definition of a Disciple:

#### 1.) Changed by Christ:

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”  
Romans 8:29; II Corinthians 3:17,18

## A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-SHIFT

### **1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.**

- **What is the Definition of a Disciple:**
- **Where do I start?**

**Where do most churches start?**

- 1. FOCUS: What is our focus?**
- 2. METHODOLOGY: How do we meet our collective objectives? How do we achieve our focus?**



## A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS ON FUNCTIONAL DISCIPLE-SHIFT

1. **SHIFT ONE: From Teaching to Making.**

Four Kinds of Churches. Which one are we?:

1.) **Educational:** A pastoral educational focus with a classroom methodology: **Teaching.**

2.) **Attractional:** An attractional focus with an entertainment methodology: **Entertainment.**

3.) **Missional:** A missional focus with a service-opportunity methodology: **Service.**

4.) **Organic Home:** A fellowship with an organic methodology: **Home fellowship groups.**

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### **1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.**

- **What is the Definition of a Disciple:**
- **Where do I start?**

**Where should churches start?**

### **1. FOCUS: What was Jesus Focus? (DISCIPLES)**

### **2. METHODOLOGY: What was Jesus Methodology? (RELATIONSHIPS)**

1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.
- What is the Definition of a Biblical, Christ-centered Disciple Making Church?:

We must cultivate at MBC a  
**Great Commission Focus**  
(Matthew 28:18-20); Fueled By A  
**Great Commandment Passion**  
(Matthew 22:37-40).



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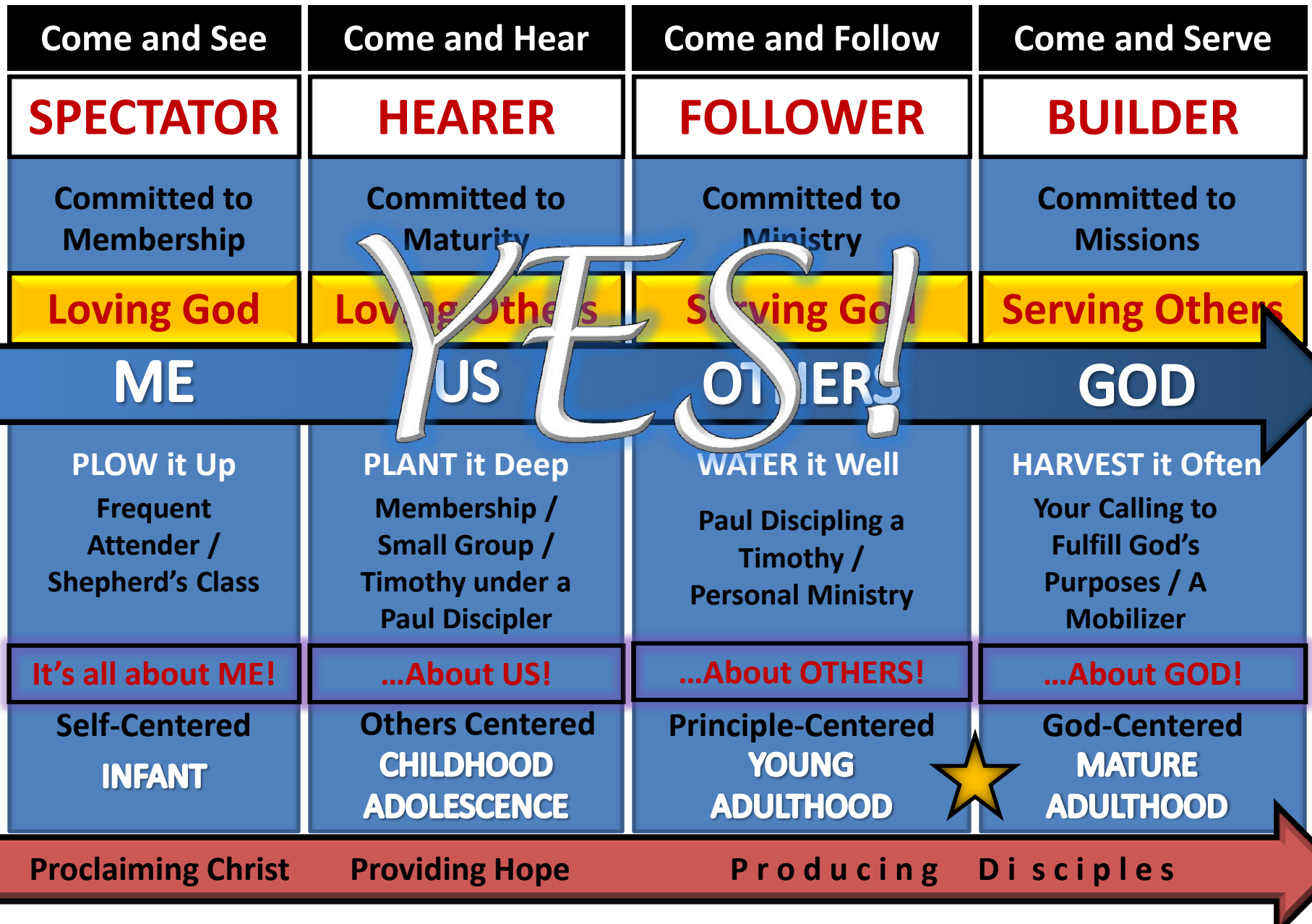
### **1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.**

- **Where do I start? Where do I Fit in?**

**“We start with a commitment to trust and follow Jesus, and then, over time, we are changed by Him. As Christ changes us, we become more mature. The maturity manifests itself as a growing desire to love and serve God and others and leads us to become spiritual parents who carry on Jesus’ mission in the world.”**

**From Disciple-shift, page 74**

# MBC MODEL CONTINUUM







# Are you Spiritually Dead?

- I don't believe there's a God.
- The Bible is just a bunch of myths.
- Religion is a crutch for the weak.
- Christians are just intolerant, homophobes.
- There are many ways to get to heaven and many roads that lead to God.
- I don't believe in hell. We make our own hell.
- I am a good person, better than most.
- There are no absolutes.
- I don't need to go to church. The church is filled with hypocrites! All they want is your money anyway.

# Are you Spiritually Alive?

**Ephesians 2:1-5** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



# Are You Born Again?

- I believe in God and have put my full faith and confidence in Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- I have an appetite for the Word of God.
- I love to be in worship with God's people.
- I keep short accounts with God when I sin and feel a godly sorrow and conviction over my sin that leads me to repentance.
- I grieve over my sin and the desires of my flesh. I have an increasing hatred for sin.
- I long to be obedient and please God in everything I think, say or do....



# Are you a Spiritual Infant?

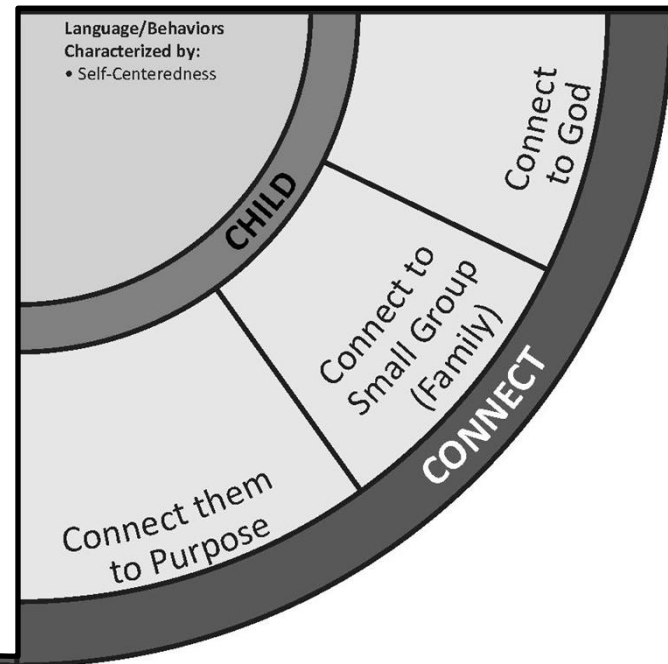
- I want to be in church more often.
- I never heard that before, what does it mean?
- I want to know how to read my Bible and pray? How do I do that?
- I didn't know the Bible said that?
- Being outdoors in nature is my church.
- I don't need anyone else. It's just me and Jesus.
- What is tithing? What is the trinity?
- I know Jesus is God, but isn't karma real too?

# Are you Spiritual Infants?

**1 Peter 2:2,3 As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby.**

**Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the Word of righteousness, for he is a baby. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

- **Are you a Spiritual Child?**





# Are you a Spiritual Child?

- I don't know if this church is meeting my needs anymore.
- Don't split my home fellowship group. All our friends want to stay together.
- Who are all these new people coming to our church? I can't get a parking spot!
- Why do we have to sing these old hymns?
- Why do we have to sing these new praise chorus's?
- No one ever says Hi to me in church!
- I was sick and no one even called me or even knew I was gone!



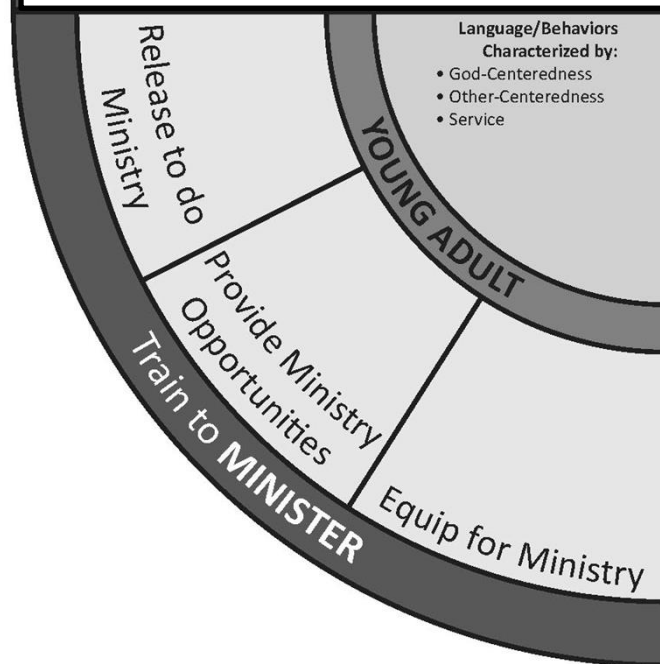
# Are you Spiritually Alive Children?

**I John 2:12 I write to you little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.**

**I Thessalonians 2:10-12**

**Romans 14: The Law of Love for our Christian Brother and Sister.**

# • Are you a Spiritual Young Adult?



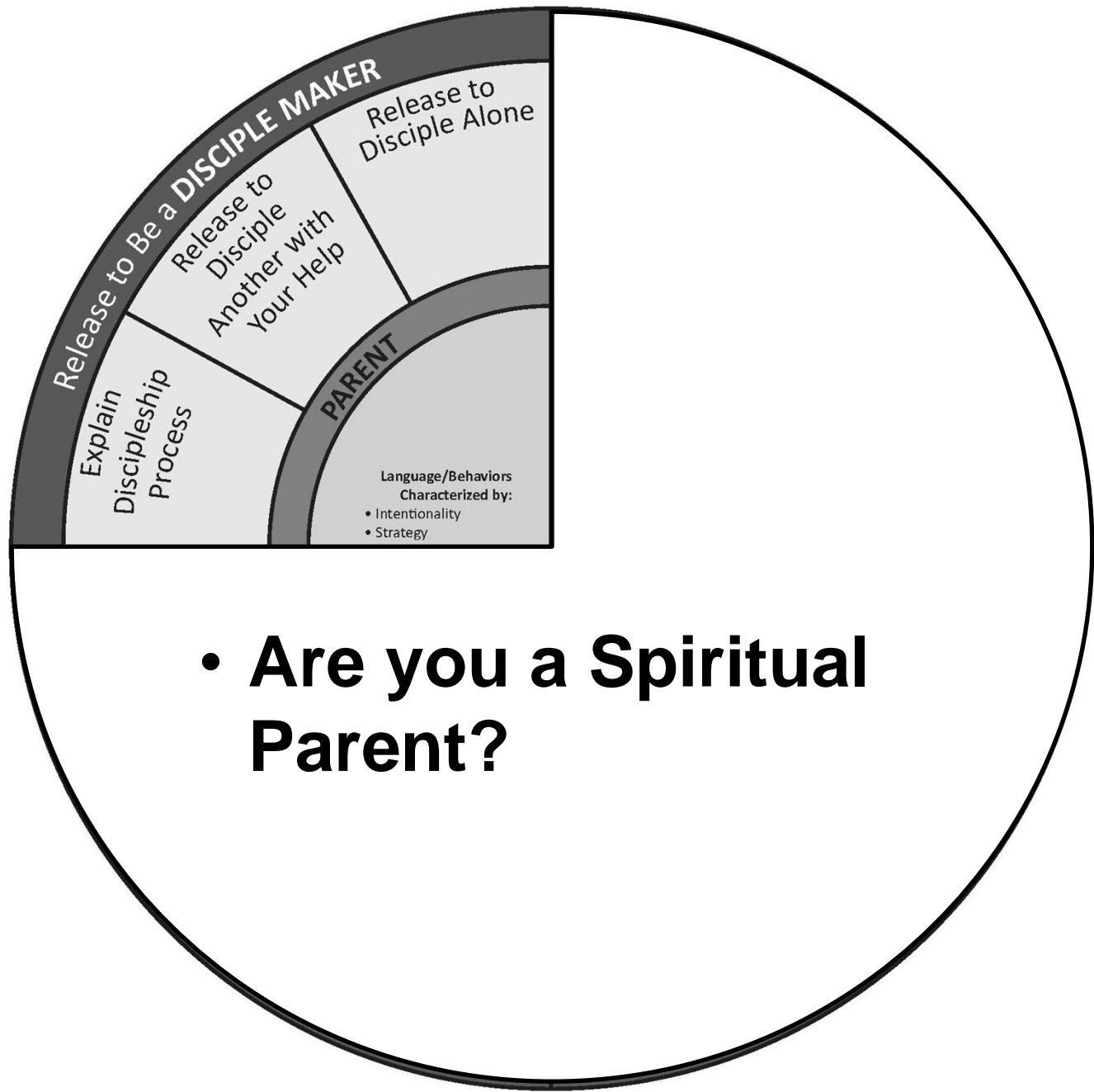
# Are you a Young Adult?

- Look what I found in my Bible study?
- I really want to go on a mission trip!
- I just love when God uses me and I can see the fruit of my service for Him and others!
- I want to share my faith with my friends and bring them to our home group and church!
- I've noticed some people missing from church so I called them and told them they were missed and loved!
- Look how many are in church today! I had to walk two blocks from where I parked my car.
- Our home group needs to split and divide so more can come.

# Are you Spiritually Alive Young Adult?

**I John 2 :13,14 I write to you young men,  
because you have overcome the wicked one. I  
have written to you young men because you  
are strong, and the word of God abides in you,  
and you have overcome the wicked one.**





# Are you a Spiritual Parent?

- I love to share my faith and see those I love and care for come to faith in Christ!
- I wonder if God is leading me to help disciple someone to mature in their faith?
- We got to baptize someone from our home group tonight! We need to plug him in to a ministry and partner with him for discipleship as soon as possible.
- The most important disciples are my children and grand-children. I long to see them grow up and mature in their faith.
- I want to be a good example to others in my walk with God and faith.



Are you spiritually

Alive Parents?

I John 1:1-3 I write to you fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning...

II Timothy 2:1-2 You therefore may also be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

YEAR	EVANGELIST	DISCIPLER	GROUP
1	365	2	3
2	730	4	9
3	1,095	8	27
4	1,460	16	81
5	1,825	32	243
6	2,190	64	729
7	2,555	128	2,187
8	2,920	256	6,561
9	3,285	512	19,683
10	3,650	1,024	59,049
11	4,015	2,048	177,147
12	4,380	4,096	531,441
13	4,745	8,192	1,594,323
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15	5,475	32,768	14,348,907
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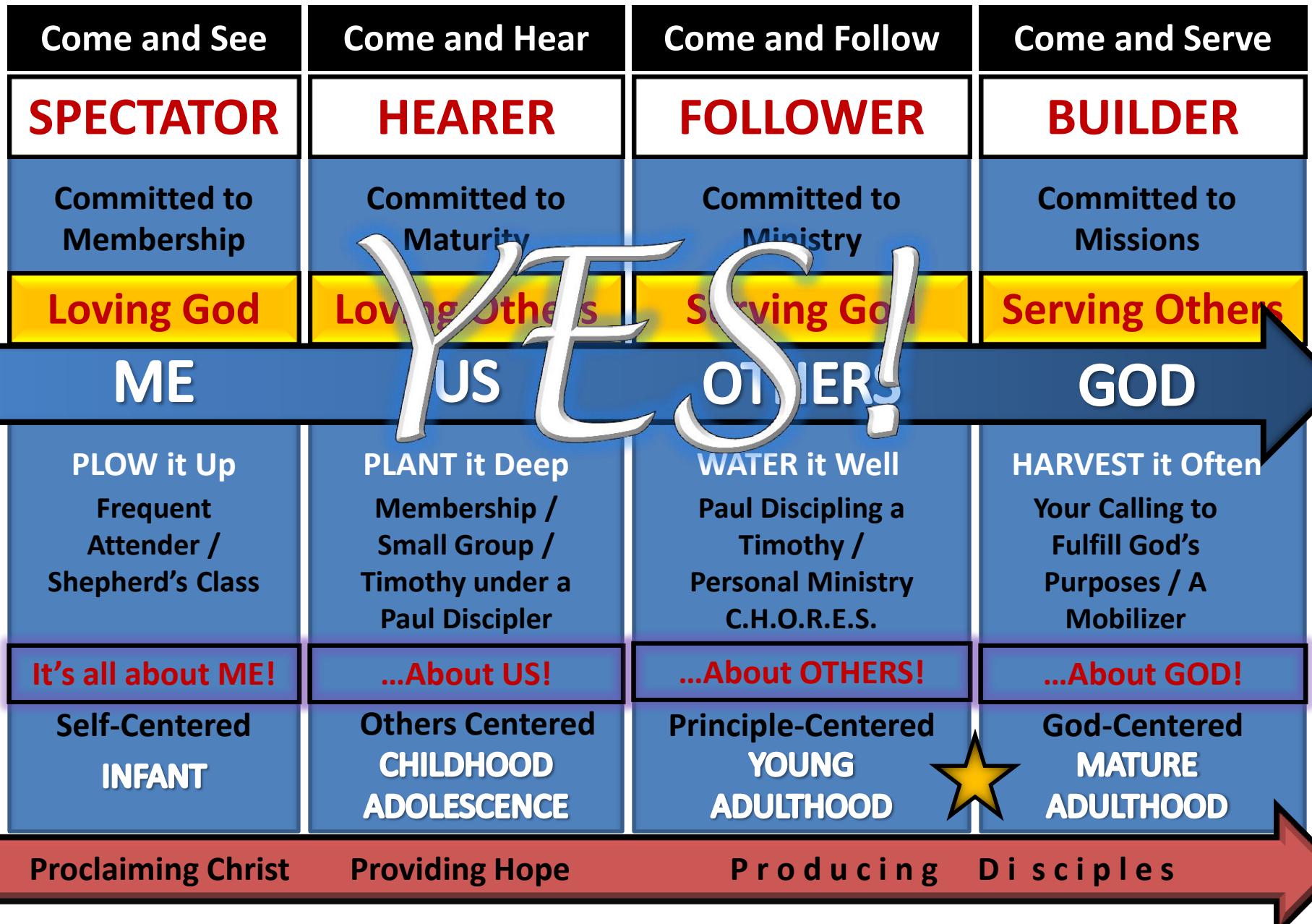
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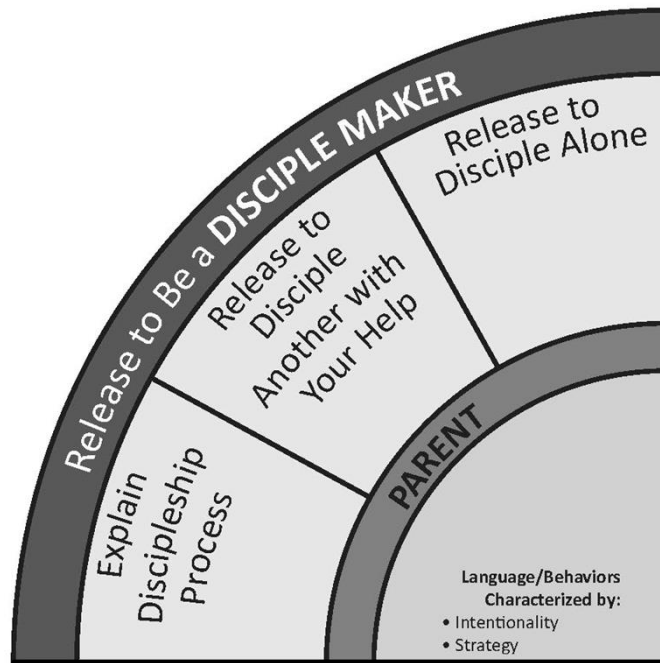
### **1. SHIFT ONE: From Reaching to Making.**

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- **Where do I fit in?**
- **How will I know when I am successful?**

**II Timothy 2:2 And the things that (2.) you (Timothy) have heard from (1.) me (Paul) among many witnesses (Professing Disciples), commit these to (3.) faithful men who will be able to teach (4.) others also.**

# MBC MODEL CONTINUUM





## Moment of Decision:

- **Are you willing to become a Spiritual Parent and reproduce yourself in others?**