

# The Roman Empire & The Jewish Temple

#### Fifty days later...

...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

#### THE CHURCH

Its truth is timeless. Its relevance is boundless. Its influence is relentless. Its worth is priceless.

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

#### THE CHURCH

Growing Infiltrating Influencing Overcoming

# Love God Love People Make Disciples

#### Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Forms Identity Brings Clarity Establishes Priority Facilitates Unity Assigns Responsibility "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

### This is the first and greatest commandment.

### And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

#### The greatest confirmation and demonstration of our love for God and our faith in God is our love for people.

### All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

# Jesus' *authority* is almost always at odds with our desire for *autonomy*.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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There should be more of you because of you.

Matthew 28:19 NIV

and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## A life lived with purpose is a life lived with meaning.

## God's purposes are worth living for, giving to, and participating in.

Don't give your life away to all the parts of your life while neglecting the point of your life.