

# October 21, 2018

Church 103: We Are The People Who Serve Together

John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 12:7-14, Ephesians 4:11-16

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**VISION:** We are a functional family of God, where Jesus is Lord and people grow.

**MISSION:** Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional.  
(¶126 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)

There are two kinds of people in this world: people who need to become disciples and disciples who need to become disciple makers.



**Peace be with you.**  
AS THE FATHER HAS  
**SENT ME,**  
—EVEN SO I AM—  
**SENDING YOU.**

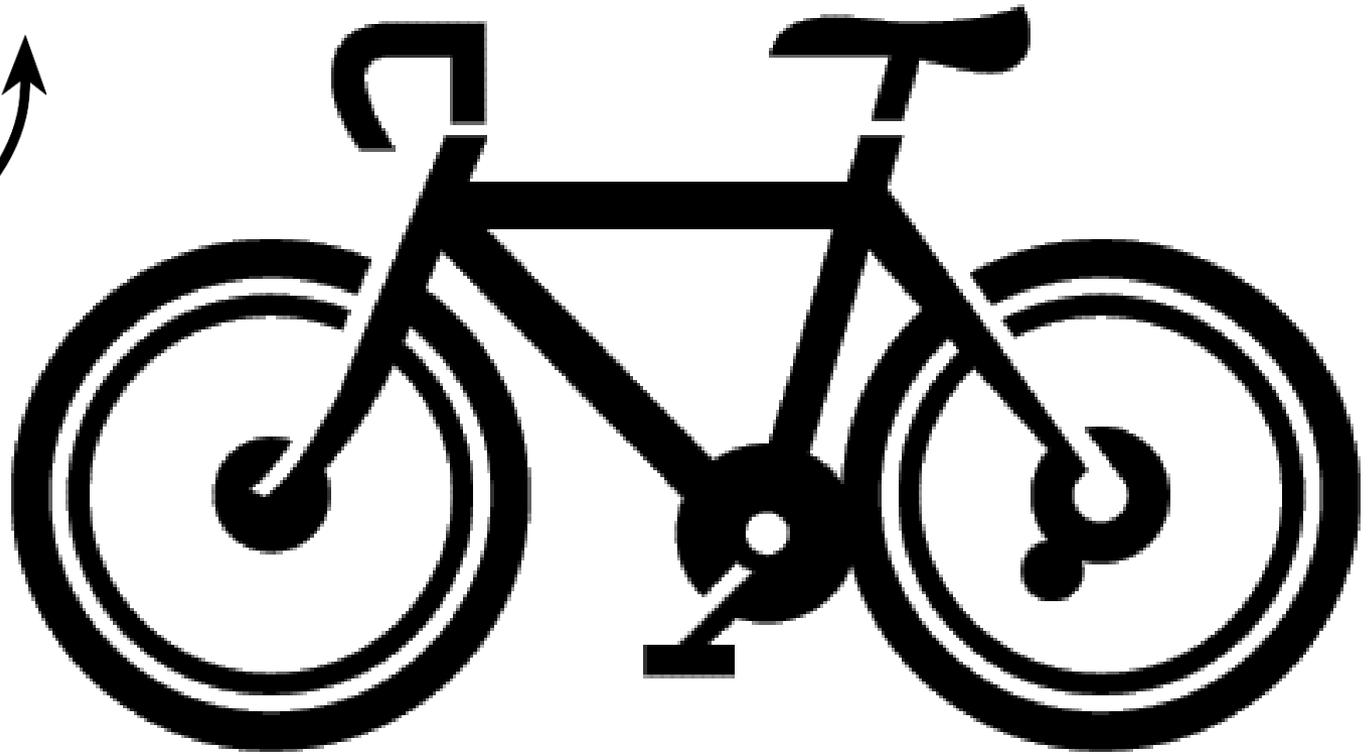
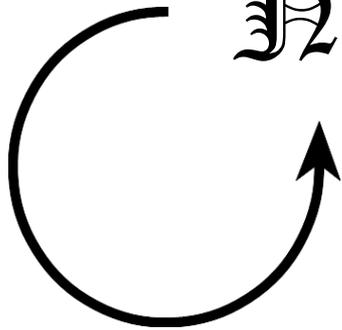
We are the people who  
love one another –  
God, neighbor, self.



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people who  
learn together.



Now ... Don't just stand there!



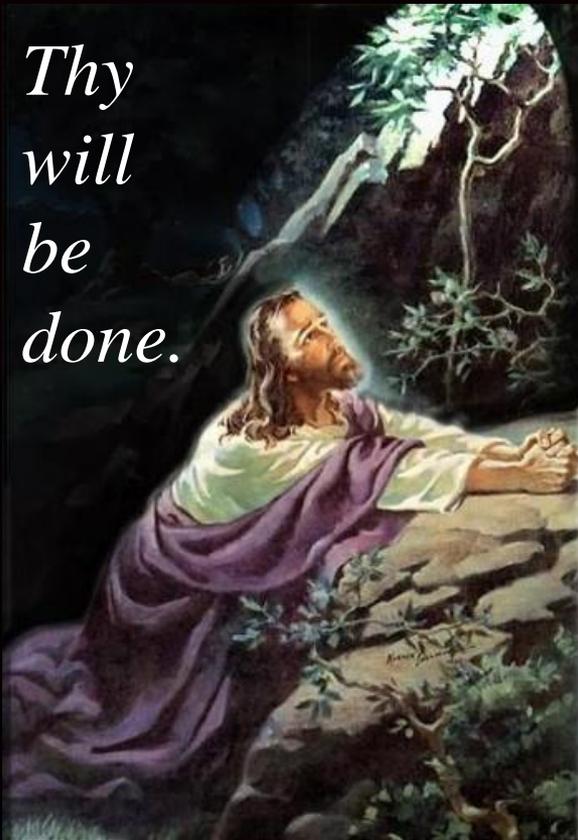
**Do**

**something!**



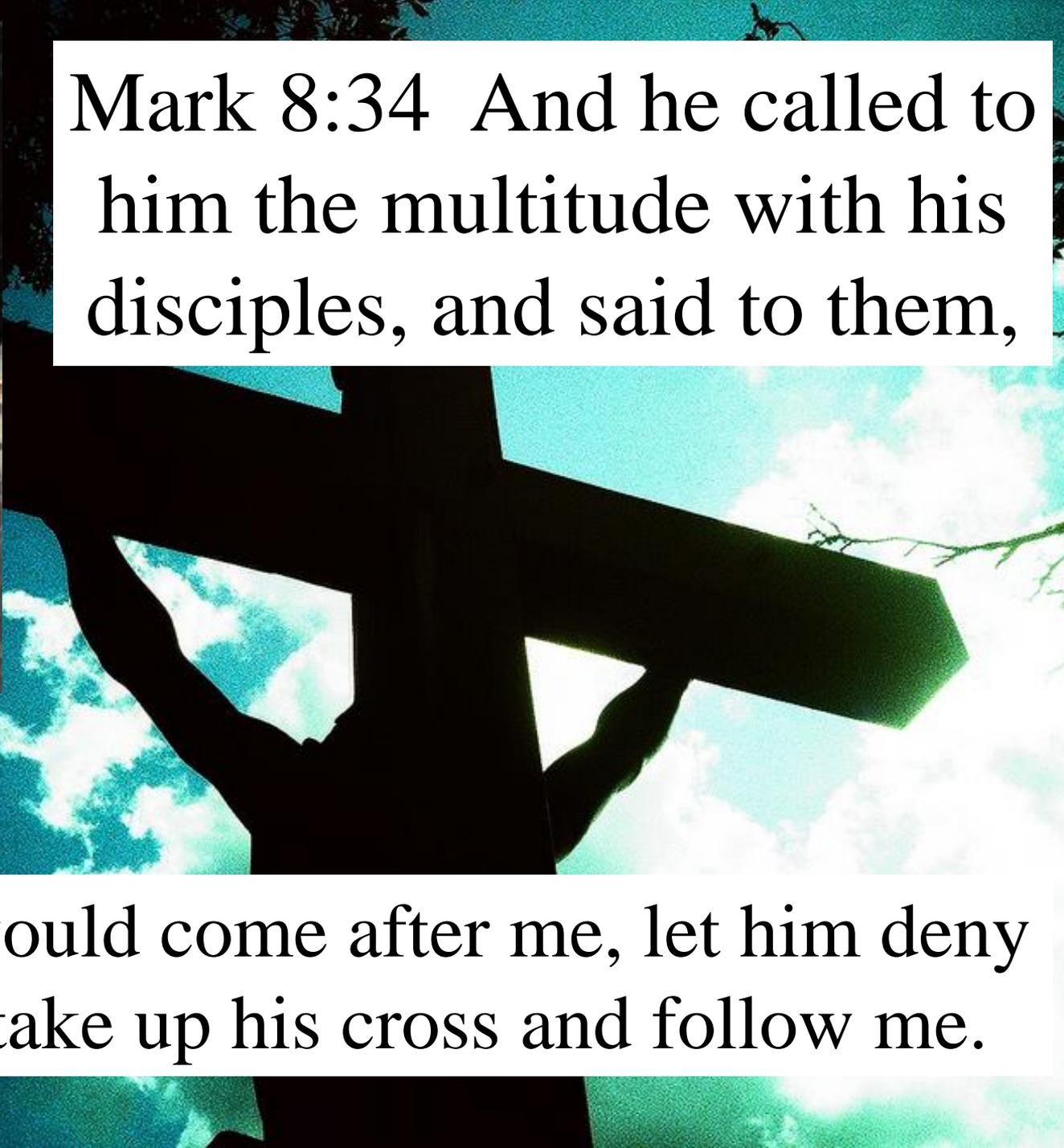
“I'll never forget the athlete who came to me and he said, *"I don't want to give my life to Christ. I'm afraid of the will of God."* The typical athlete who thinks that God wants to break both his legs and make him play a flute...”

*Thy  
will  
be  
done.*



Mark 8:34 And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them,

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.



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O LOVE OTHERS  
Y AS YOURSELF



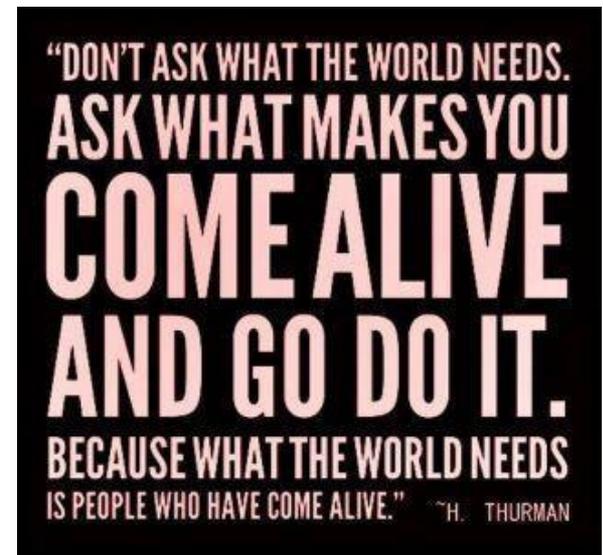
*Our cross is  
customized;*

God chooses to  
love people  
*through us.*



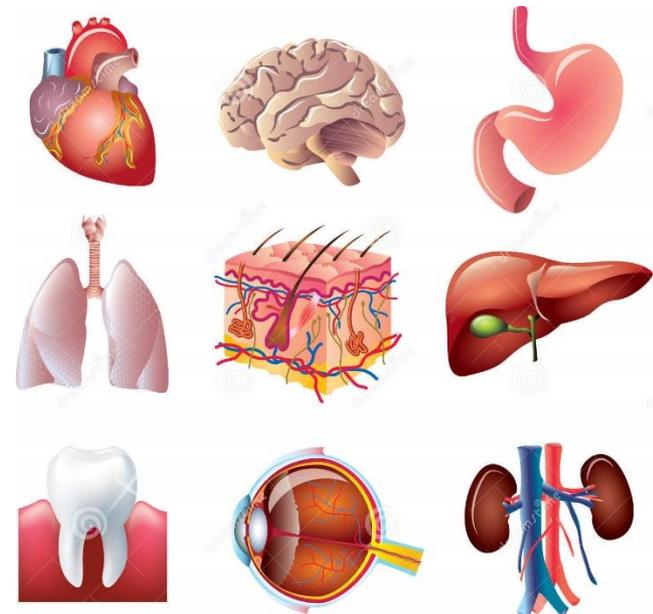
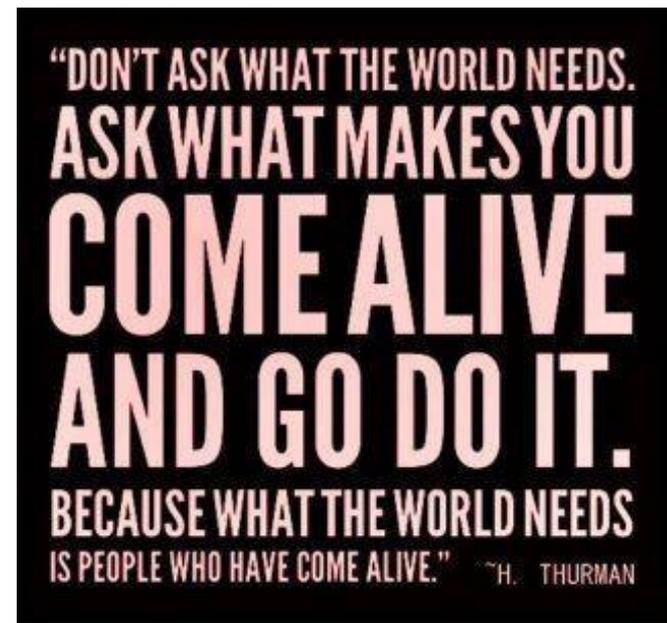
To **each** is **given**  
the **manifestation**  
of the **Spirit**  
for the common good.

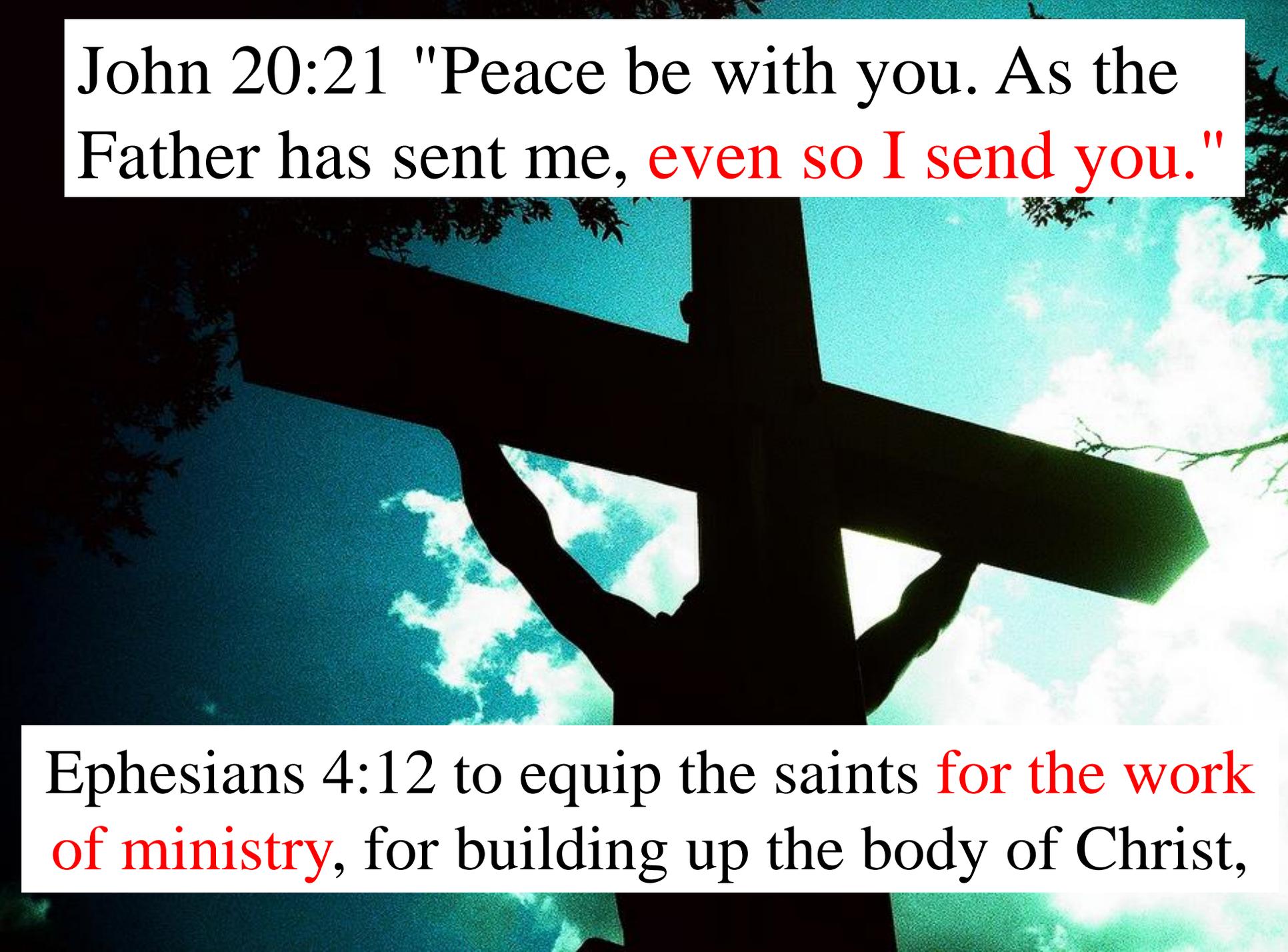
1 Cor 12:7



Your **S**piritual Gift is found in the center of  
Your **H**eart and who you love,  
Your **A**bilities and what you do well,  
Your **P**ersonality and your preferences,  
Your **E**xperiences and what you've done.

11 All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, **who apportions to each one individually as he wills.** 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

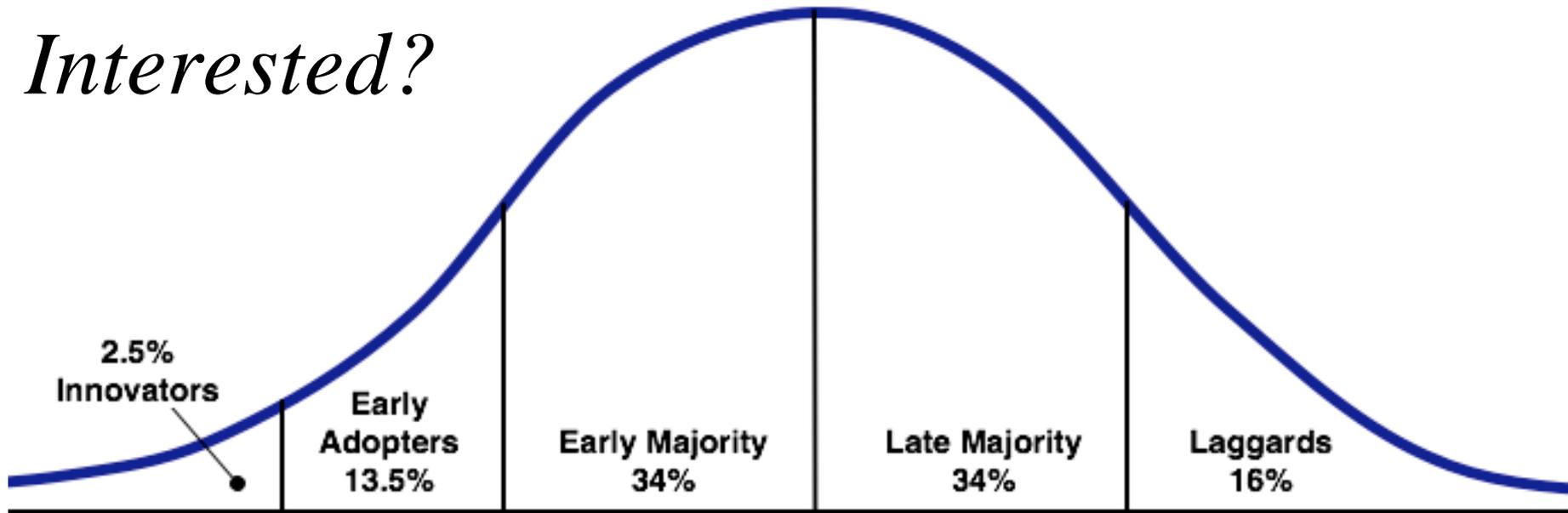




John 20:21 "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, **even so I send you.**"

Ephesians 4:12 to equip the saints **for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ,

*Interested?*

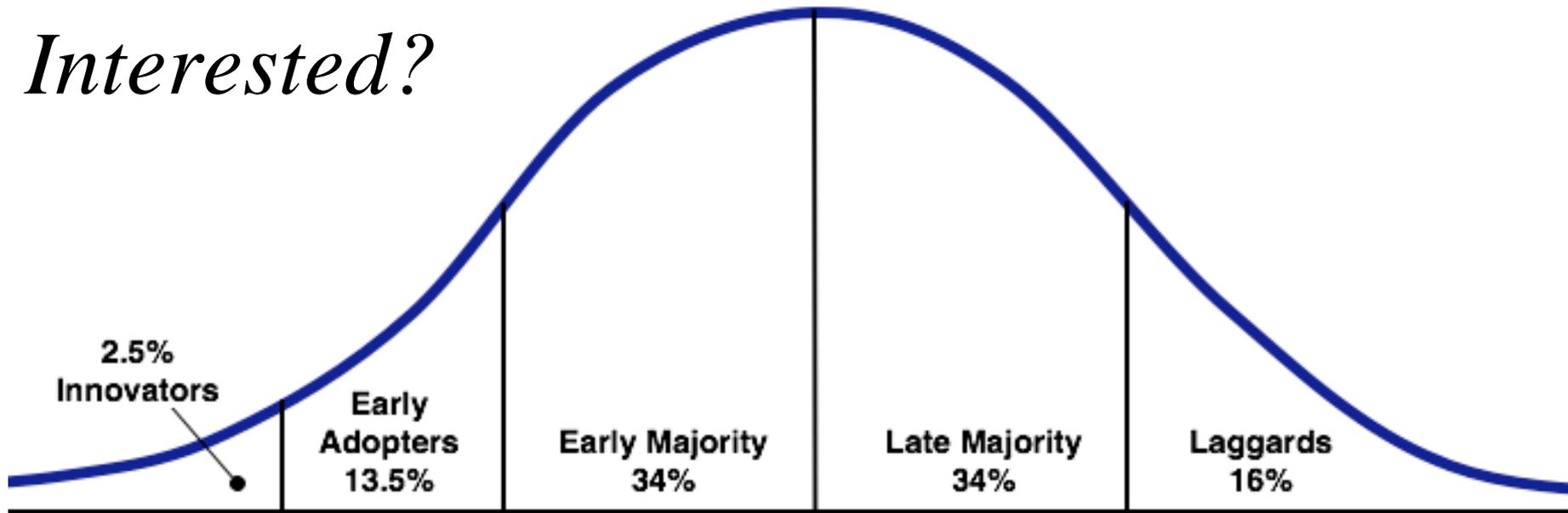


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One of your  
neighbors ...



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neighbors

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