The Master's Blueprint - Jesus's Model For Discipleship

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:24-25 ESV)

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25-28 ESV)

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (John 15:15-17 ESV)

"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 28:19-20 ESV)

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, [a] who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV)

The Crisis of the Unfinished Foundation

The Four Cornerstones of the Master's Model

- 1. Radical Commitment + Self Denial: The Cost of Discipleship
- 2. Discipleship is Demonstrated in Service and Humility: The Call to Servant Leadership
- 3. The Power of Intentional and Relational Community: The Engine of Discipleship
- 4. Discipleship Culminates in Mission and Replication: The Call to Make Disciples.