

## Stronger Prayer Foundation Needed

One of the first priorities for cultivating and developing a connected, relational culture of discipleship here was the establishment of a prayer foundation. A prayer team meeting specifically for this purpose, existed for several years. We need to seek God's direction, wisdom, vision, and timing for the cultivation and development of disciples making disciples.

There is also prayer team that meets every Tuesday morning to seek God on many needs and issues connected to the congregation.

In a prayer session we became aware that the foundation of prayer is not strong enough for the changes in congregational life that are likely to come as we move deeper in relationship to the Lord and to one another.

Here is the question that came out of that session: *"Is there enough prayer going on for such a large, foundational undertaking?"* Probably not. We need to hold up the hands of the elders, current discipleship and small group leaders, potential leaders, etc. We need to ask God for wisdom and direction.

### Will you:

- Form a prayer cell with a few others?
- Join one of the prayer teams currently meeting?
- Set regular times to pray with someone over the phone?
- Take time in your Sunday class or small group to pray specifically that we become:
  - ➔ A praying church?
  - ➔ A church of disciples making disciples?
- Will you take time to pray about these things when meeting someone for coffee or lunch?

Remember that **prayer is the battle**. Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do nothing." Jesus is never in a hurry and never surprised. He knows the way we should go.

Pray with us.

- Ken Rosentrater

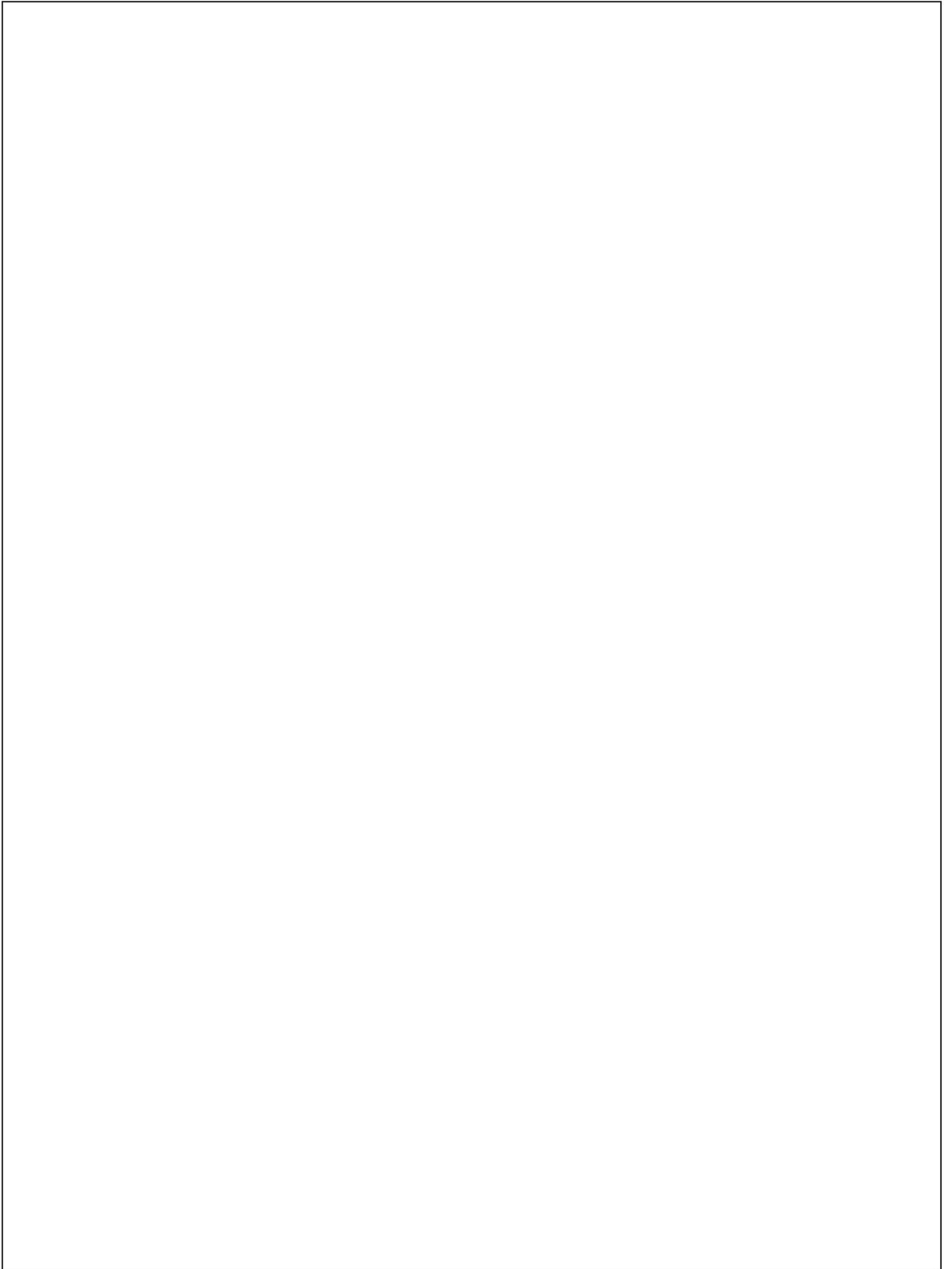
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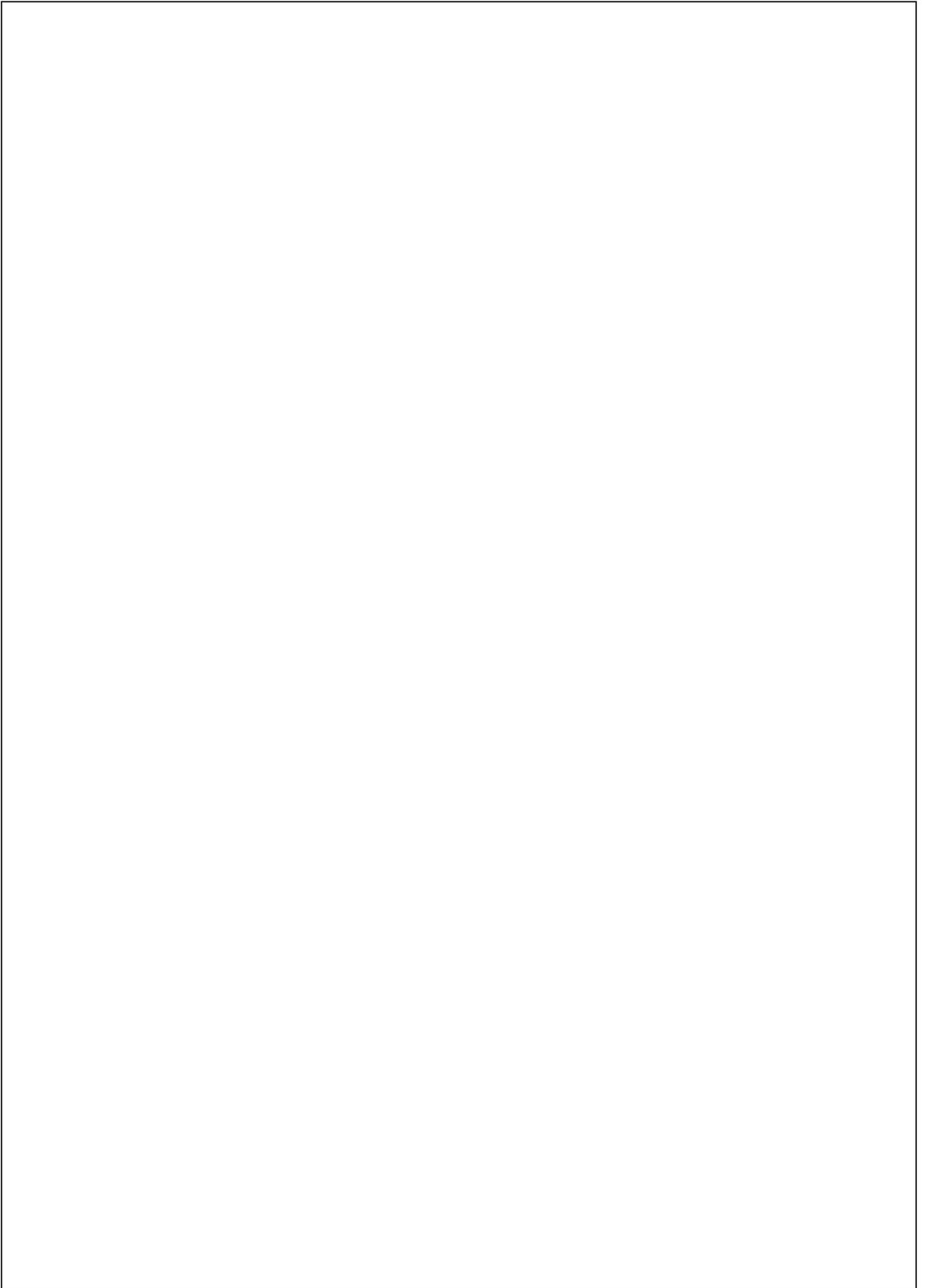
## THE CHURCH

- ❖ Dynamic living organism
- ❖ Structure needed, but Church is not a structure
- ❖ Relationship-intensive, not labor-intensive

## SHIFT FOCUS

Running programs - Building people  
Running events - Training people  
Using people - Growing people  
Filling gaps - Ministry training  
Solving problems - Growing people  
Ordained ministry - Team leadership  
Church polity - Ministry partnerships  
Training institutions - Local training  
Immediate pressures - Long term vision  
Management - Ministry engagement  
Church growth - Gospel growth





# 3DM: BUILDING A DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

High Invitation

