# The Message Gathering

# Destined To Disciple Session 3: The Distinction Of Discipleship

## Why Are So Many Christians Missing Their Divine Destiny?

- Living More In A Religious Existence Than In A Relational Reality

- More Focused On The Duty Of Living For God Than We Are The Devotion Of Living With  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{God}}$ 

- Living More Out Of The Law Of God Than We Are The Love Of God

#### Romans 7:4 (NIV)

So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

#### Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

#### Romans 7:5-6 (NIV)

For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

## Godly Service Is Not Possible For A People Who Live Under The Law, So Those Who Try To Live By Rules and Regulations Can Never, And Will Never Serve Christ!

## Three Must Do Things To Become Faithful Disciple Makers:

- 1. Connect With God By Grace
- 2. Relate To Others By Grace
- 3. Love Like He Loves By Grace

# Today's Statement Of Truth:

In Order For The Believer To Actually Serve God And Make God Approved Disciples,

They Must Be Personally Saved, Set Free, And Secure In God's Great Grace.

# Questions:

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- As A Group, Discuss The Differences Between Living Out Of Duty vs Living Out Of Devotion.
- Why Does Living A Life Of Duty Never Produce Godly Fruit?
- On A Scale of 1-10 (1 Being All Duty and 10 Being All Devotion) Where Do You Personally Find Yourself Living Today?
- In The Modern Church Do You See More People Living Religiously Or Relationally With God? Explain.
- As A Group, Discuss The Reasons Why Is It Impossible For People Who Live Under The Law To Faithfully Serve God?
- Why Is Grace The Key Ingredient To Faithful And Fruitful Service To God?