

CHURCH OF GOD

Part 1

DOCTRINE

How to learn?

HOW TO IDENTIFY DOCTRINE?

1. Shadow in the Old testament
2. Jesus must have taught (Gospels)
3. Apostles must have taught (Acts, Epistles or Revelation)
4. Early church must have practiced
5. Doctrines should be derived from the above

RE-SEARCH

³⁹ You **search** the **Scriptures**, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. John 5

SCRIPTURE, POWER OF GOD

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the **Scriptures** nor the **power of God**. Matt 22

READ, HEAR AND KEEP

³ **Blessed** is he who **reads** and those who **hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near. Rev 1

UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures Luke 24: 45

READ THE SCRIPTURES

⁴² Jesus said to them, “**Have you never read in the Scriptures:**

‘The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the LORD’s doing,

And it is marvelous in our eyes’?

SEARCH DAILY

¹⁰ Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily** *to find out* whether these things were so. Acts 17

SCRIPTURES WILL MAKE YOU WISE

And that from a child thou hast known the **holy scriptures**,
which are able to make thee **wise** unto salvation through faith
which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Titus 3:15

WHAT CHURCH IS NOT

And what Church is?

CHURCH IS NOT

- Denomination
- Organization
- Ministries
- Religion
- Building

CHURCH IS

- **Body**, **Christ** being the Head
- **Tree**, **Christ** being the main stem
- **Sheepfold**, **Christ** being the Shepherd
- **Kingdom of God**, **Christ** being the King
- **Building(Temple of God)**, **Christ** being the Corner Stone
- **Bride**, **Christ** being the Bridegroom
- **Field**, **Christ** being the Gardener
- Family, God is the Father, **Christ** Elder Brother, and we are all Sons and Daughters

CHURCH

- Smallest unit - Body of Believers/Disciples

DIFFERENT NAMES USED

- Believers
- Disciples (Acts 13:52; 20:1; 21:4)
- Christians (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16))
- Saints (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1; Ephesians 1:1)
- Brothers (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Peter 3:8)
- Slaves, Servants, Sons, Converts, Followers, Apostles, Missionaries

DISCIPLE OR BELIEVER

- Disciple 233 times
- Believer 6 times

DISCIPLE

- The standard definition of “disciple” (noun) is someone who adheres to the teachings of another
- It is a follower or a learner (Greek: *mathetes* means to learn)
- It refers to someone who takes up the ways of someone else.
- Applied to Jesus, a disciple is someone who learns from him to live like him — someone who, because of God’s awakening grace, conforms his or her words and ways to the words and ways of Jesus.
- Disciple is expected to become like Christ

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

- ⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “**Follow Me.**” So he arose and followed Him. Matt 9:9

JESUS CALLS PETER AND ANDREW

- ¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, “**Follow Me**, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. Matt 4

JESUS CALLS JAMES AND JOHN

- ²¹ Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. **He called them,** ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. Matt 4

CHURCH

Exploring the Definition

EKLESIA

Called Out
from the World

- ¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His **disciples**, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” ¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but **My Father who is in heaven.**” ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the **kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. Matt 16

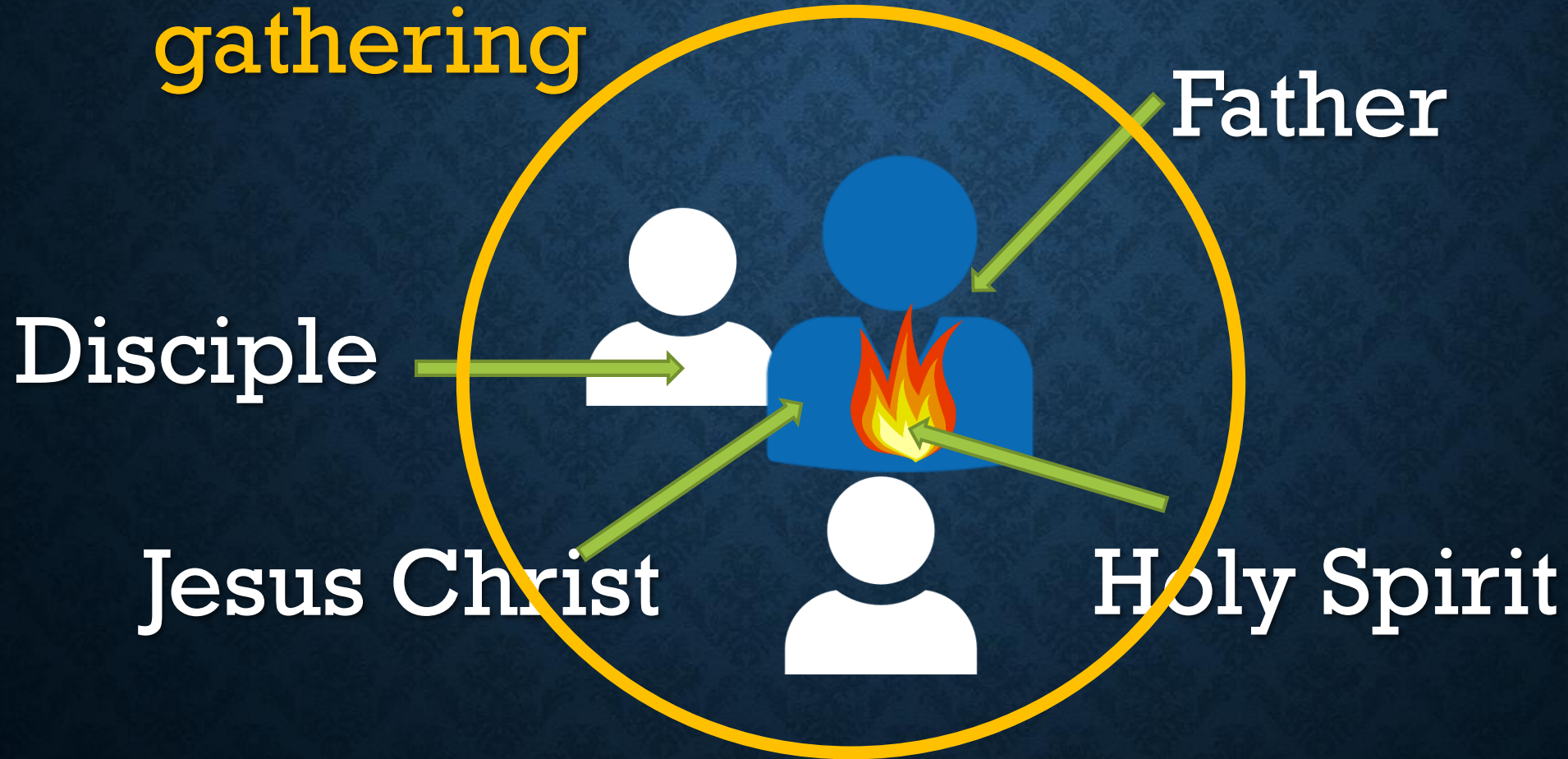
- ¹⁵ “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him **alone**. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the **church**. But if he refuses even to hear the **church**, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if **two of you** agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For **where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.**” Matt 18

CHURCH



CHURCH

gathering



“FOLLOW ME”

Disciple

Follows

Jesus
Christ

JESUS CHOOSES HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

¹² Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to **pray**, and **continued all night in prayer to God**. ¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; ¹⁶ Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. *Luke 6*

CHURCH AND DISCIPLES

- Smallest unit is a Disciple
- Gathering of the Disciples is a local Church
- All disciples all over the world constitute the Global Church (living in Christ, dead in Christ)

CHURCH

Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matt 16:17,18 NKJV

JESUS DECLARES THE CHURCH

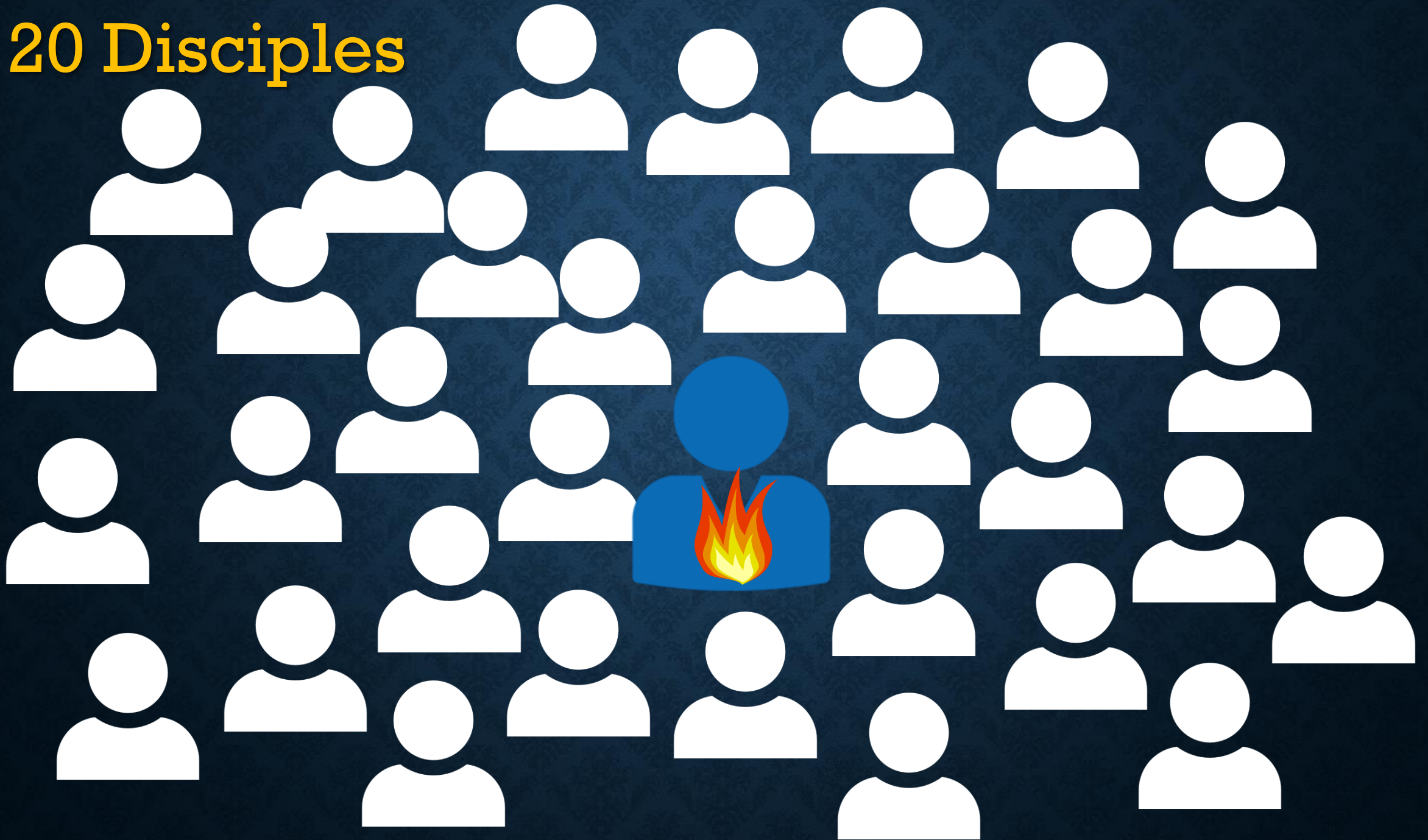
“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”

- **I** (Jesus is the Founder, Savior, Builder, Head of the church)
- **will build** (Ongoing process till Second Coming)
- **My** (Jesus owns it- His own body)
- The devil cannot stop this project (Enemy is there)

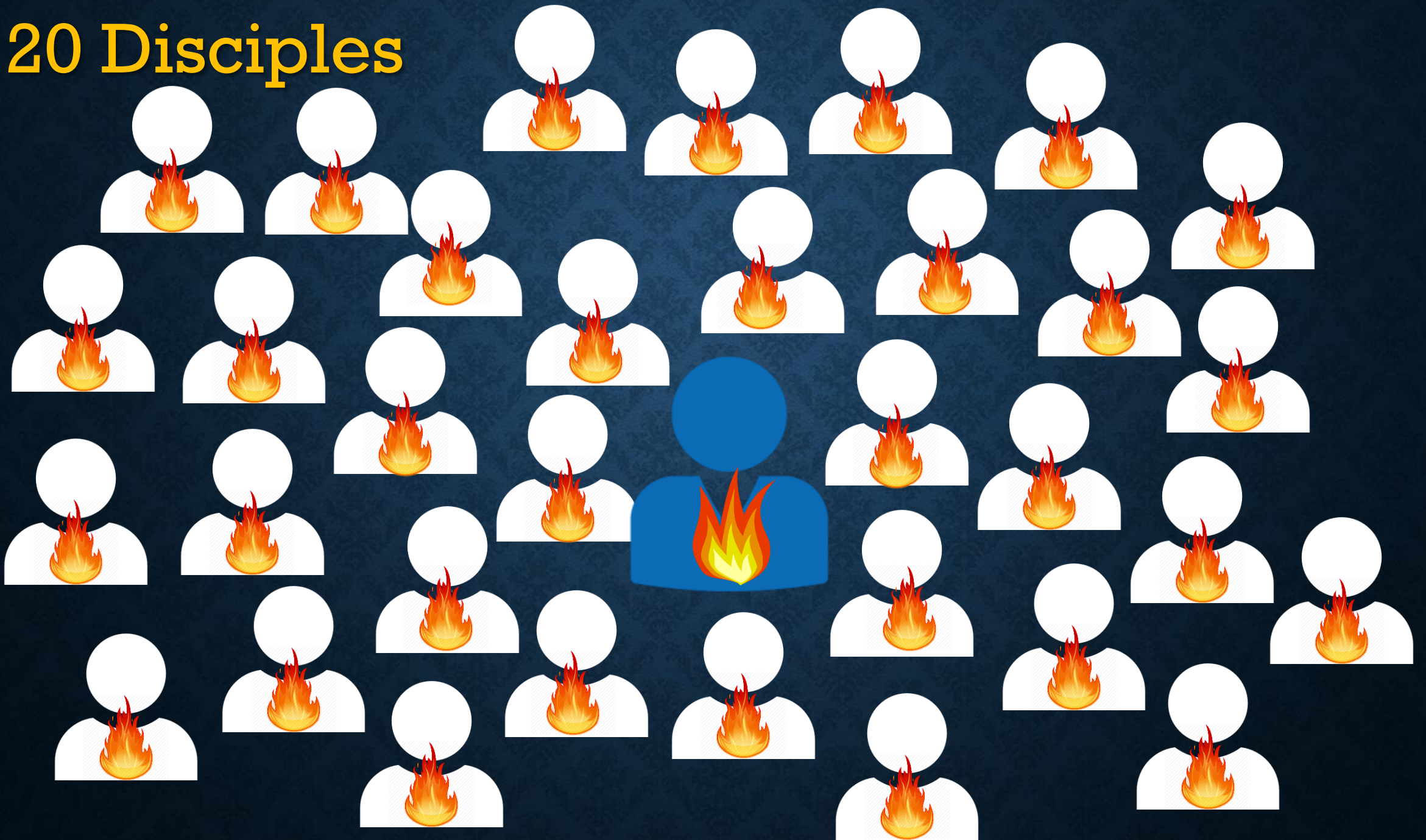
JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH

- Jesus chose the Disciples
- Jesus purchased the Church with His own Blood
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit
- Jesus is the Mediator between the Father and the Disciples
- Jesus does all the works and confirms the Word
- Jesus will be present with the Disciples always
- Jesus builds the Church
- Jesus comes back and take the Church to Heaven

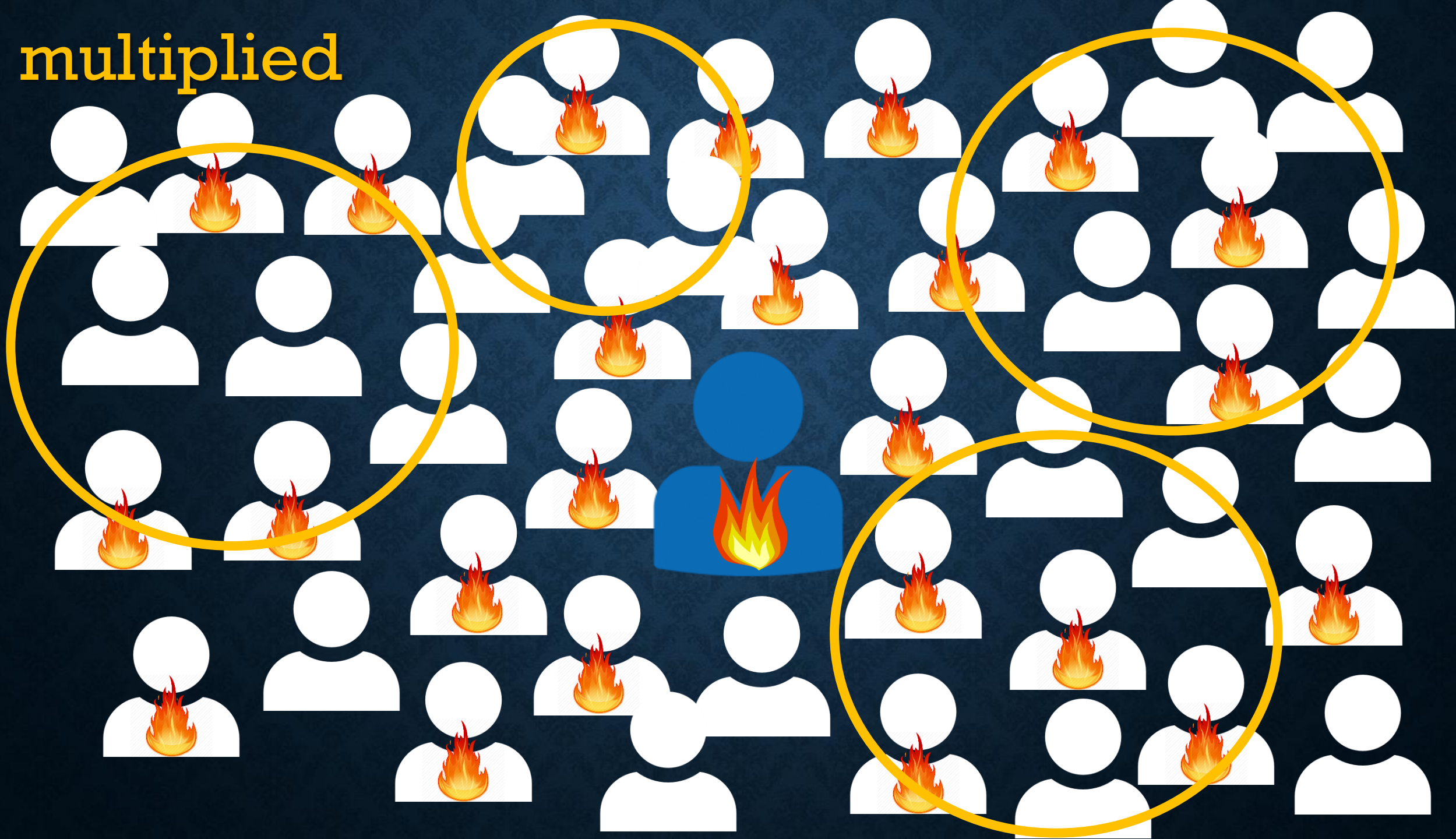
120 Disciples

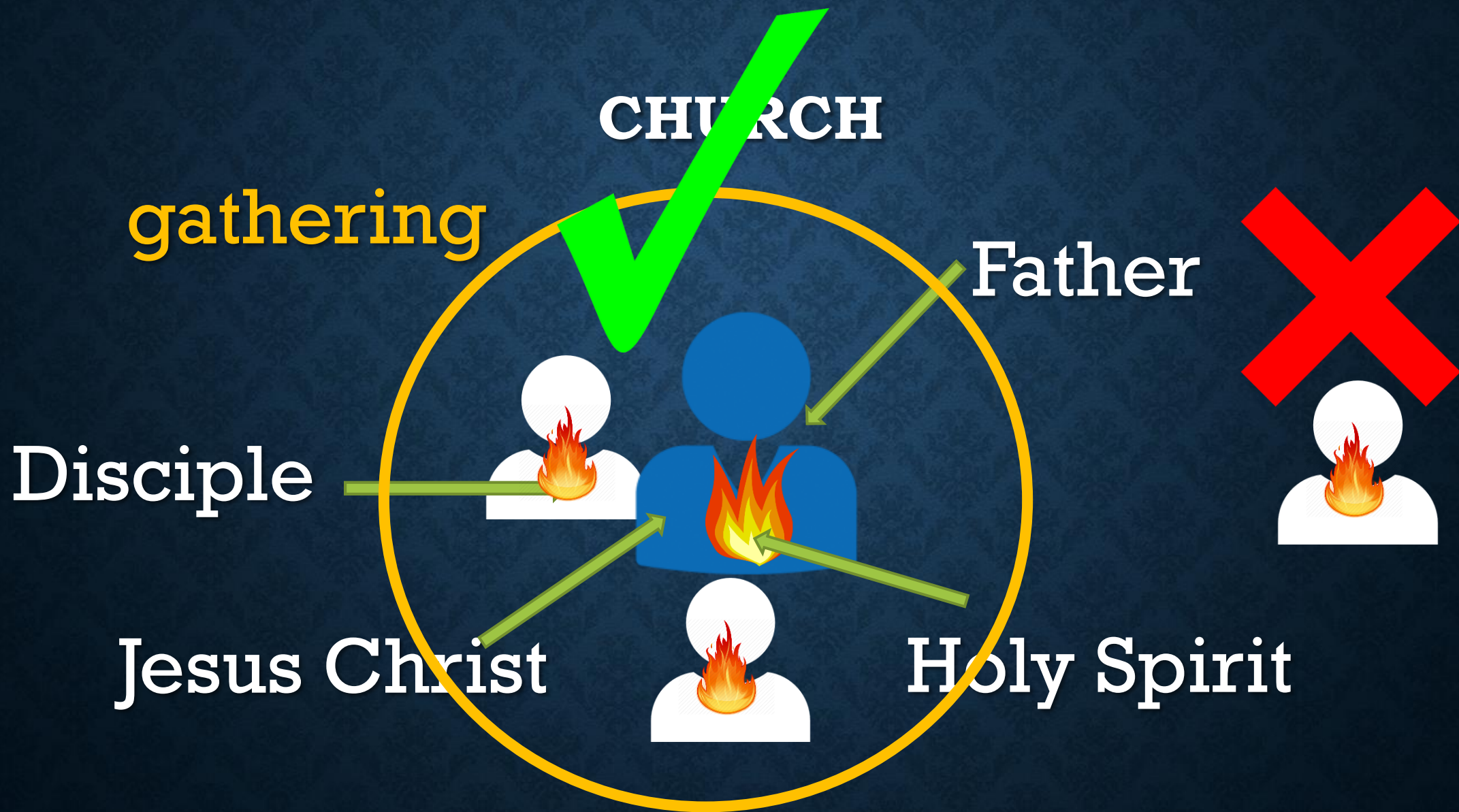


120 Disciples



multiplied





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