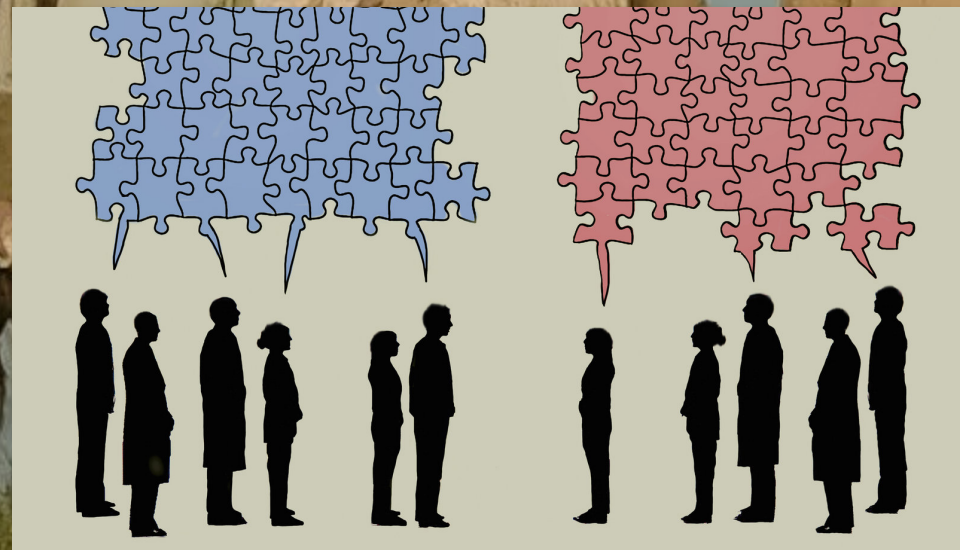




JESUS IS...

RADICALLY

INCLUSIVE



SOCIALLY DISTANCING

What are some things that we build “camps” (or draw circles) around?



Us.  **Them.**

DRAWING CIRCLES

Discipleship

First Century Background

- *Greek = mathetes*
- *Definition: learner & follower*



The definition of “apostle”

- The word “apostle” comes from the Greek word *apostolos*, which means “one sent from or forth, a messenger, delegate”

If you were to appoint someone to represent you, what are some qualities would you like them to have?

DISCIPLES VS. APOSTLES



Simon Peter



Andrew



James



John



Philip



Bartholomew



Matthew



Thomas



Simon



Thaddaeus



James



Judas

From this list of 12, how many of the apostles are you familiar with?

Two obvious similarities:

1. They are men.
2. They are racially Jews.

Is it possible for people to share the same gender and race and still hold major diversities?

FEW SIMILARITIES



**DIVERSITY
AND
UNITY**

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**IN THE  
BODY OF CHRIST**

“O Galilee, O Galilee, in the end you shall be filled with wrongdoers.”

- Yohanan ben Zakkai (1<sup>st</sup> Century Rabbi) -

**THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK,  
THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE,  
THERE IS NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE;  
FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.  
AND IF YOU ARE CHRIST'S,  
THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED,  
AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.**

*Galatians 3:28-29*

**MANY DIFFERENCES**

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## **Disciple's First Mission (Mat. 10:5-6):**

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel."

## **Disciple's Final Instructions (Acts 1:8):**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Notice any difference?**

# DRAWING BIGGER CIRCLES