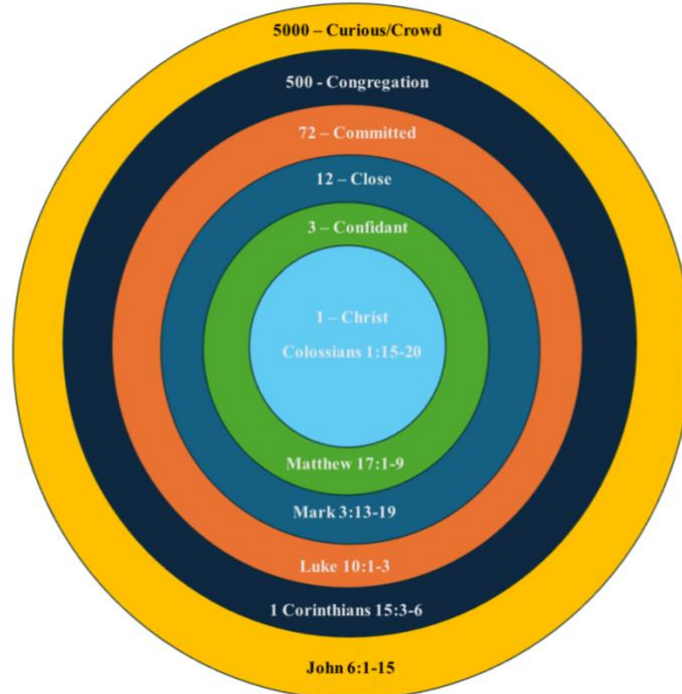


Verses 1-3

Jesus' compassion and actions for the masses emphasize the grand purpose and mission of the Church.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



Verse 4

Jesus involves His people in His mission.

Mark 5:3–5 - ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

Verse 5

Deuteronomy 7:1

Verse 6

Verses 7-9

Jesus is the solution to every problem we will encounter.

Verse 10

Jesus does not have to provide Himself to any man or any group of men.

Verse 11-13

The Pharisees:

- **Tested Jesus**
- **Grieved Jesus**
- **Lost Jesus**

James Edwards – Faith that depends on proof is not faith, but only veiled doubt.

Verse 14

Verses 15-16

1 Corinthians 1:22–23 - ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

Verses 17-19

Ezekiel 12:2 - Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.

Jesus calls us out of familiarity and into faithfulness.

Jason Meyer – Our initial impulse is to doubt and not trust, panic and not praise, and throw up our hands instead of getting down on our knees.

Verses 20-21

Jesus does not give up on those He has called to Himself.

John 2:22 - When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus want to be at the forefront of our minds.

Scripture Reading: *Joshua 4*