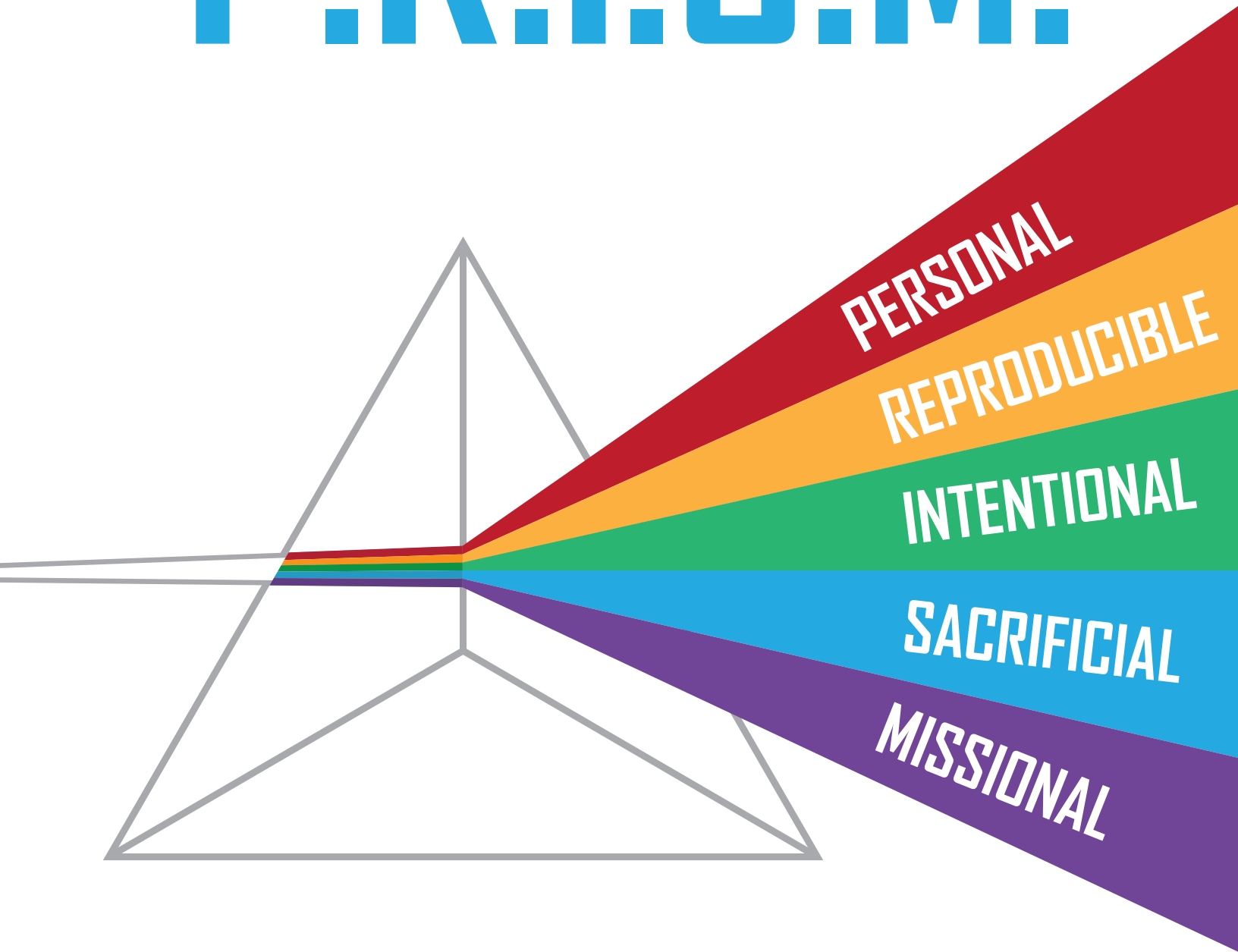


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REFLECTING THE MANY ASPECTS OF
JESUS-STYLE DISCIPLE-MAKING



PERSONAL

Jesus spent most of his time with relatively few people. He invited these people to follow Him and to be with Him. Wherever He went, Jesus opened up His life and related to people as not just disciples but as friends. He loved and cared for them deeply. As we seek to be like Jesus, we need to be willing to build personal relationships by opening up our lives to others and to care for them, showing them the love of Jesus, understanding that as we build relational trust, we are also building relational influence (Mark 1:17, 3:14b; John 15:5, 13:1; 1 Thess 2:8; John 13:34-35).



REPRODUCIBLE

Jesus' method of discipling was highly reproducible, marked by its simplicity and accessibility. Concrete examples and memorable stories were His teaching tools that were then easily passed on to the next generation. He led by example, living out the principles He taught and encouraging His disciples to follow suit. This approach empowered His followers to become disciplers in their own right, passing on His teachings and mission to others. This ensured that His message and model would continue to resonate and inspire generations to come (Matthew 13:34; Luke 6:37-38a; 9:1-6, 10; 15:3-32; John 13:3-17).



INTENTIONAL

Jesus made His agenda clear with His would-be disciples. Eventually he would make them into "fishers of men," in other words, more like Jesus. This was the goal of every rabbi-disciple relationship: to become just like the rabbi. Because of His agenda, He was intentional with His disciples as He modeled, taught, and even corrected them as they learned to follow. Jesus' command was to teach others to obey everything he commanded. Discipling is about helping others become more like Jesus as you become more like Jesus, which requires thoughtful purpose and planning (Matthew 4:19, 28:20; Luke 6:40; 1 Cor. 11:1).



SACRIFICIAL

Jesus warned His disciples that following Him would be costly and that they should count that cost. Discipling is no different. We must be willing to surrender our plans, goals and comfort in order to multiply. It's why Jesus said, "unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Jesus was the original seed and from His sacrificial life and death, He birthed a movement, fueled by selfless love, that continues to this day (Matthew 16:24; Mark 10:28; Luke 14:25-35; John 12:24).



MISSIONAL

Jesus called us to make disciples of all nations. In order to reach the nations, we must be willing to share our faith and love those outside the church. In addition to modeling this, disciplers need to develop a missional mindset in those they disciple. We are not just simply making disciples; we are making disciples who will make disciples. This is how we will reach the nations (Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; Mark 1:17)!