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Shaped by Jesus: Together

Matthew 10:1-4

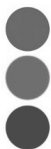
Warmup: The next time you embark on an adventure, what kind of person do you want in your expedition party to complement your weakness?

READ Matthew 10:1-4

- What stands out to you about the diversity of the disciples listed in Matthew 10:1-4?
- Discuss the social differences between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector.
- Brainstorm modern-day examples of inviting Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector into the same Life Group or Ministry Team. How many examples can you identify?
- In the sermon, Pastor Neil emphasized that “Jesus didn’t choose ‘The Best of the Best’ for His mission. And yet it turns out each of the disciples were exactly the right people for the job. Each had a role to play. Each one brought needed skills, personality, and faith... and today we have 2.6 billion Christians in the world.”
 - Why do you think Jesus chose people who were not the most educated or socially aligned? What does that say about how we build community?

READ and REFLECT Ephesians 4:12-16

- Even within a healthy relational community, we can expect conflict. Are you more likely to speak the truth in love or try to keep the peace at any price?
- In your opinion, what does humility look like in conversations where we disagree?
- As a unified body of Christ, we are unique individuals linking arms with Him. We are a living testimony of reconciling our differences with love and grace. What are the three Biblical steps we follow together as a church that are named in the Relational Covenant?



- Pair share with a member of your group and discuss which one is the most challenging for you. Read other details from the Relational Covenant and mark 2 that you can lean into this week.

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RESPOND *(Divide into groups of 3 to answer the following questions, then lift one another up in prayer.)*

- The church is much like a symphony: we each have a role. As we live Up, In, and Out together, what gifts has God given you that our church community and greater community needs?
- As you practice Up, In, and Out with others, what does it look like to activate these gifts?
- This week, my next step using my gift to bless others is to...

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