

# Partnering With Jesus to Change the World

## I. Introduction

- A. Matt. 28:18-20 (NAS) <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- B. I Chron. 12:32a (NAS) <sup>2</sup>Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do.
- C. Matt. 16:3b (NLT) You are good at reading the weather signs in the sky, but you can't read the obvious signs of the times!

## II. Partnering With Jesus to Change the World

- A. Focus on       Cities      .
  - 1. The ministry of the early Christians was entirely   city  -  centric  .
  - 2.       Diversity       and       Ethnicity       is discovered in the city.
  - 3. Jer. 29:11 (NAS) 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'
  - 4. Jer. 29:4-7 (NAS) <sup>4</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, <sup>5</sup>'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'"
- B. Embrace       Racial             Diversity      .
- C. Embrace the   poor  .
  - 1. Matt. 25:45-46 (NAS) <sup>45</sup>"Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup>"These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## III. Conclusion