

*“When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who are the people saying I am?’ ‘Well,’ they replied, ‘some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; some, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.’ Then he asked them, ‘Who do you think I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ‘God has blessed you, Simon, son of Jonah,’ Jesus said, ‘for my Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you-this is not from any human source. You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever doors you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven; and whatever doors you open on earth shall be open in heaven!’”*  
Matthew 16:13-19 (TLB)

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**Please feel free to come down to the front  
for prayer after service.  
“...pray for one another...” James 5:16**

## **Multipliers vs. Diminishers**

Multiplier: a person or thing that multiplies

Diminisher: to make or cause to seem smaller, less, or less important

*“One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.” Mark 1:16-20 (NLT)*

*“If you want to build a ship don’t drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.”*

*Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

## **Four Things Jesus Taught Us**

**1. Jesus sees not just what you’re doing, but what you will become**

What do you generally see and look for in others?

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A **diminisher** is one who:

- Drains intelligence and capability out of people
- Often emphasizes their own intelligence and ignores others'
- Is absorbed with their own intelligence and stifles others' intelligence and capability

A **multiplier** is one who:

- Amplifies the smarts and capability of those around them
- Grows people by engaging them
- Is a genius maker

## 2. Jesus studied people so he could inspire them to greatness

*“Then John's two disciples turned and followed Jesus. Jesus looked around and saw them following. ‘What do you want?’ he asked them. ‘Sir,’ they replied, ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see,’ he said. So they went with him to the place where he was staying and were with him from about four o'clock that afternoon until the evening. (One of these men was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.) Andrew then went to find his brother Peter and told him, ‘We have found the Messiah!’ And he brought Peter to meet Jesus. Jesus looked intently at Peter for a moment and then said, ‘You are Simon, John's son-but you shall be called Peter, the rock!’ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and told him, ‘Come with me.’ (Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown.)*

*Philip now went off to look for Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the Messiah!-the very person Moses and the prophets told about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth!’ ‘Nazareth!’ exclaimed Nathanael. ‘Can anything good come from there?’ ‘Just come and see for yourself,’ Philip declared. As they approached, Jesus said, ‘Here comes an honest man-a true son of Israel.’ ‘How do you know what I am like?’ Nathanael demanded. And Jesus replied, ‘I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Sir, you are the Son of God-the King of Israel!’”*  
John 1:37-49 (TLB)

## 3. Jesus identified people's intelligence and he liberated them

*“John replied, ‘God in heaven appoints each man's work. My work is to prepare the way for that man so that everyone will go to him. You yourselves know how plainly I told you that I am not the Messiah. I am here to prepare the way for him-that is all. The crowds will naturally go to the main attraction — the bride will go where the bridegroom is! A bridegroom's friends rejoice with him. I am the Bridegroom's friend, and I am filled with joy at his success. He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.’”*  
John 3:27-30 (TLB)

## 4. Jesus developed people and he empowered them