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TITLE: **Can Starfish Help Us Reimagine Church?**

The Church began as a decentralized movement. Believers equipped to make disciples. Like starfish, every Christian carries the DNA of a disciple-making movement.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about reimagining the Church...

1. **Jesus is the head of the Church and he dwells in his body.** Jesus gave good and gracious gifts to the church (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers). We are now the body of Christ that is wrapped around God's Spirit and sent out into this world to do his work. All of us. It is important that church leaders not be the "cork in the bottle" that stops movement outward by the Body of believers. Leaders need to see themselves as equippers, coaches, facilitators of those they serve and lead in the church.
2. **Leaders need to do an honest heart evaluation,** asking themselves, "how much equipping of the saints am I really doing for ministry *out* there—not just church service jobs and activities?" Remember, equipping is different than teaching. Equipping is a relational transaction that is personal and requires time and gives people the freedom to grow as they learn, and learn as they go. Think *apprenticeship*, taking people by the hand and helping them achieve the ministry God has laid on their hearts.
3. **You are more than just a church "attender".** Even though you may currently be in a church that tells you that. You are not just a volunteer or a "member" of your church. You are a disciple of the Lord Jesus and a temple of the Holy Spirit. You are a beloved child of the King of Kings and you are destined to start a movement of disciple-making. You have the full authority and privilege of Christ to do everything you have been created and set apart to do. This week, share with someone else something that the Lord has taught you and equipped you to do, and ask them to pass it on to someone else. This is key!

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