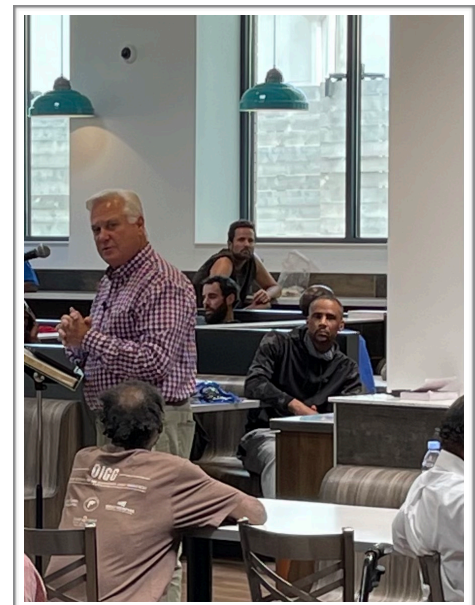




Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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It always brings me great joy to travel down to the inner-city and preach to the homeless at Memphis Union Mission.



Having read many Christian biographies over many years, I have always noticed that people must first come to the end of themselves before God Who loves them begins to work in and through them. I have heard many testimonies here at Memphis Union Mission and in ministry settings where I have preached all over the world. In these hard times in life, we can always find a loving Heavenly Father, who in some cases, uses our hard times as a tool to bring us to Himself. He has always been holding us as we gradually grow weary of trying to be God and direct our own lives. Let's continue to never give up on anyone!

I have preached and taught God's Word for many years and will continue as long as God gives me breath. I love to do this, and I know this is God's calling on my life. I also love to disciple men! I find great joy in taking a man where he is and encouraging him in God's Word and by His Holy Spirit to begin becoming more like Christ. After completing discipleship, it always blesses my heart to see him discipling another and another and another. This is called multiplying disciple-making to the ends of the earth as depicted in [Matthew 28:19-20](#).

Evangelistic Addition vs Disciplemaking Multiplication			
Year	Evangelist	Discipler	D-Group of 4
1	365	2	3
2	730	4	9
3	1,095	8	27
4	1,460	16	81
5	1,825	32	243
6	2,190	64	729
7	2,555	128	2,187
8	2,920	256	6,561
9	3,285	512	19,683
10	3,650	1,024	59,049
11	4,015	2,048	177,147
12	4,380	4,096	531,441
13	4,745	8,192	1,594,323
14	5,110	16,384	4,782,969
15	5,475	32,768	14,348,907
16	5,840	65,536	43,046,721

This chart shows what can happen when we simply start discipling one-to-one till Jesus calls us home! It only takes a spark to get a fire going!

If you would like to be a multiplying disciple-maker, visit our website [abidingabove.org](http://abidingabove.org) and go to the Resource section.

I recently attended The Gathering, a prison volunteer event, in Little Rock, AR. For years, I have on occasion, preached at prisons in Arkansas.

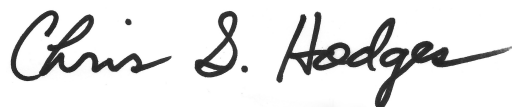
There was the need for all volunteers to be re-certified since the pandemic prohibited ministry from outside volunteers and only those who worked at the prison could teach God's Word.

Praise the Lord! Things seem to be getting back to normal in the prisons of Arkansas where I will be preaching in the months ahead.

I look forward to sharing with you about our Disciple-Making Holy Land journey in our next newsletter. Until then, please go to our social media sites and follow us there! You can find these links on our website homepage at [abidingabove.org](http://abidingabove.org).

May God continue to bless you and make you a blessing to many as you walk, talk, and listen to Him Who is your Life!

Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges

President

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Colossians 3:1-3

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