



## The SoldOut Discipling Movement's *Distinguishing* Core Convictions

### 1. We Are A Bible Church, Not Simply A New Testament Church

**2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 3:15-16**

Technically speaking, the word "*Scripture*" in this passage refers to only the Old Testament. Now, through the inspiration of the Spirit, we believe that it applies to the New Testament as well.

**Colossians 2:13-14**

We believe the Old Testament applies to our lives — as much as the New Testament — except for the Mosaic Law and any teaching in the New Testament that supersedes the Old Testament.

### 2. "Be Silent Where The Bible Speaks, And Speak Where The Bible Is Silent"

**Genesis 2:19**

In applying scriptural principles to build the visible church, we believe we must obey God's Word, but where the Bible does not prohibit a practice or name, we are free to use our God-given creativity.

**1 Corinthians 10:23**

We are free to practice or name something as long as it does not contradict the Scriptures.

### 3. Discipling Is A Command Of God And Not Optional

**Matthew 28:19-20, Colossians 1:28-29, John 15:15**

The dynamic in this relationship begins as a teacher/student relationship and then matures to a more peer/peer relationship.

**2 Timothy 2:1-3**

Discipling is teaching obedience to scripture and is detailed in the "*one another*" passages: "*love one another*," "*instruct one another*," "*confess your sins to each other*," "*pray for each other*," etc.

### 4. A Central Leadership With A Central Leader

**Numbers 27:12-23, Exodus 18:12-26, Judges 21:25, 1 Corinthians 4:15-17, Titus 1:5**

Throughout God's Word, when His people were unified, there was a strong central leadership and a godly central leader. (Examples: Moses, Joshua, David and of course Jesus and the Apostles.) Local congregations had an overseeing evangelist who unified the disciples "**everywhere in every church.**" In the first century, congregations were a collective movement — not autonomous, not self-governing.

**Acts 15:19-24, Acts 21:24**

In the New Testament, Jesus is the leader of "the Movement!" Uniquely, when He ascends to Heaven, Peter takes on this responsibility as "**the apostle to the Jews**," since for the first seven years of Christianity only Jews became Christians. Interestingly, after Paul became "**the apostle to the Gentiles**," the leadership of the movement by Acts 15 had passed to Jesus' oldest half-brother James. At the Jerusalem Council, James, after listening to both sides of the circumcision issue, gives his singular authoritative "**judgment**," which is then bound on all the churches.

### 5. The Dream Of The Evangelization Of The Nations In THIS Generation

**Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Colossians 1:6 & 23, 1 Timothy 2:3-4**

If the world was evangelized in the first century, we can certainly do it again in the twenty-first century! This will be accomplished through every disciple making disciples, and every disciple having discipling relationships.