

# Review: Contesting the Body of Christ

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Managing Editor Ken Camp reviews “Contesting the Body of Christ” by Myles Werntz.

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## Connect360: Discipleship and Ministry Leadership

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- *Lesson Eleven in the Connect360 unit “Discipleship and Ministry Leadership” focuses on Luke 6:12-16; 8:1; 9:1-6; 10:1-17*

Jesus’ model of discipleship deliberately was structured to prepare the apostles with leadership skills necessary to establish the church.

In Luke 6:13, we read that Jesus “chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles.”

The term apostle signifies a commissioned leader who is sent with authority and a mission. Jesus’ investment in the apostles went beyond teaching them spiritual truths—it was a comprehensive leadership development process.

Through his ministry, he prepared them to lead the early Church by modeling leadership, teaching them how to serve and providing them with

opportunities for direct ministry experience.

One of the key elements of Jesus' leadership development strategy was his personal example.

In Luke 22:27, Jesus asked his disciples: "For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Jesus' humility and servant leadership style were core components of his discipleship process.

The apostles were not merely taught concepts; they were shown through Jesus' example how to lead with humility, sacrifice and service.

Furthermore, in passages such as Matthew 16:18-20, Jesus emphasizes the authority he is allocating to his disciples as leaders in the kingdom of God.

He said, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (16:19).

Jesus' declaration indicated the apostles were not merely followers of Jesus, but also future leaders of the Church, entrusted with the responsibility of guiding the early Christian community.

The transfer of kingdom leadership from Jesus to his apostles was a pivotal moment, and Jesus ensured that his disciples were thoroughly prepared for the responsibility.

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# **Connect360: Dynamic Doctrines**

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Lesson Ten in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Hebrews 5:11-13; Romans 16:17-18.

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# **Connect360: Get in the Habit! Spiritual Disciplines and Practices**

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Lesson Nine in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on John 15:6-10; Hebrews 12:10; Acts 13:2-3; Colossians 4:2-4.

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# **Connect360: Family First: The Context of Discipleship**

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Lesson Eight in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Matthew 12:46-50; 19:27-30.

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# **Connect360: The Path to Spiritual Maturity**

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Lesson Seven in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on Colossians 1:9-11; 28b-29; 4:2-4; Ephesians 4:11-16; James 1:2-4.

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# **Review: What Joy! How to Stay and Not Flee**

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Kathy Hillman reviews “What Joy! How to Stay and Not Flee” by Veronica

Stone.

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# **Connect360: Grow Up! Becoming Mature in Christ**

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Lesson Six in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18.

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## **Review: The Body God Gives**

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Editor Eric Black reviews “The Body God Gives” by Robert S. Smith.

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## **Review: Kurt Kaiser: Icon and**

# **Conscience of Contemporary Christian Music**

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Kathy Hillman reviews “Kurt Kaiser: Icon and Conscience of Contemporary Christian Music” by Terry York.

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# **Connect360: Baptism: The Spiritual Catalyst**

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Lesson Five in the Connect360 unit “DiscipleMaking: Patterns of Discipleship and Evangelism for the Contemporary Church” focuses on Mark 1:4-5, 9-11; Acts 8:9-13; 34-39.

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# **Review: Good News for the World: Baptist World Alliance**

# **Resolutions and Statements, 1905-2023**

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Eric Black reviews “Good News for the World: Baptist World Alliance Resolutions and Statements, 1905-2023” edited by Lee Spitzer.