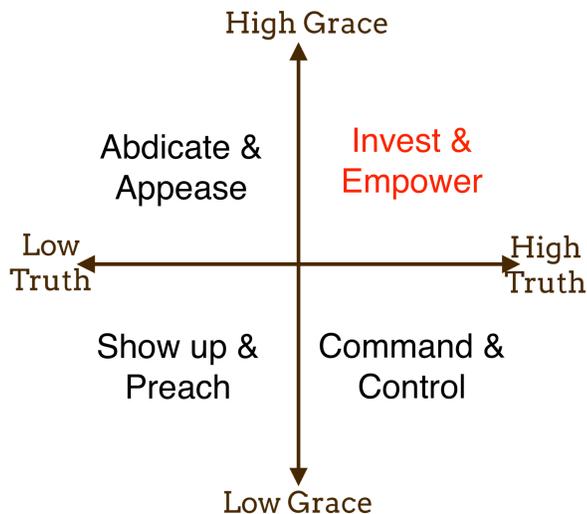


The Posture (part 2)

...the One and Only, who came from the father, **full of grace and truth.** - John 1:14

Grace & Truth in Leadership & Mission

Let's Read Matthew 20: 20-28



LEADERSHIP

Grace = Love and Truth = Push

Hang OUT = Abdicate and Appear - manage problems Hard Charging

Call OUT = Command and Control - control people

Check OUT = "Show up and Preach"

Call UP = Invest and Empower

This is the false dichotomy we get stuck in...

- Without Love, you forget people and only see the goal, but without push, you forget the goal that needs to be achieved!
- Without love, no one will listen. Without push, you have no goals.
- Without love, your push looks suspiciously like you are using people for your own benefit.
- Without push, your love doesn't help people grow.

So what's the third way? What's leadership with high love and high push? What's the upper-right quadrant?

It's investing and empowering.

MISSION

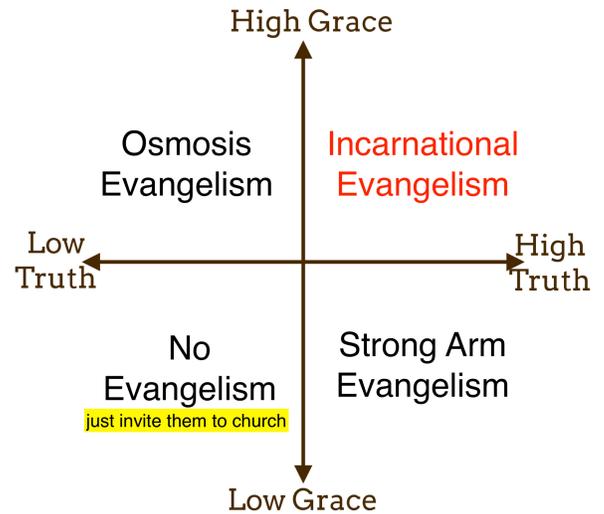
Grace = Connection and Truth = Distinction

Hang OUT = Osmosis Evangelism

Call OUT = Strong Arm

Check OUT = No Evangelism (just invite them to church)

Call UP = Incarnational Evangelism



This is the false dichotomy we get stuck in...

- Without distinction, there's nothing to call people to, but without connection, there's no people to call!
- Without connection, no one will listen. Without distinction, you have no message.
- Without connection, your distinction looks suspiciously like a colonization program.
- Without distinction, your connection doesn't lead anywhere.

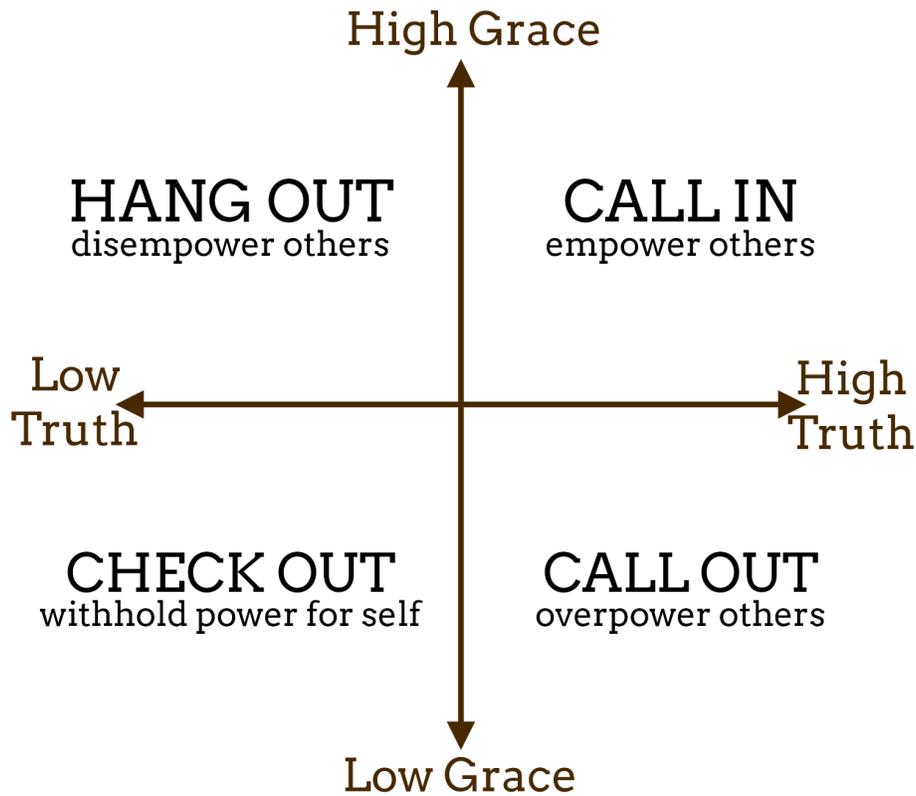
So what's the third way? What's evangelism with high connection and high distinction?

What the upper-right quadrant?

It's incarnational evangelism.

EXERCISE: How about you?

- 1) Think of three relationships that might need to hear grace and truth from you: Where do you find those relationships on these grids?
- 2) What's your default with them?
- 3) How can you move to the Call Up culture with them?
- 4) Share at your tables.



“Truly radical Christian discipleship.... does not consist of foolishly trying to copy or externally imitate his person and life story, or solely following his teaching, but above all of accepting Jesus’ internal attitudes. That is why it is necessary to meditate on Scripture truly in depth and try to break through the letter into the spirit of the text.” – Tomas Halik

The CALL IN quadrant on the Grace and Truth Matrix is the one that we have the least experience with and imagination for. Since it is rooted in the posture of Jesus, it will be important for us to fill our imaginations with how he practiced grace and truth.

As we’ve said before, Jesus didn’t choose between grace or truth; he calibrated both grace and truth, all the time. His grace was full of truth and his truth was full of grace. For the rest of our time each table should take one of the the following passages:

Matthew 16:13-23

John 8:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

John 21:1-19

Mark 10:35-45

Use the Grace and Truth matrix as a lens and answer these questions together:

What do you notice about the stories using the tool?

What does Grace and Truth give you access to in these texts that you couldn't name otherwise?

As you meditate on these passages, pay attention to how you see grace and truth interacting.

How does Jesus connect with and empower people?

What about his posture catches your attention?

What does Jesus do well that God wants to teach you?

What in-your-life-now situation or relationship will be the context for that learning?

Homework: Pick another passage...

Please take another passage from the above list and walk through the questions with it like you did at your tables. Record your thoughts in a journal.