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Session 4

WITH EVERY EFFORT IN OUR LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

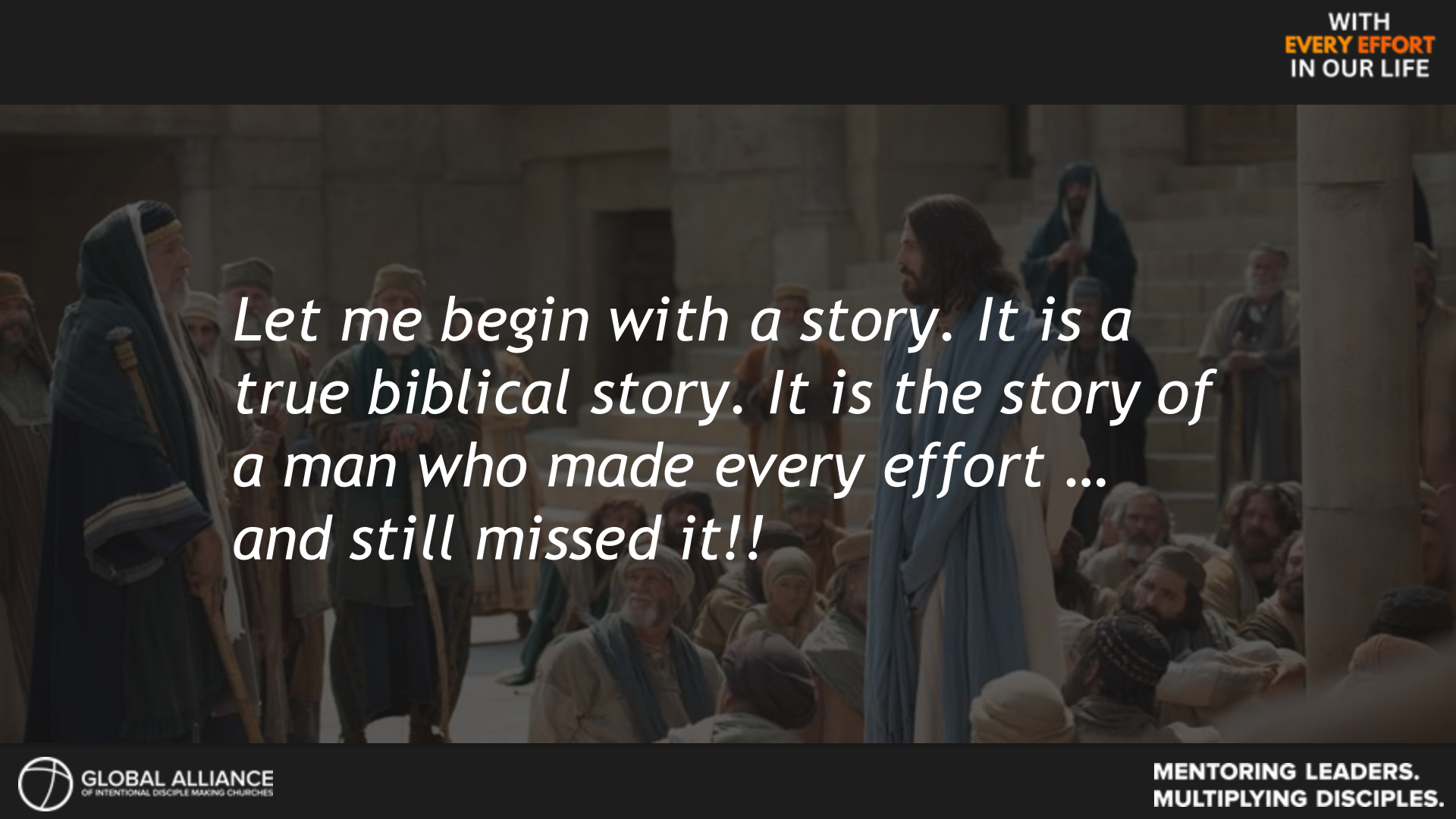
In this session, we would explore the fourth aspect
— A Work-Life Discipleship with Every Effort in Our Life!



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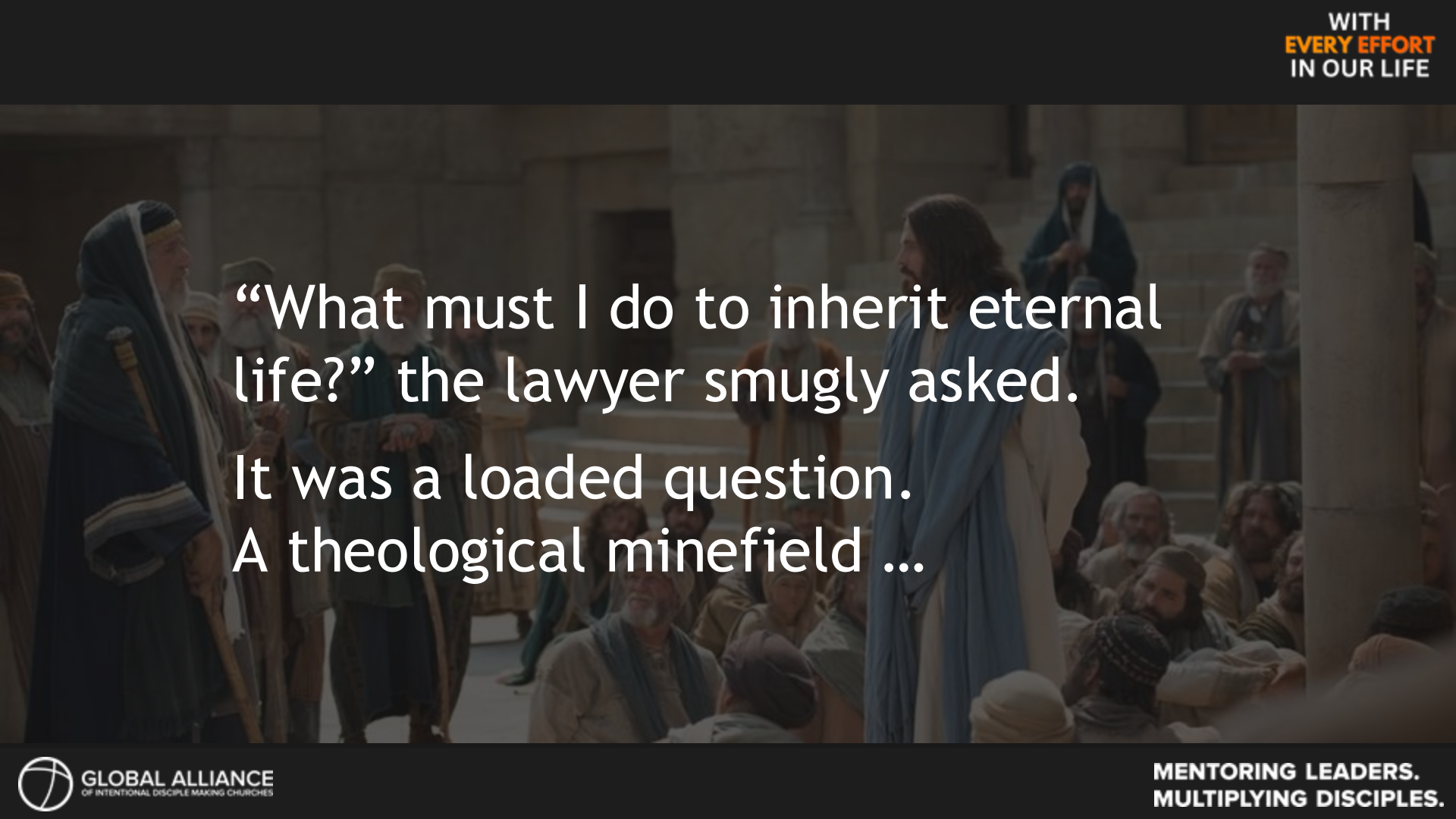
A Luke 10 — Jesus and the Self-Righteous Lawyer

Source: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/comeuntochrist/video/the-greatest-commandment>

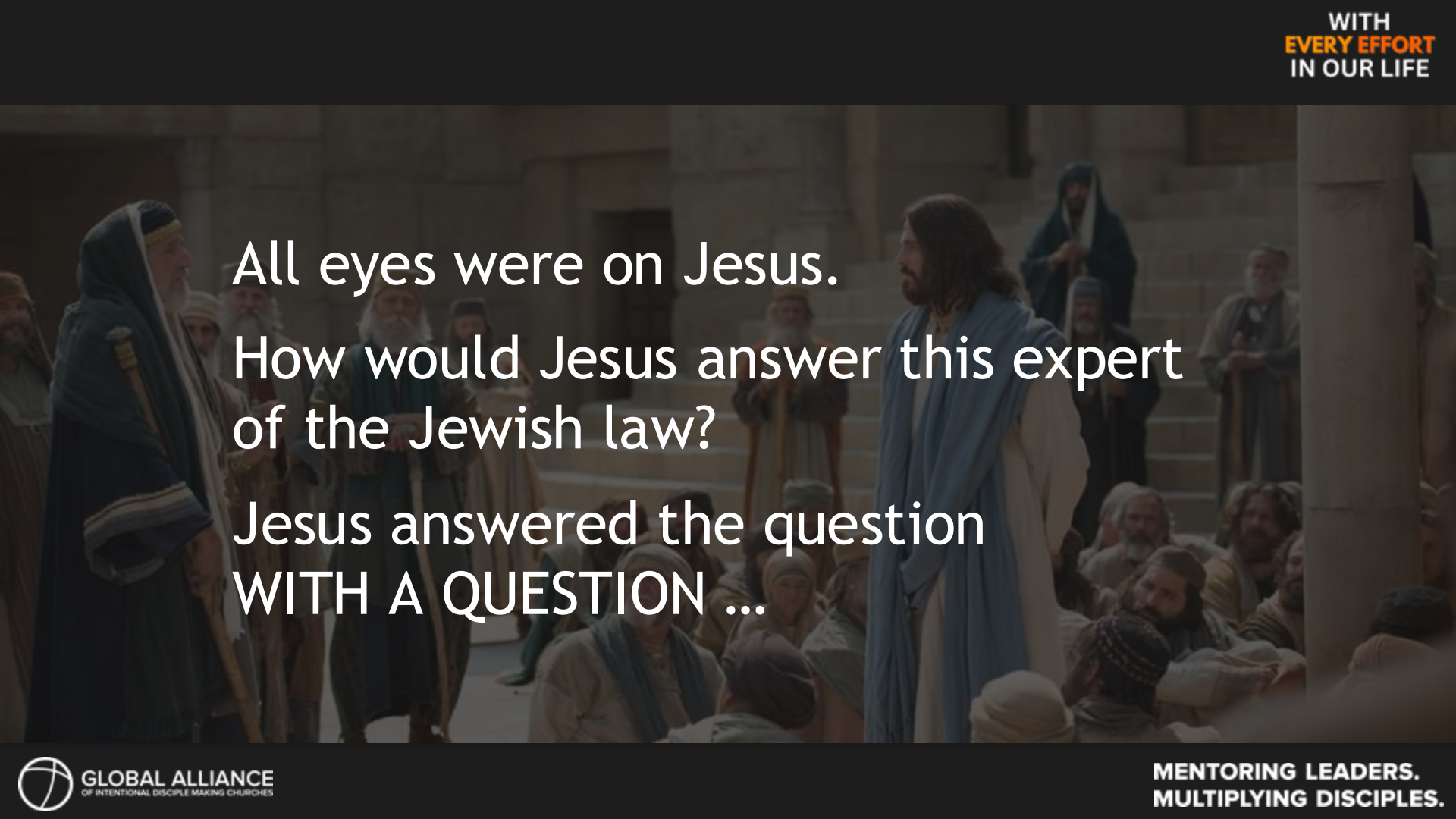
A background image depicting a biblical scene, likely Jesus teaching a large crowd in a temple courtyard. Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a blue robe, stands on the right, gesturing towards the crowd. A large group of men, some with beards and wearing traditional robes and head coverings, are gathered around him. The setting appears to be an ancient stone building with columns and steps. The overall tone is historical and dramatic.

*Let me begin with a story. It is a
true biblical story. It is the story of
a man who made every effort ...
and still missed it!!*

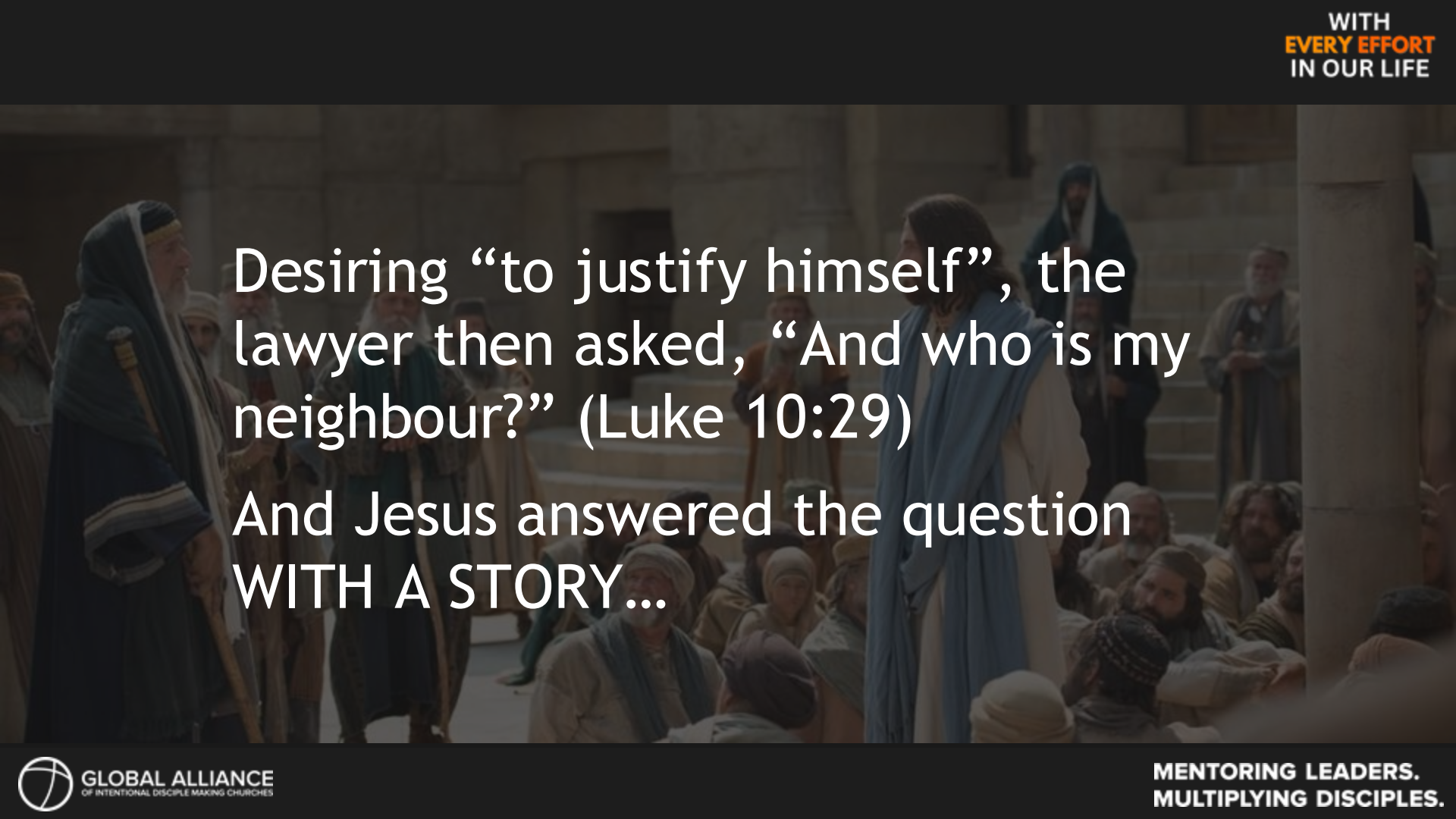




“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” the lawyer smugly asked.
It was a loaded question.
A theological minefield ...



All eyes were on Jesus.
How would Jesus answer this expert
of the Jewish law?
Jesus answered the question
WITH A QUESTION ...



Desiring “to justify himself”, the lawyer then asked, “And who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:29)

And Jesus answered the question
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BUT there is also the other side of the coin!
Discipleship takes effort.



We got to realize that spiritual giftedness is not a mark of spiritual maturity.

In other words, an exceptionally gifted leader might still be an unhealthy leader.

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C A Theology of Rest

The theology of rest is grounded upon 3 things:

1. To be Re-Empowered by a God-Given Purpose
2. To be Re-Engaged in a God-Connected Intimacy
3. To be Re-Energized to Engage Life with a Fresh Power and Passion

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In Matthew 11:28-29 (ESV), Jesus said, “*Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you REST ...*”



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Poem. “Ten Little Christians”



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Do not just hit the PAUSE button.
Find that PURPOSE button!

