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WHAT

ON EARTH

ARE WE DOING?

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MATTHEW 28:18-20

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NLT





ZAMBIA







A photograph of a white building facade with a large sign. The sign features the text 'THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF CENTRAL AFRICA' in a bold, black, serif font. Above each word is a small, square, perforated metal vent. Below the main title, a subtitle in a smaller, black, sans-serif font reads '(A Ministry of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia)'. The building is surrounded by greenery, including red flowers on the left and various green plants in a planter box at the bottom.

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DISCIPLES ARE...

Disciples are people in community who – empowered by the Holy Spirit – are growing to love, follow, and lead others to the God who looks like Jesus.



NOTE: We do discipleship together in *community*, we depend on the Holy Spirit to help us *progress*, and the results should be *observable*—loving, following and leading others to God.

AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM

“Bellah shows that the social history of the United States makes it perhaps the most individualistic culture in the world. No culture more than American culture elevates the interests of the individual over those of family, community, and nation. No culture more than the U.S. culture attributes one’s character, identity, and life conditions strictly to individual decisions and choices.”

—from Tim Keller’s *The Decline and Renewal of the American Church: Part 4 – The Strategy for Renewal*

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP

- What should discipleship look like?
- How can we assess the area of spiritual growth, both individually and as a congregation?
- Is it enough to count the number of people who attend Learning Community on Sunday morning?

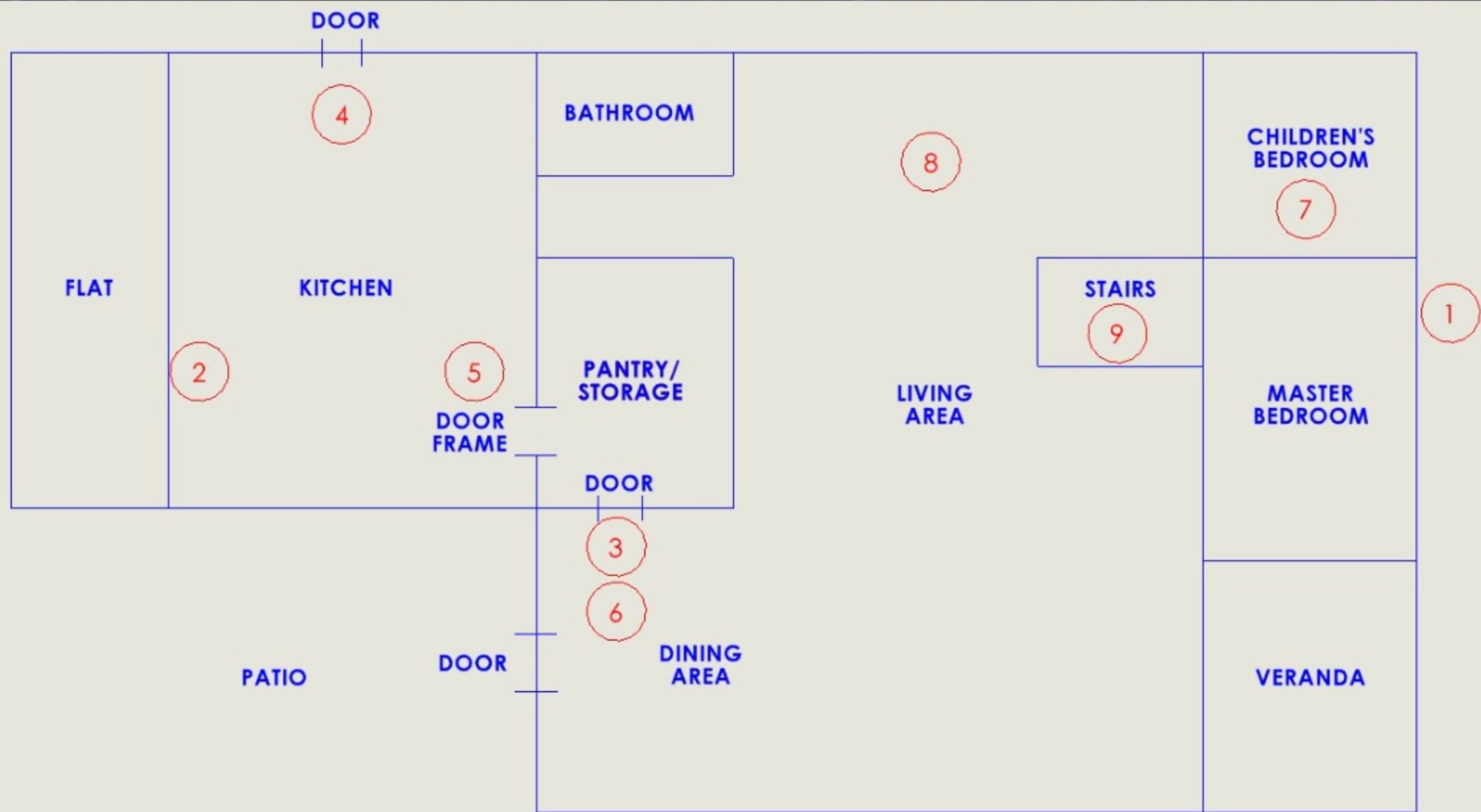


JOHN 8:31-32

Jesus said to the people who believed in him,
“**You are truly my disciples if you remain
faithful to my teachings.** And you will know
the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

NLT





***NOT TO SCALE**

OUTSIDE

The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a view of Earth from space, showing a large, swirling hurricane-like storm system over a dark ocean. The right side of the background is a deep blue space filled with numerous small, distant stars. Overlaid on the top left is a red banner with the word 'WHAT' in white. To its right is a dark blue banner with the words 'ON EARTH' in white. Below these is a yellow banner with the words 'ARE WE DOING?' in dark blue. A large, solid white rectangle occupies the lower right portion of the slide, partially obscuring the starry background.

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3. **How does Jesus' promise to be with us affect your attitude toward fear?**



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