



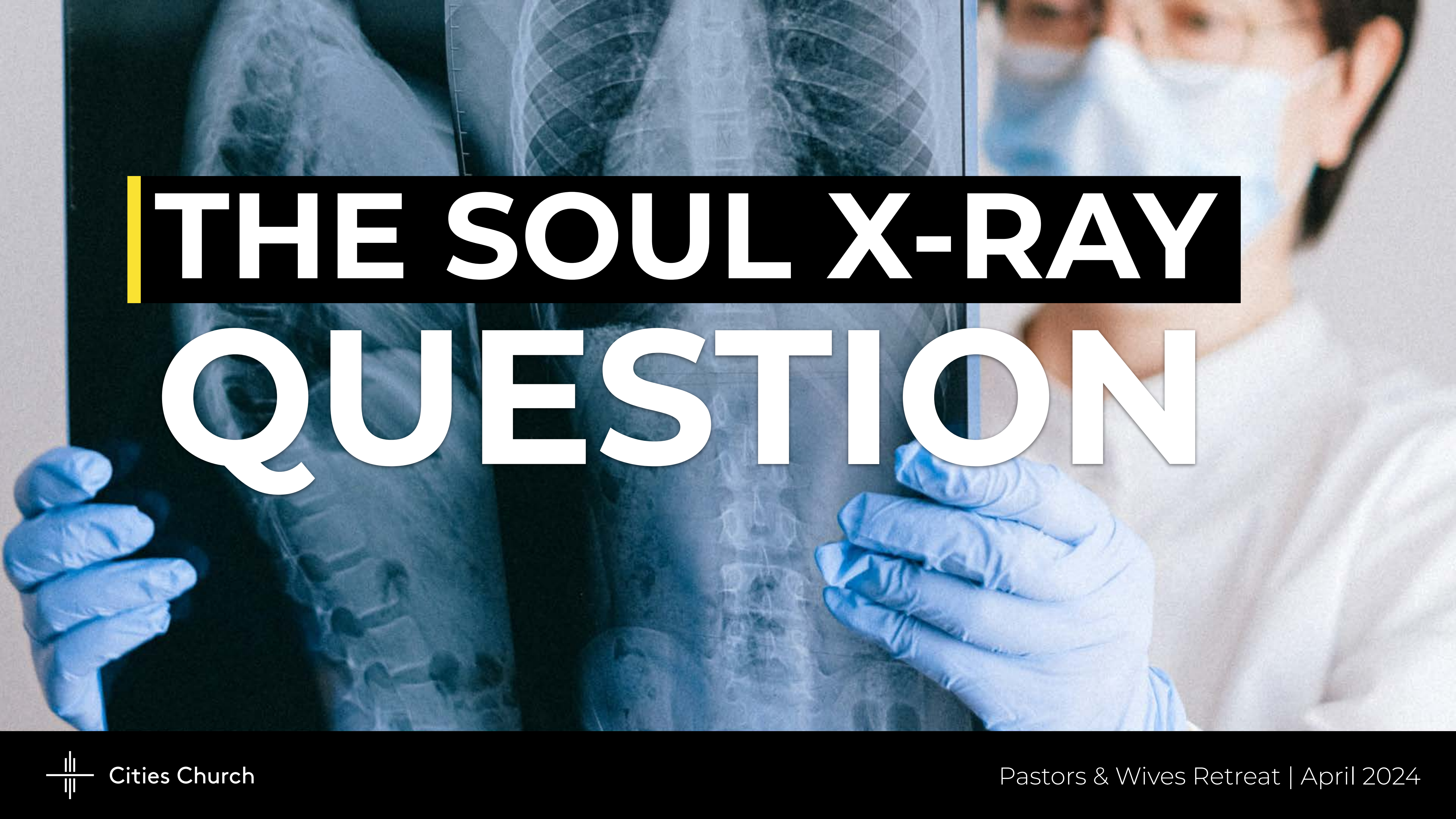
TONIGHT'S PURPOSE

Gain vital feedback
on the sharpening of our
identity and direction for
our next chapter.

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WHY IS CLARITY OF SHARED VISION SO IMPORTANT?



THE SOUL X-RAY QUESTION



PLACE





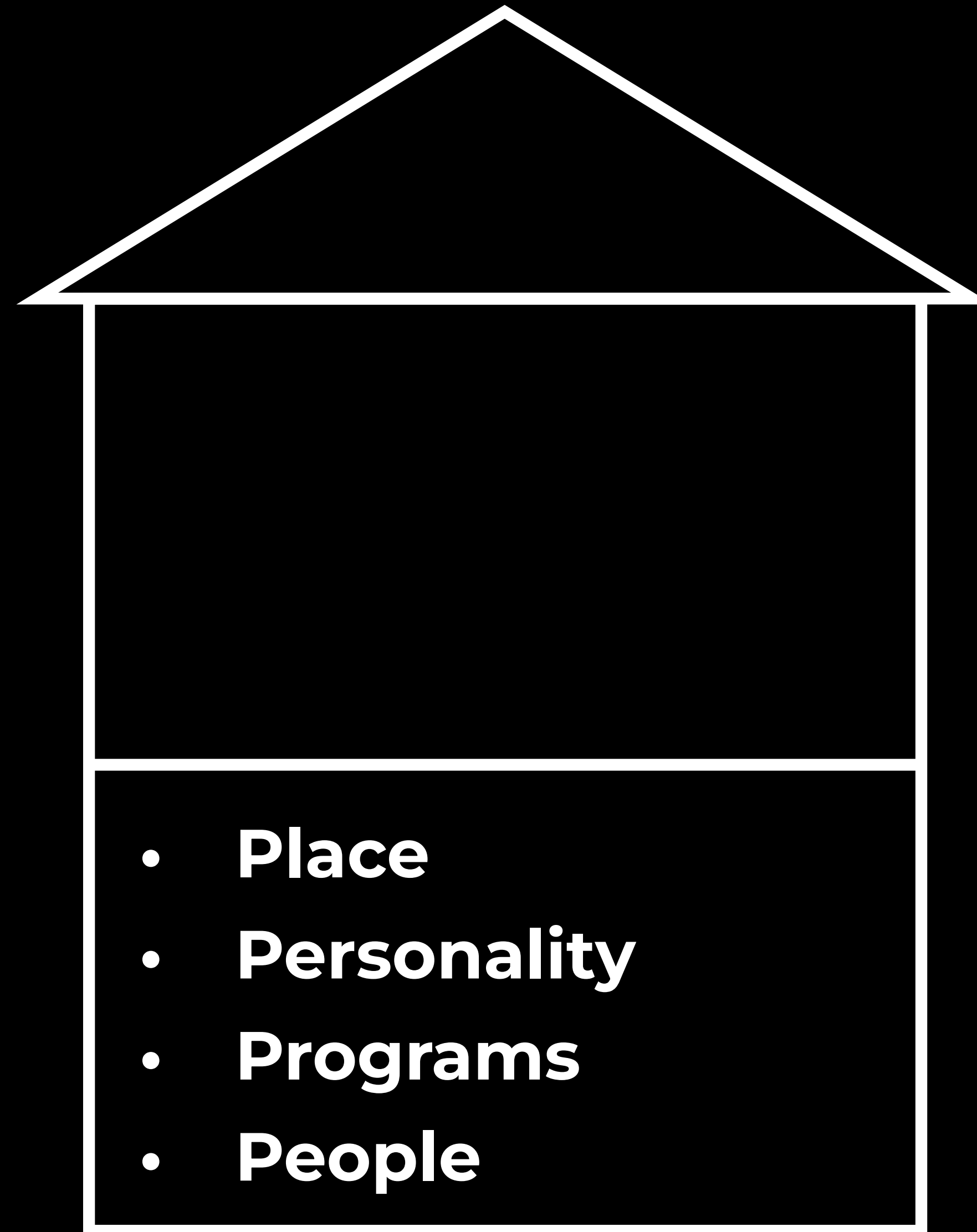
PROGRAMS

A group of people are seated around a table covered with a white tablecloth. The background is a rustic stone wall. The word "PEOPLE" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The people are engaged in conversation, and a book is visible on the table.

PEOPLE

Upper Room

Lower Room

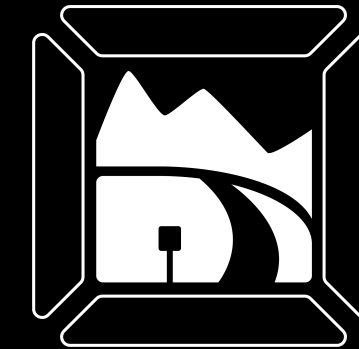


Upper Room

Vision

CITIES CHURCH'S UNIQUE CALLING

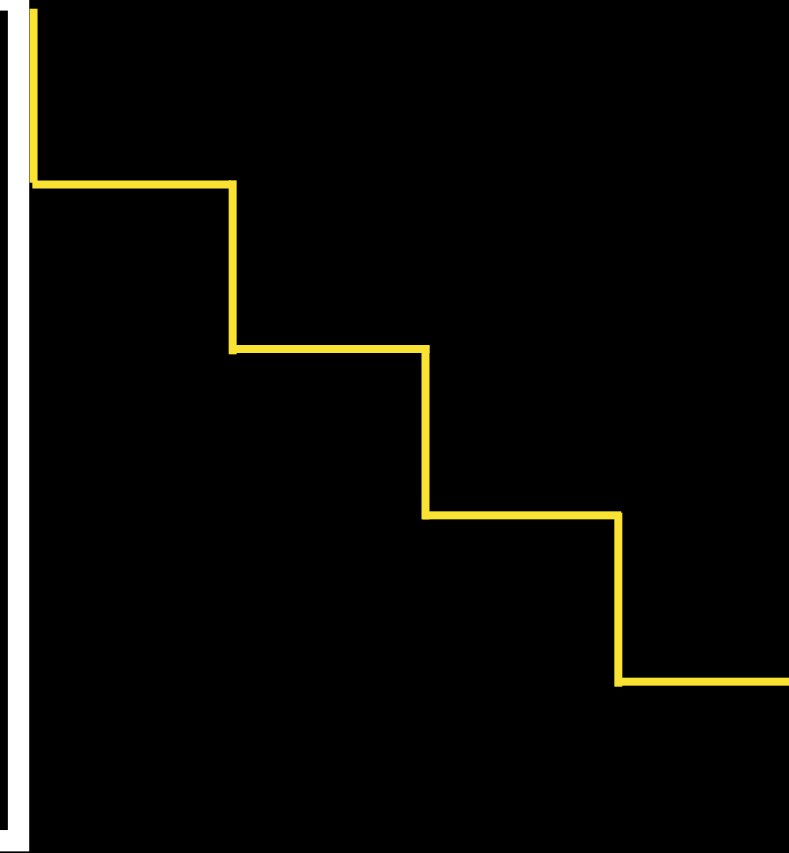
*Our Shared
Disciple-making Vision*



Lower Room

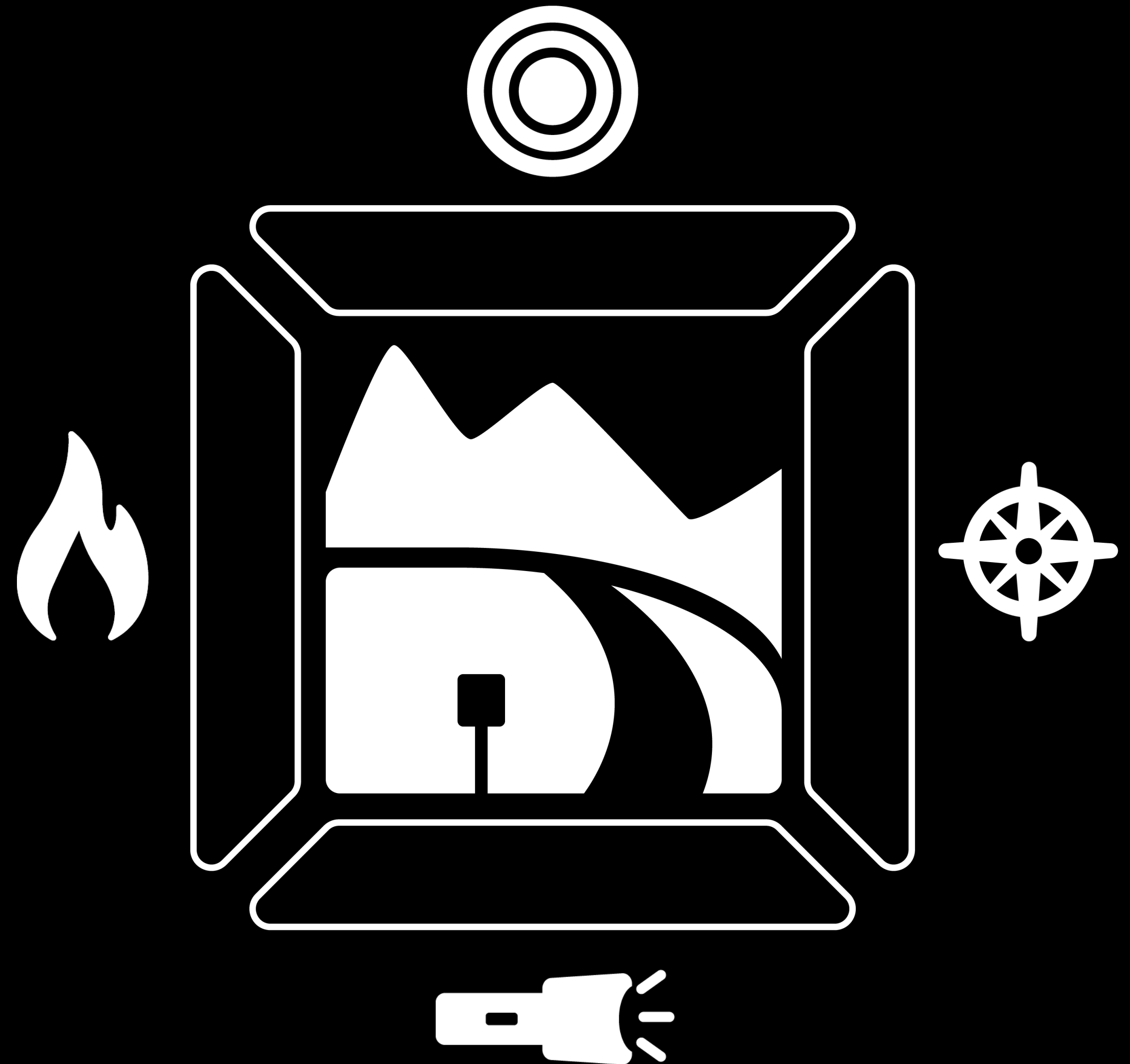
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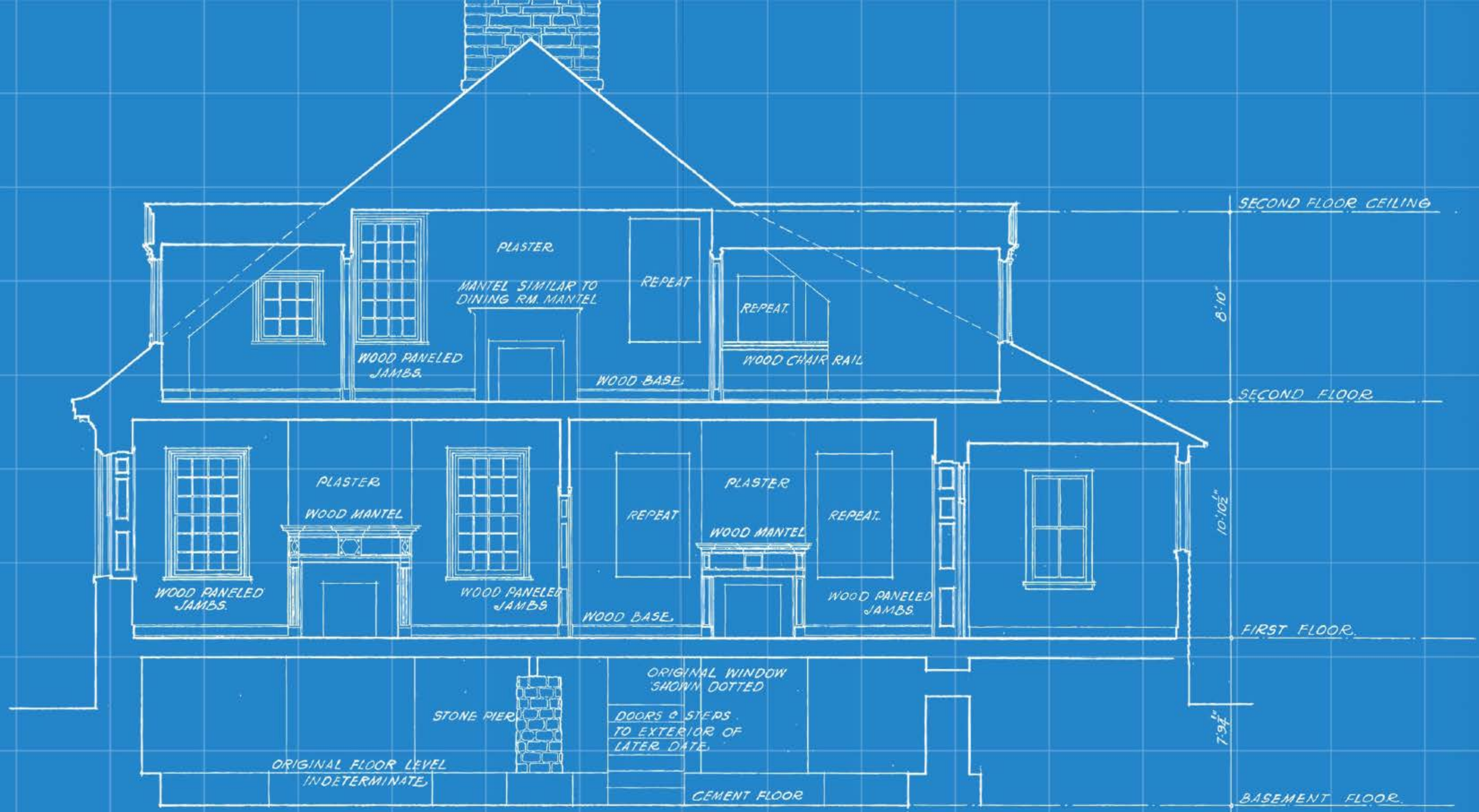
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- **Personality**
- **Programs**
- **People**



VISION FRAME

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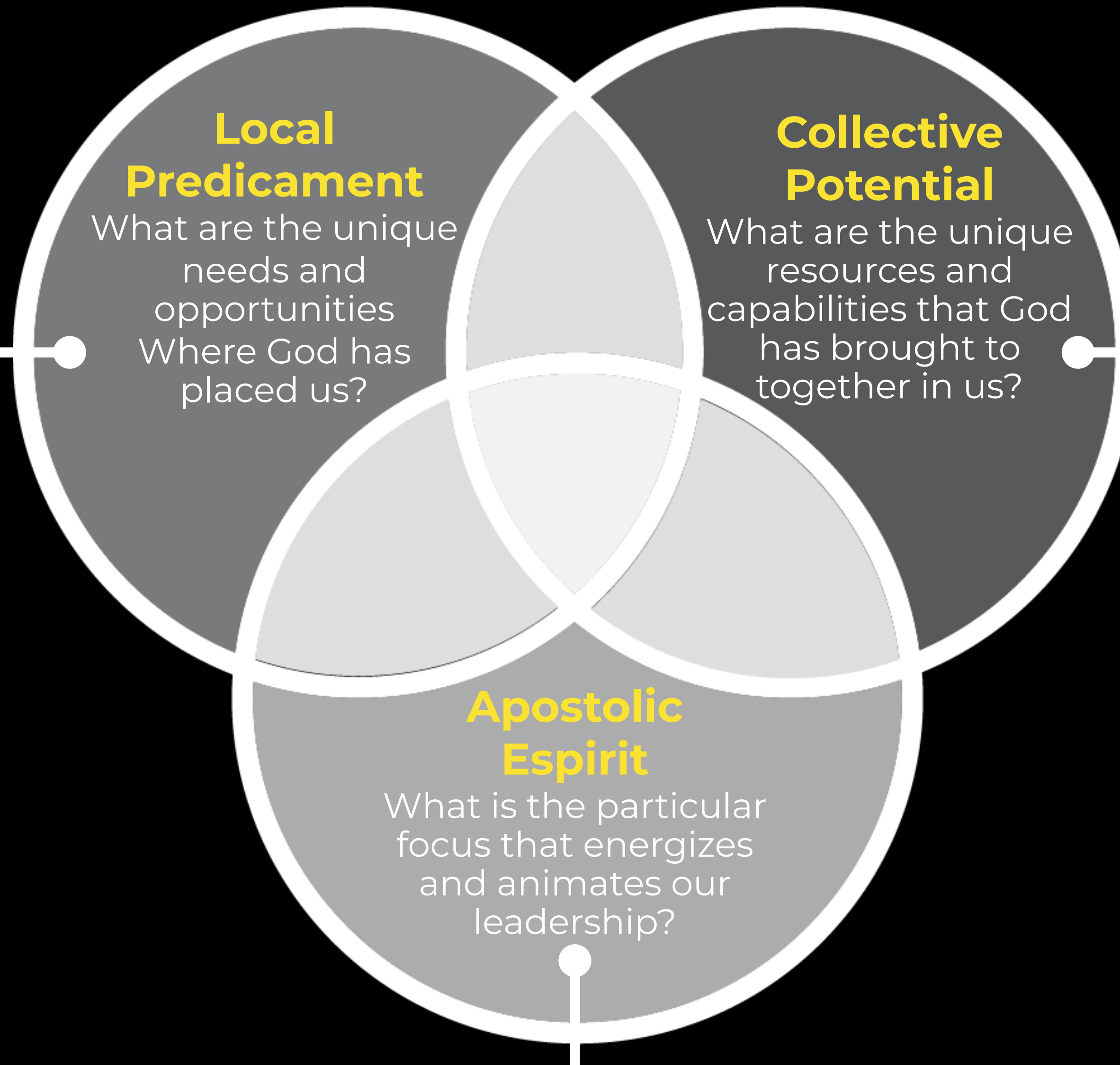
SECTION LOOKING EAST

KINGDOM CONCEPT

What does Cities
Church uniquely
bring to the
Kingdom table?



**Unique
Place**



**Unique
People**

Unique Passion



LOCAL PREDICAMENT

Our Unique Place

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“Unique Place”

- Highly Educated
- Pervasively Lonely
- Deeply Fragmented



COLLECTIVE POTENTIAL

Our Unique People

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“Unique People”

- God-Hungry
- Family-Valuing
- Cheerfully Generous





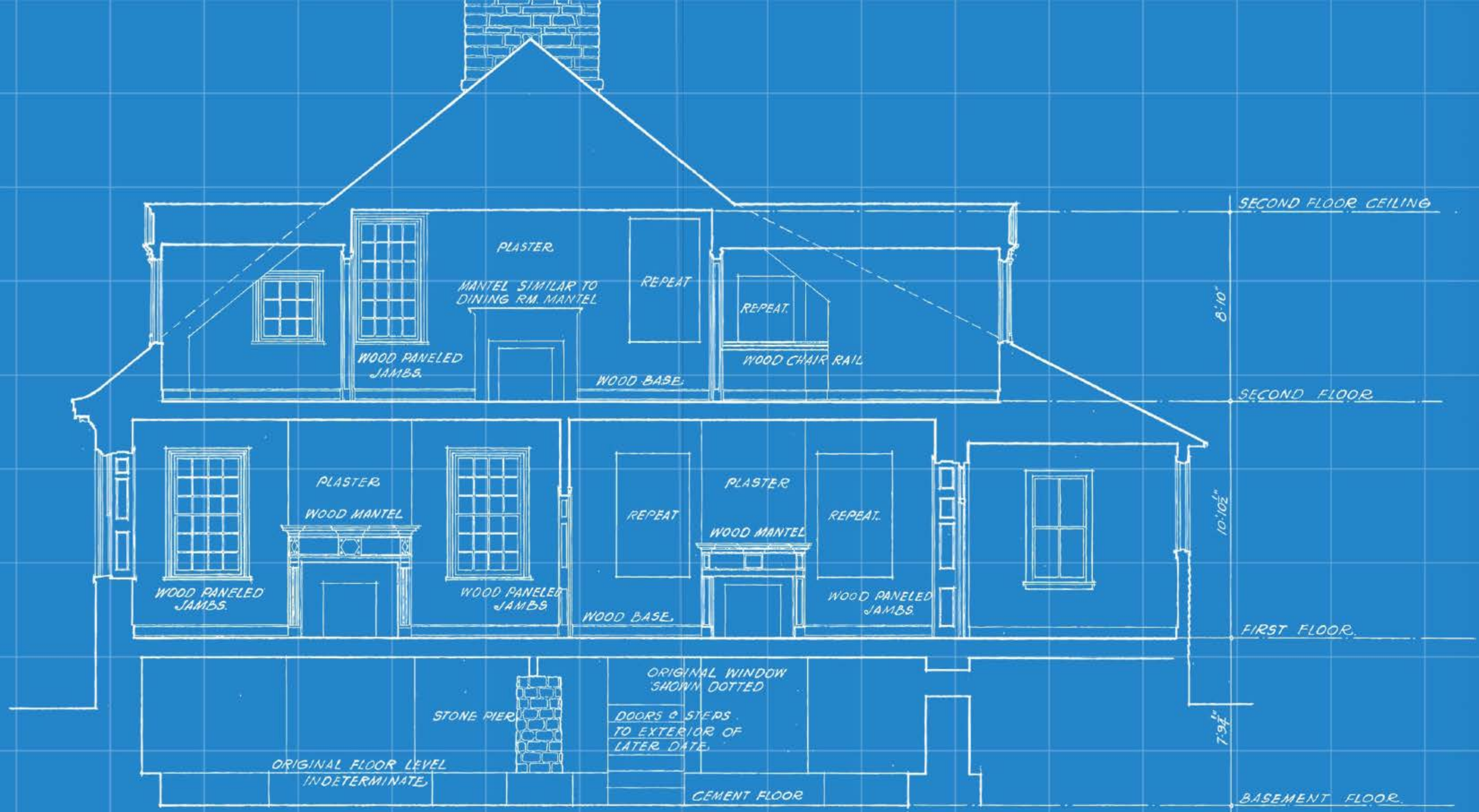
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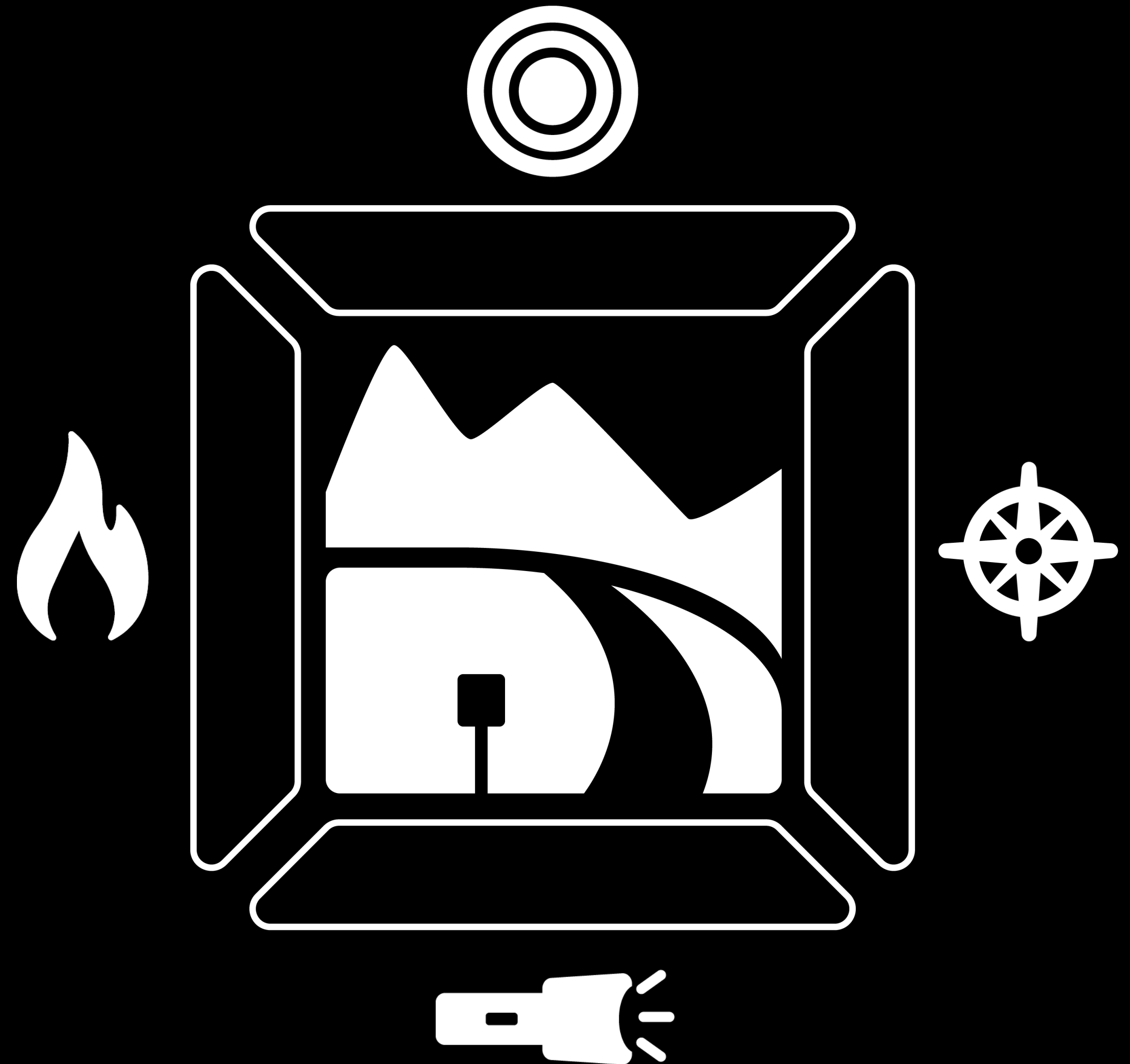
- Deliberate Discipleship
- Team Health
- Christian Hedonism

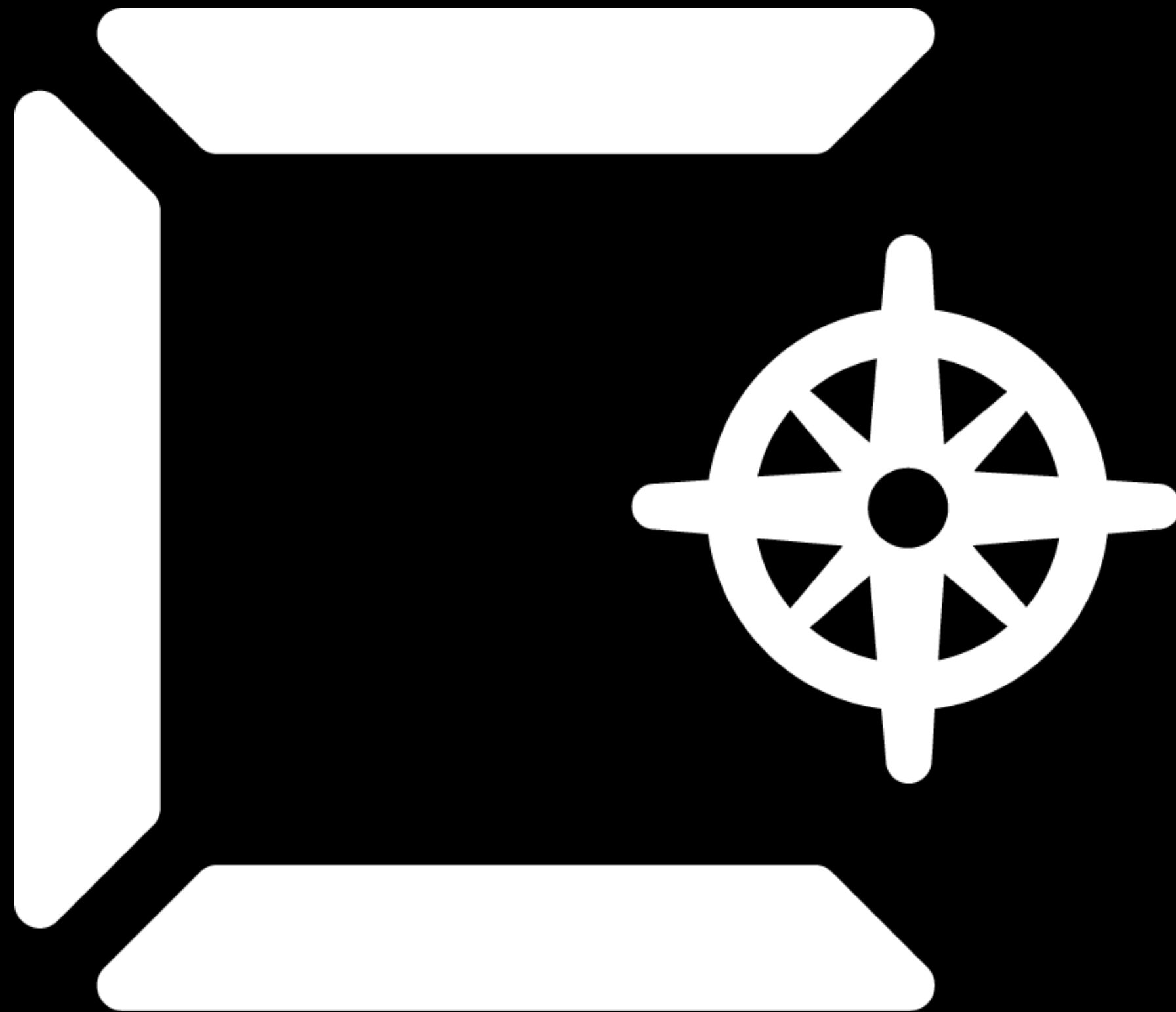


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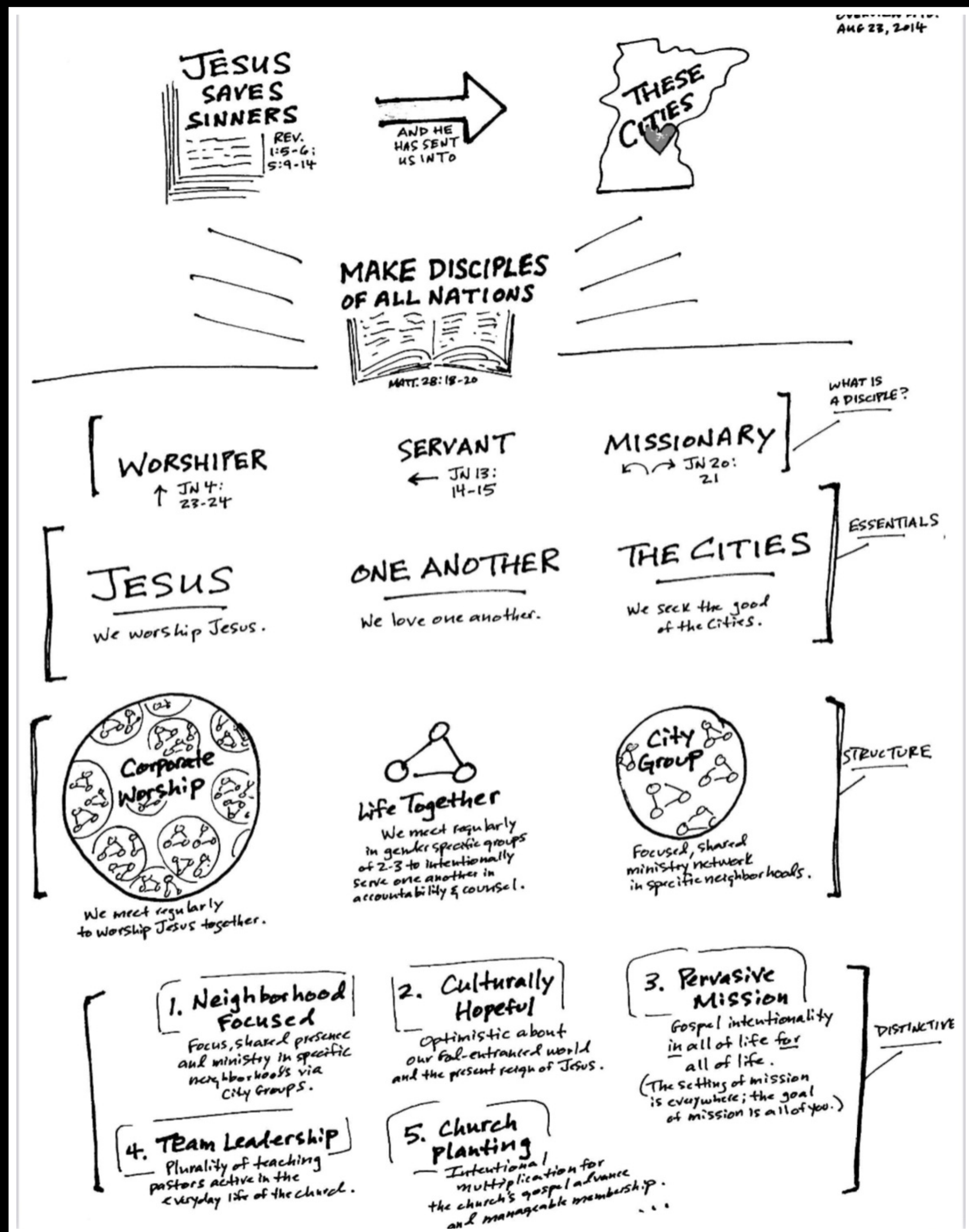
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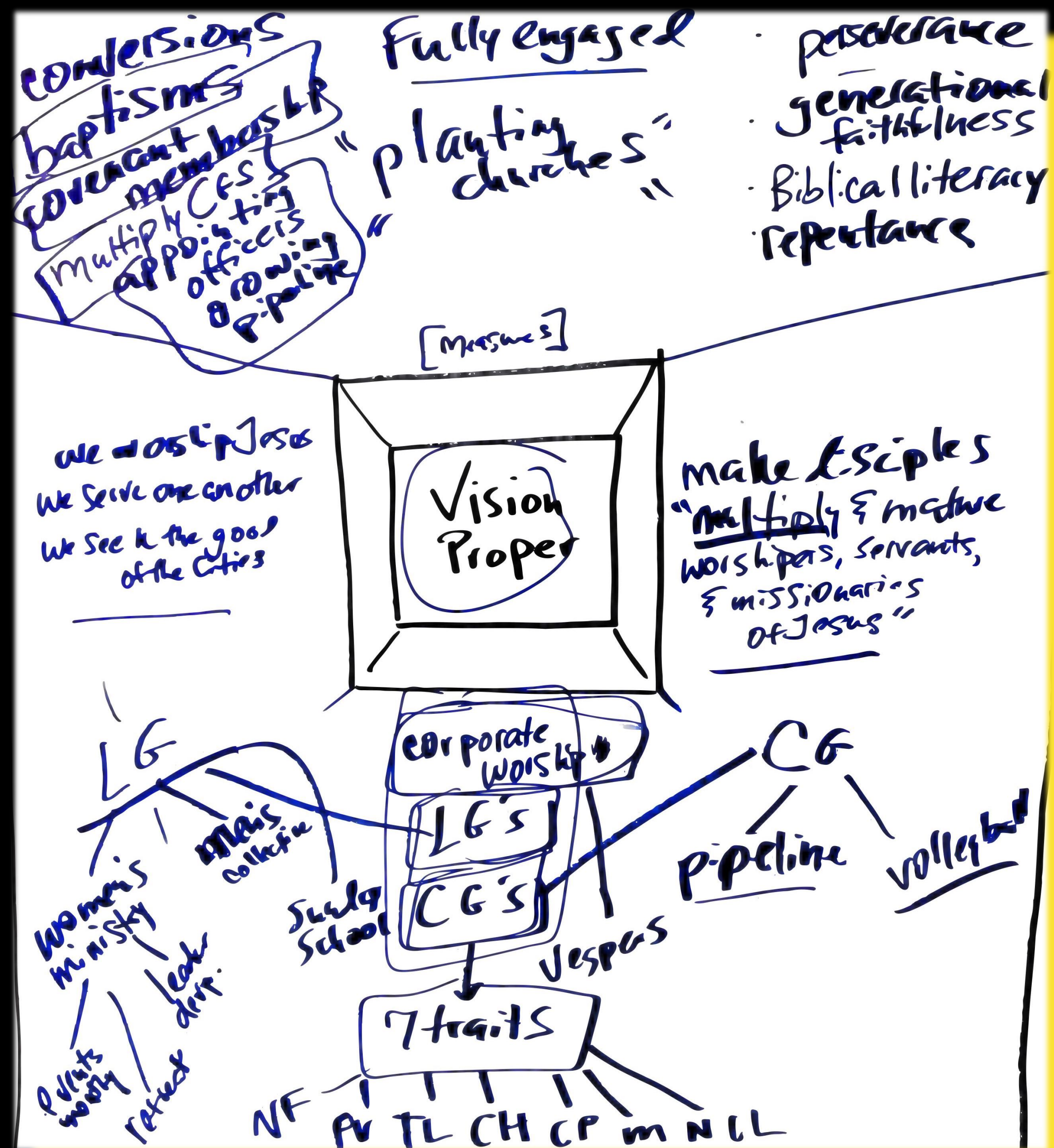
All-Play, Every day
MISSION

What is the clear, concise,
and compelling way we
talk about what we are
ultimately **supposed to be**
doing as Cities Church?



August 23, 2014

“Make disciples of all nations”



July 26, 2018

Multiply and mature worshipers, servants, and missionaries of Jesus who live faithfully in the home, church, and world.



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OUR All-PLAY, EVERY DAY MISSION



February 29 , 2024

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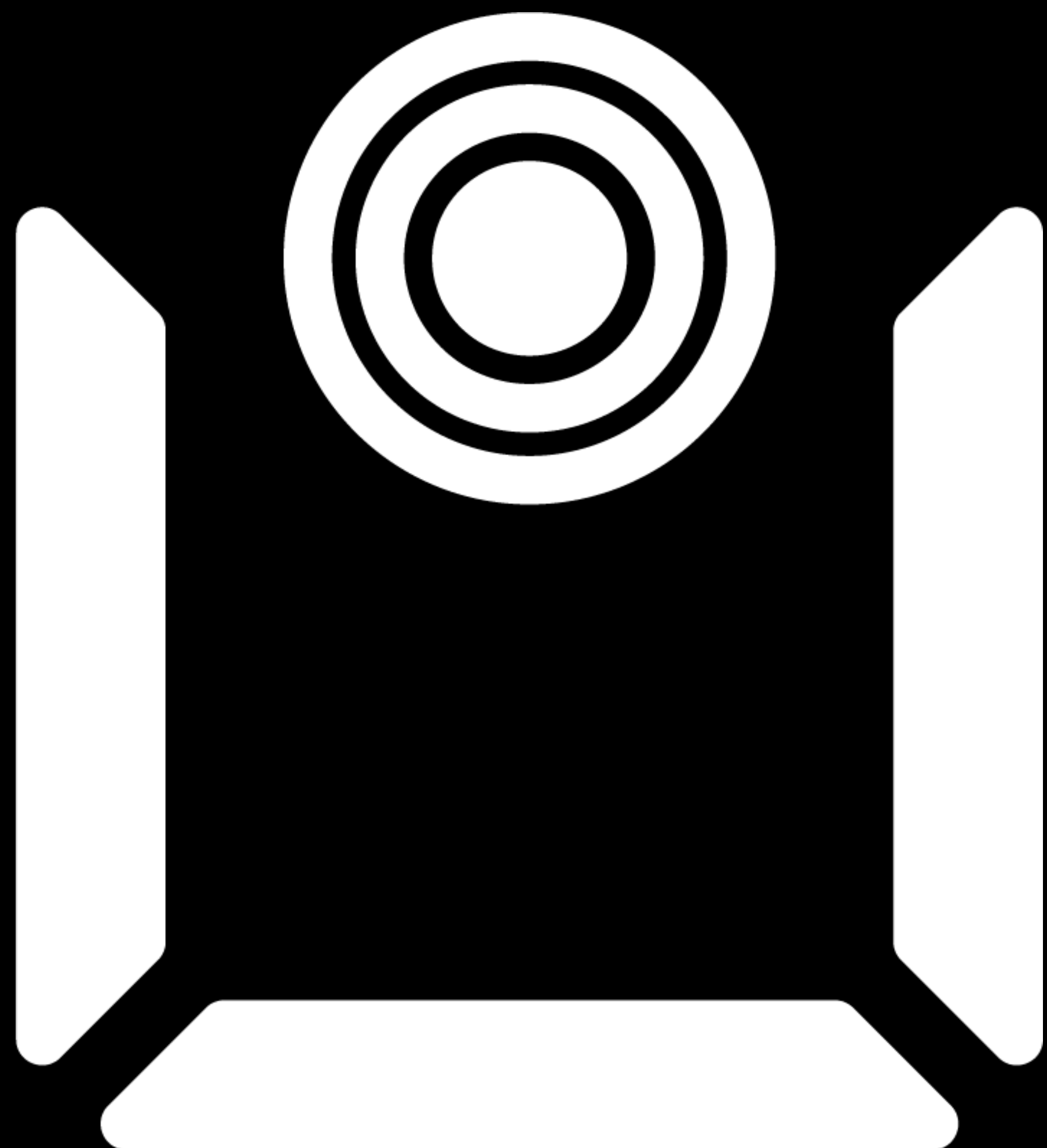
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MISSION | GROUP DISCUSSION

00:12:00

Making joyful
disciples of Jesus
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in all of life.

1. What about the mission immediately captures your heart and attention?
2. What motivation and focus can you imagine the mission bringing to our church collectively—and your life specifically?
3. Would you have any hesitation embracing this as the mission of our church in this next chapter?

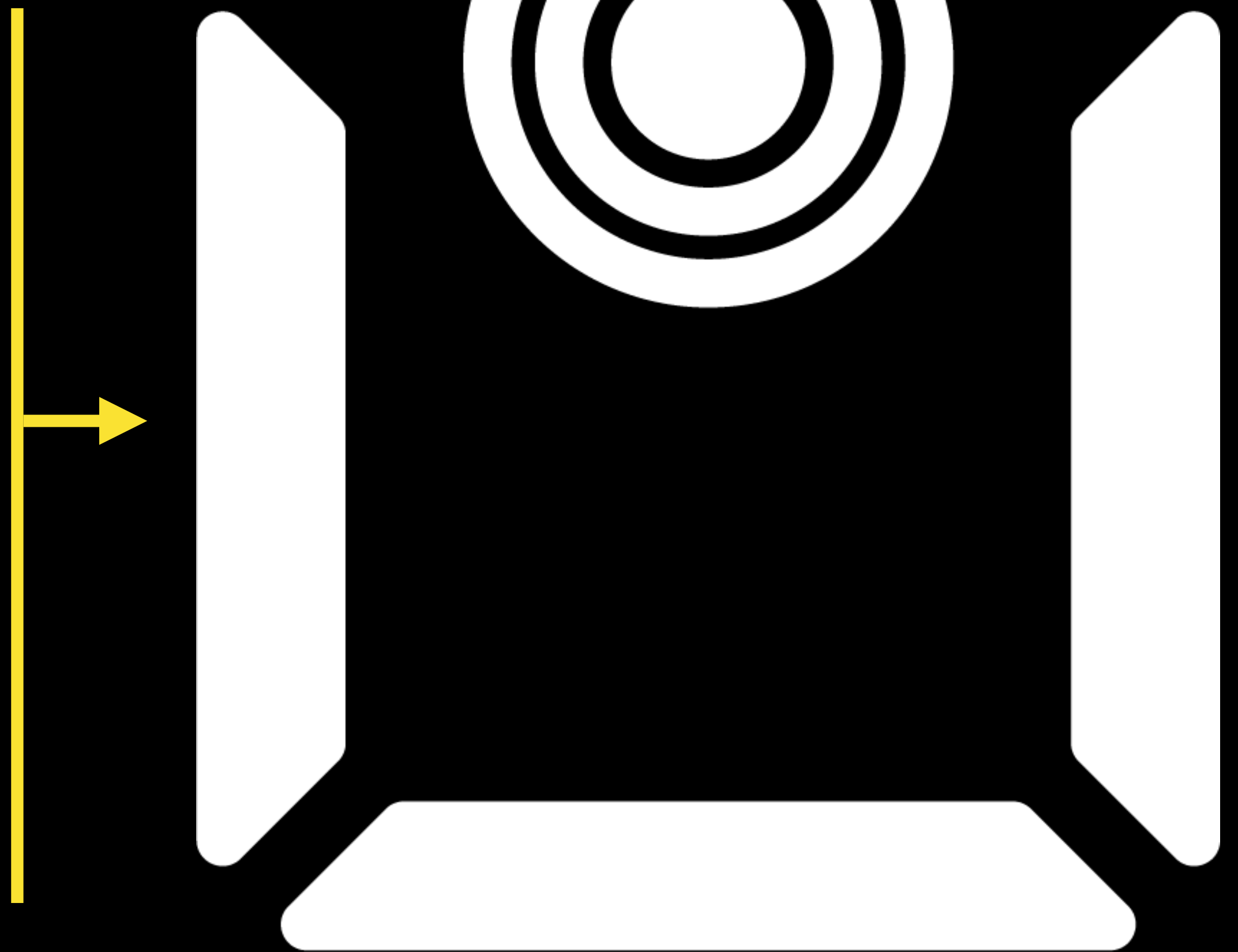


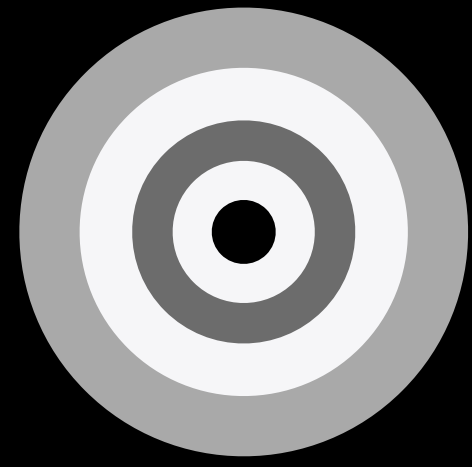
Our

DREAM DISCIPLE

When are we
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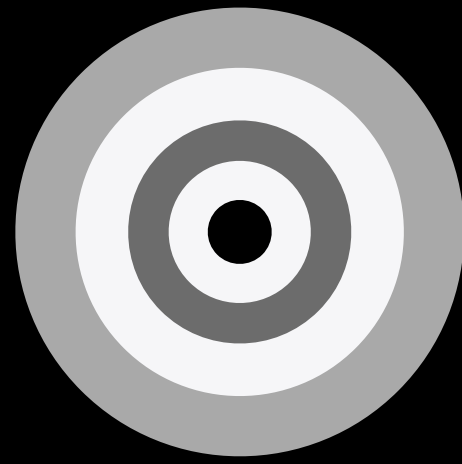
Our Dream Disciple is the kind of disciples of Jesus that Cities Church is intentionally designed to make and multiply—which the Twin Cities desperately needs more of.





DISCERNING OUR DREAM DISCIPLE

1. **Jesus** in the Gospels
2. **Disciples** in Acts
3. **Top 10 Saints** in our church



TOP 5 CHARACTER & COMPETENCY TRAITS

Character Traits

1. Joyful

Manifest happiness rooted in Jesus (Psalm 4:7)

2. Courageous

Faith-filled, Bible-fueled boldness no matter the cost (Acts 4:13)

3. Humble

Radical commitment to God's glory and others' good, over our own (Psalm 115:1)

4. Generous

Open-handed, self-giving love (1 Thes. 2:8)

5. Christ Treasuring

All-satisfying object of our affection (Phil 3:8)

Competency Traits

1. Gospel-Application

Ability to understand and interpret life through the lens of God's unchanging Word

2. Prayerfulness

Ability to seek and wait on God, surrendering to his will, not our own

3. Discipling

Ability to deliberately invest, guide, and encourage others to walk closely with Jesus

4. Life Together

Ability to build meaningful relationships with God's people; living out the "one anothers" of Scripture

5. Hospitality

Ability to initiate, welcome, and be an enduring witness to Jesus for my unbelieving "neighbor"

OUR DREAM DISCIPLE

JESUS WORSHIPER

One who exists to glorify God by enjoying him forever.

- What is currently fueling or draining your ability to see and savor Jesus?
- What verses or passage of Scripture has stood out to you recently, and how are you responding to it?

OUR DREAM DISCIPLE

JOYFUL SERVANT

One who, like Jesus, gladly takes initiative to see and meet the needs of others.

- Where has serving others been a delight and where is it feeling merely like a duty?
- Who around you could use some support and what is God inviting you to do to lift their burden?

OUR DREAM DISCIPLE

GENEROUS DISCIPLER

One who gives themselves to help others follow Jesus.

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- Who are you currently helping to follow Jesus and what do they need most next?

OUR DREAM DISCIPLE

WELCOMING WITNESS

One who opens wide their arms to others to make Jesus known.

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1. What do you like best about this more clearly defined picture of a disciple of Jesus?
2. When it comes to these four roles, where do you currently feel strongest and where do you feel weakest?
3. What do you like most about the idea that all ministry environments at Cities will be intentionally designed around helping people grow into these kinds of disciples?

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