

Session 4 | March 14, 2024

Cities Church



DISCIPLEMAKER'S PRAYER

Deut. 6:1-9, Mark3:13-14; 12:30-31 Matt. 28:18-20, John 17:20,. Acts 1:8, 1 Cor. 4:16-17

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for giving me a disciplmaking way of life in Christ Jesus. As I go through every part of this day, help me to love you and love the people who cross my path-starting with my family. Don't let me miss the adventures you are sending my way to live and speak the Good News about Jesus today. Draw my heart to you and to specific people you want me to pull close for Jesus-like disciplmaking friendships. By your Word and Spirit, transform me into a follower of Jesus who loves you, loves people, and makes disciples-who make more disciples, ad infinitum.

-In Jesus' name, amen.

CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Working/Confused: While Community Groups were identified as “working”, some team members listed them as “confused”.

Confused: Our disciple-making pathway is becoming fuzzy. Jesus is King and Sunday liturgy is queen, but what environments are primary and how ministry relate together unclear.

Broken: Relational Discipleship is a deep value of the pastoral staff and well thought out on paper, there is concern its only being practiced in pockets.

Broken/Missing: Evangelistic ethos among the congregation seems tepid, yet it is preached from pulpit and practiced by pastors/

VISION FRAME

Our Guiding Principles:
Who we uniquely are?

Our Dream Disciple
When are we successful?



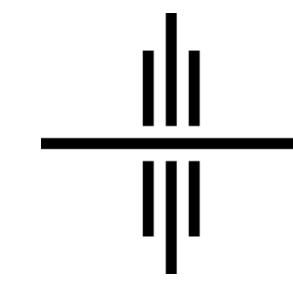
Our Disciple-making Pathway
How do we do it?

Everyday, All Play Mission:
What do we do?



KINGDOM CONCEPT:

From Church Unique by Will Mancini



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We exist to glorify God and make disciples by...

Empowering a *Biblically Hungry* *Family Valuing* *Cheerfully Generous*
(High biblical literacy/ theologically orthodox) *(Godly marriages & parenting)* *(Sacrificially open-handed)*

congregation

in a *Highly Educated* *Pervasively Lonely* *Deeply Fragmented*
(Ideologically over-saturated) *Relationally under-developed - rising singleness* *(Economic, Ethnic, Spiritual Divides)*

community

with a deep passion for

Deliberate Discipleship *Team Health* *Christian Hedonism*
Air War (teaching) + lived Ground War (relationships) *(Healthy team who goes first)* *(Deep Joy in Jesus)*

Two Words

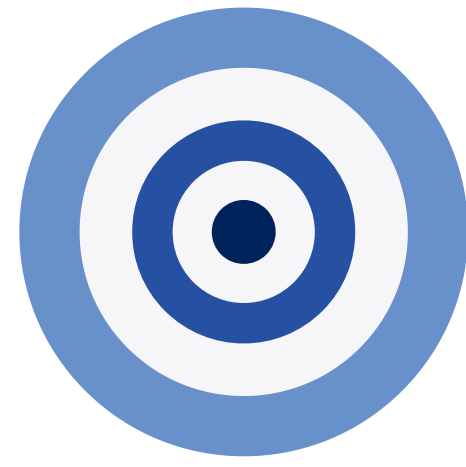
Deepen *ING* Joy

MISSION STATEMENT



Draft - February 19, 2024

Making joyful disciples of Jesus who
remember His realness in all of life.



TOP 5 CHARACTER & COMPETENCY TRAITS



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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

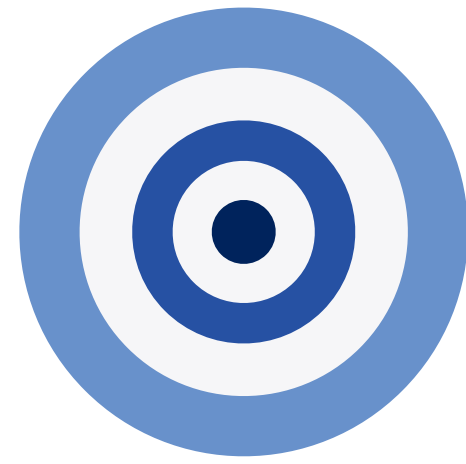
Ability to deliberately invest, guide, and encourage others
to walk closely with Jesus

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"



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?

WELCOMING WITNESS

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

- How in this season are you leveraging your unique skills and roles to honor God and join in his mission?
- Who is close to you but far from God that you are praying for, investing in, and inviting into your life?

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?

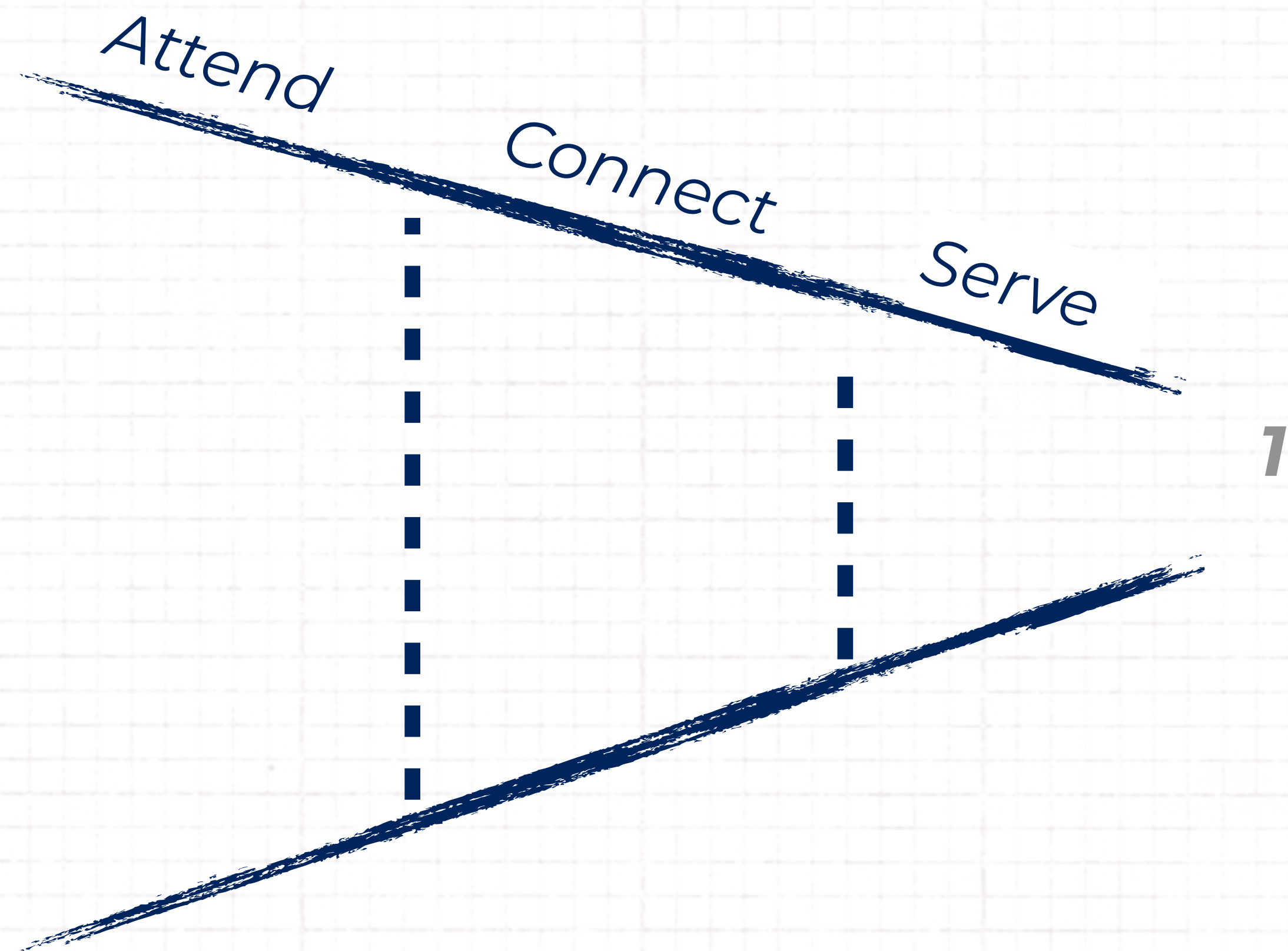
GENEROUS DISCIPLER

One who gives themselves to help others follow Jesus.

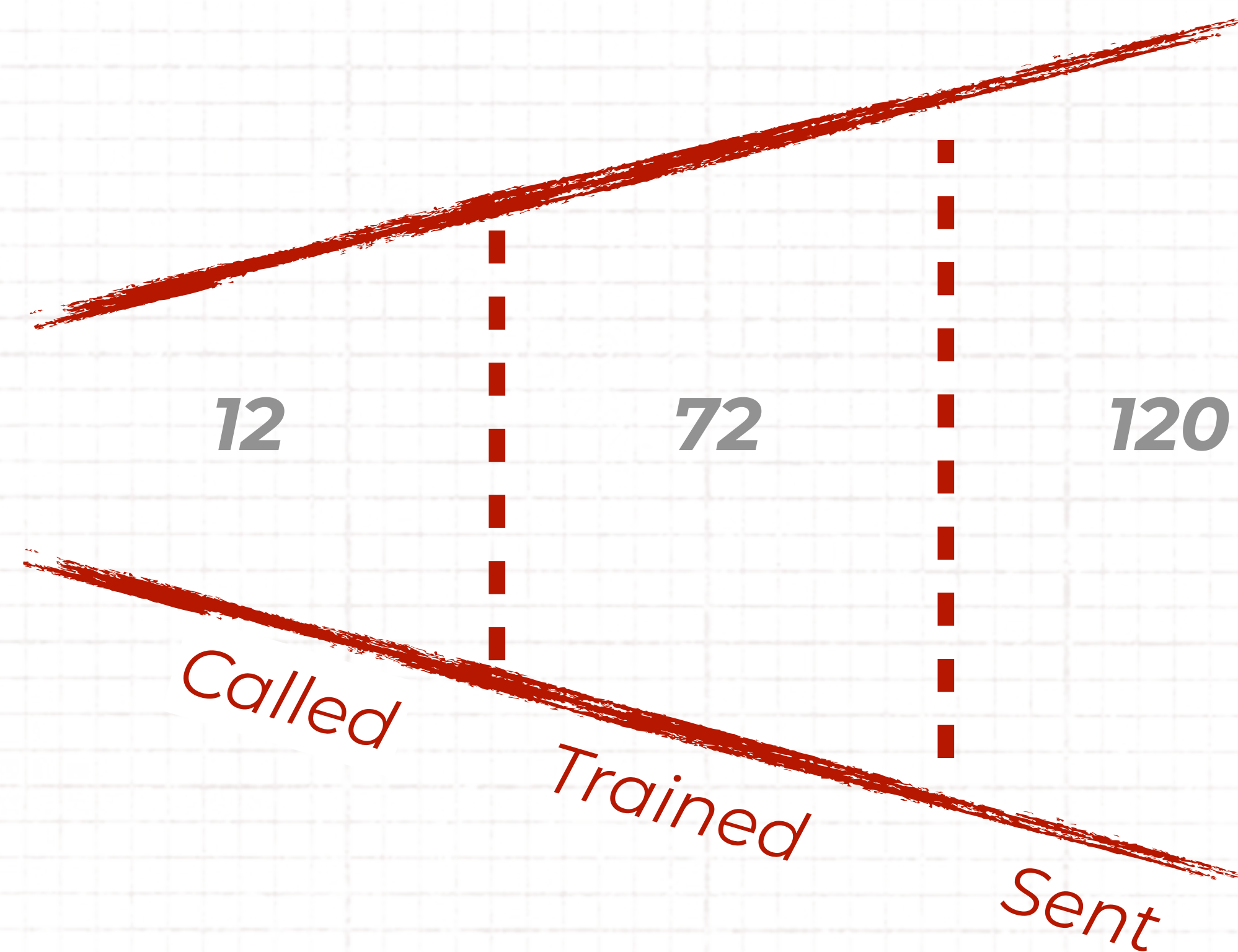
- What are you learning from those you are intentionally following Jesus with?
- Who are you currently helping to follow Jesus and what do they need most next?

FUNNEL FUSION

Assimilation Funnel



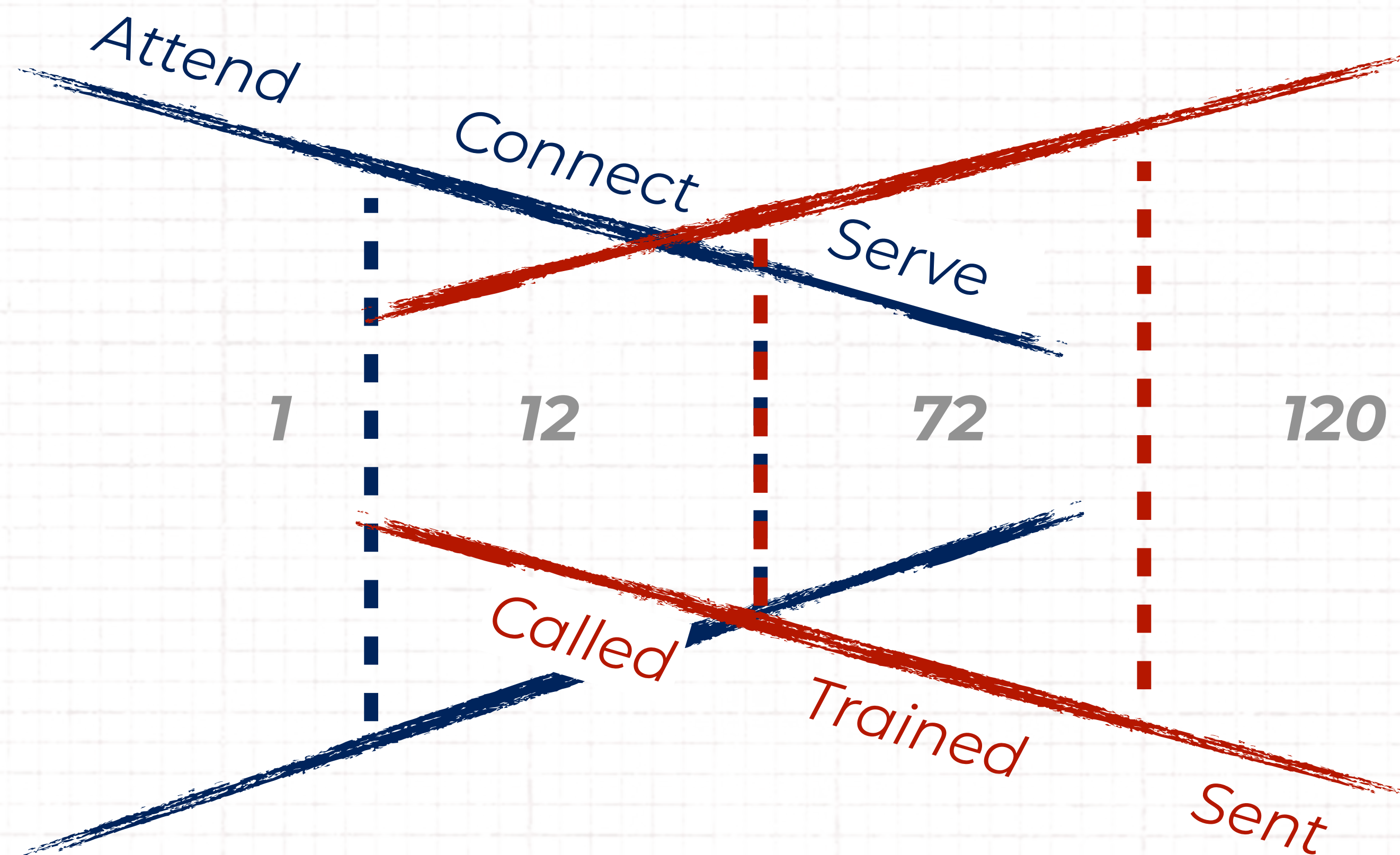
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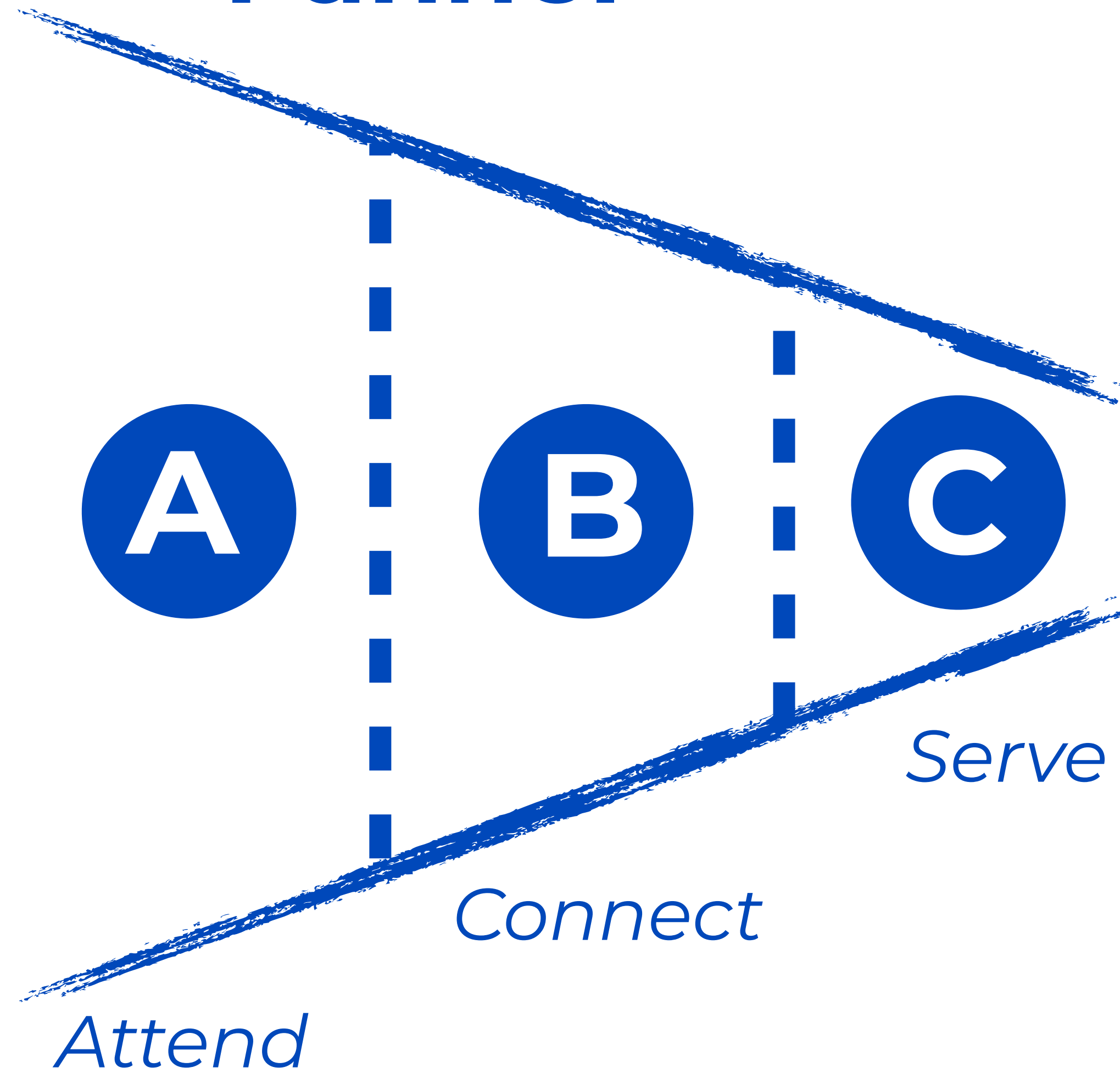
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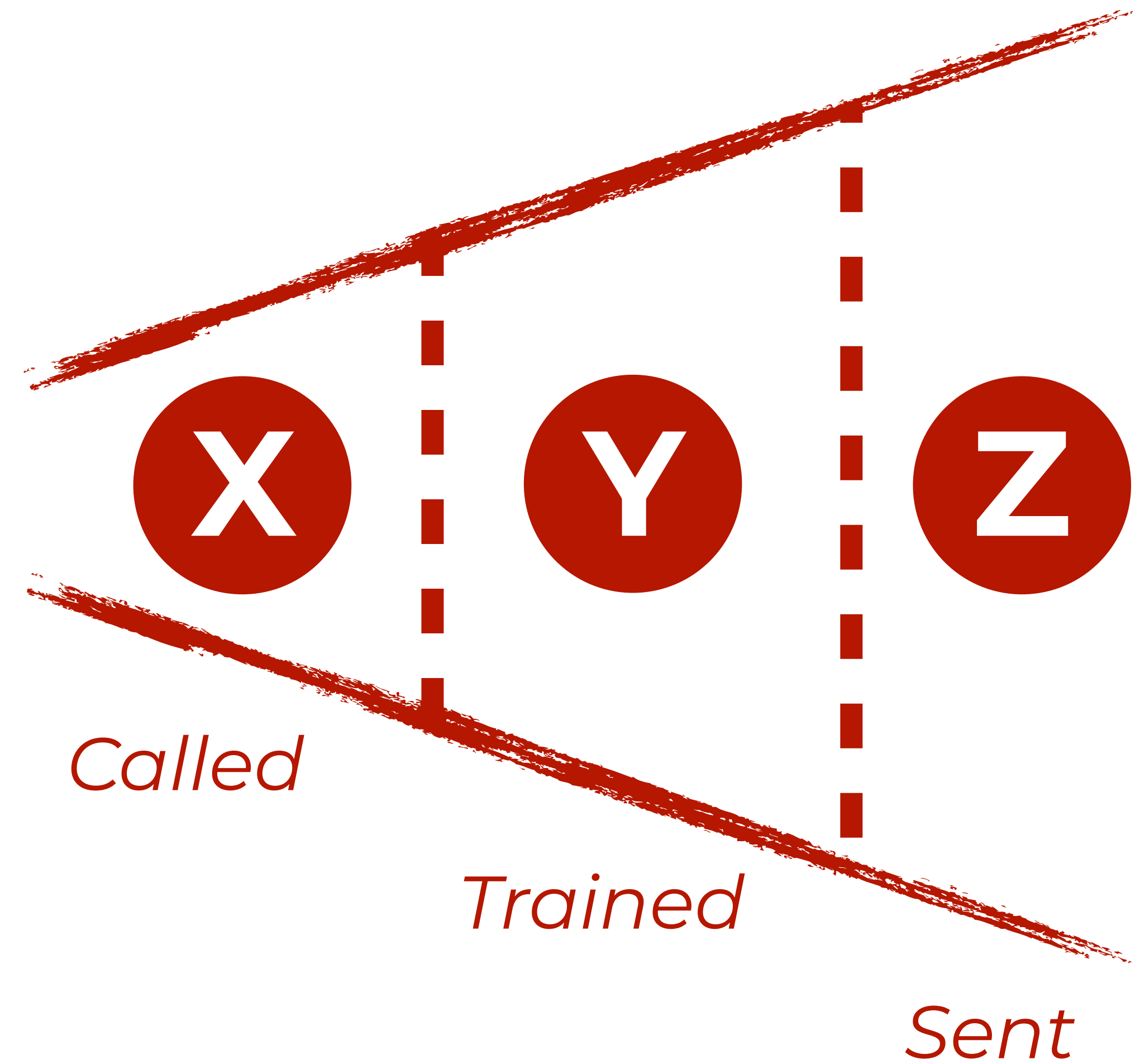
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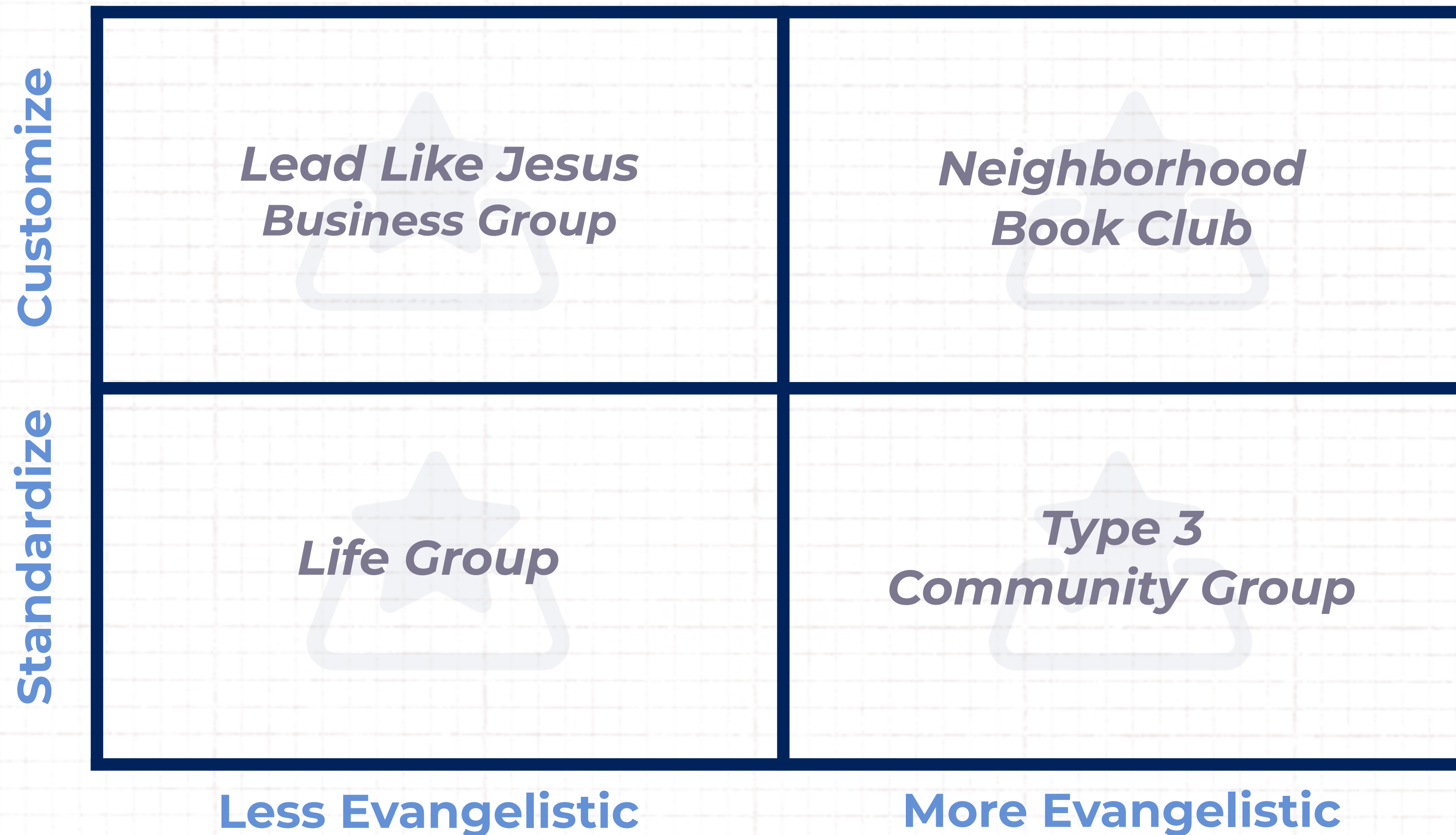




"Z" LOCATOR MAP

Multiplication Vehicle

EXAMPLE





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What's the Difference?

	Multiplication Vehicle	Training Center
Goal?	Easy Multiplication	Knowledge & Skill Development
Social Space?	Transparent (3-4)	Personal (6-12) or Social (20-70)
Who leads it?	Anyone (including staff)	Staff (or master facilitator)
Entry point?	Lead one or Recruited into	Broad invitation, open to everyone
Content?	Questions + Scripture + Life Experience + Tools + Accountability	Curriculum + Tools
Rhythm?	Weekly/ Bi-weekly for 6-12 mo.	3-8 weeks / 1-2x a year



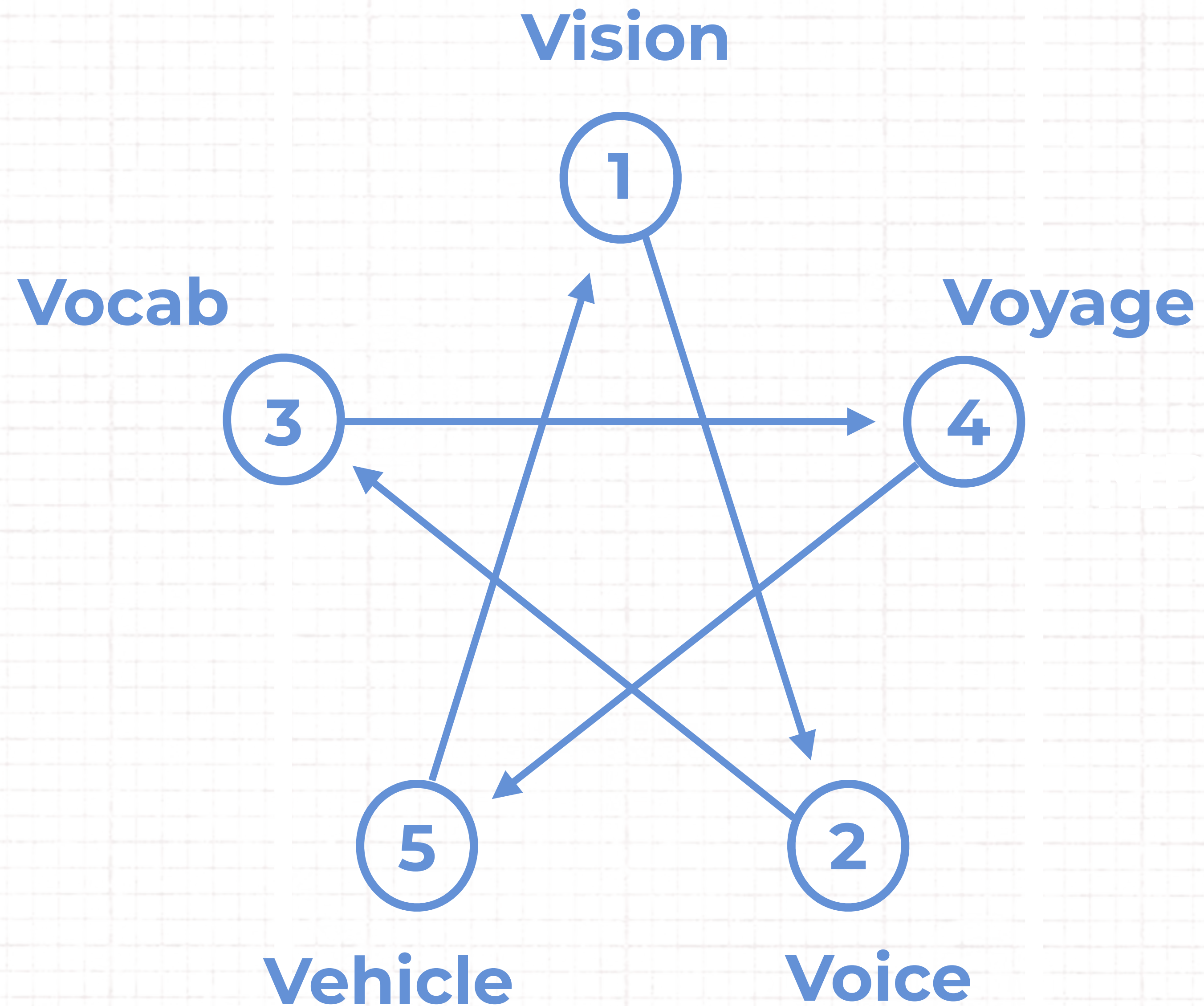
Multiplication Vehicle

Radical Minimums

- 1) Meet Regularly (weekly/bi-weekly)
- 2) Complete Scripture Reading (Hear & Respond)
- 3) Open Lives to Each Other
- 4) Integrate Dream Disciple Questions
- 5) Lead Your Own Group (in 6, 9, or 12 months)

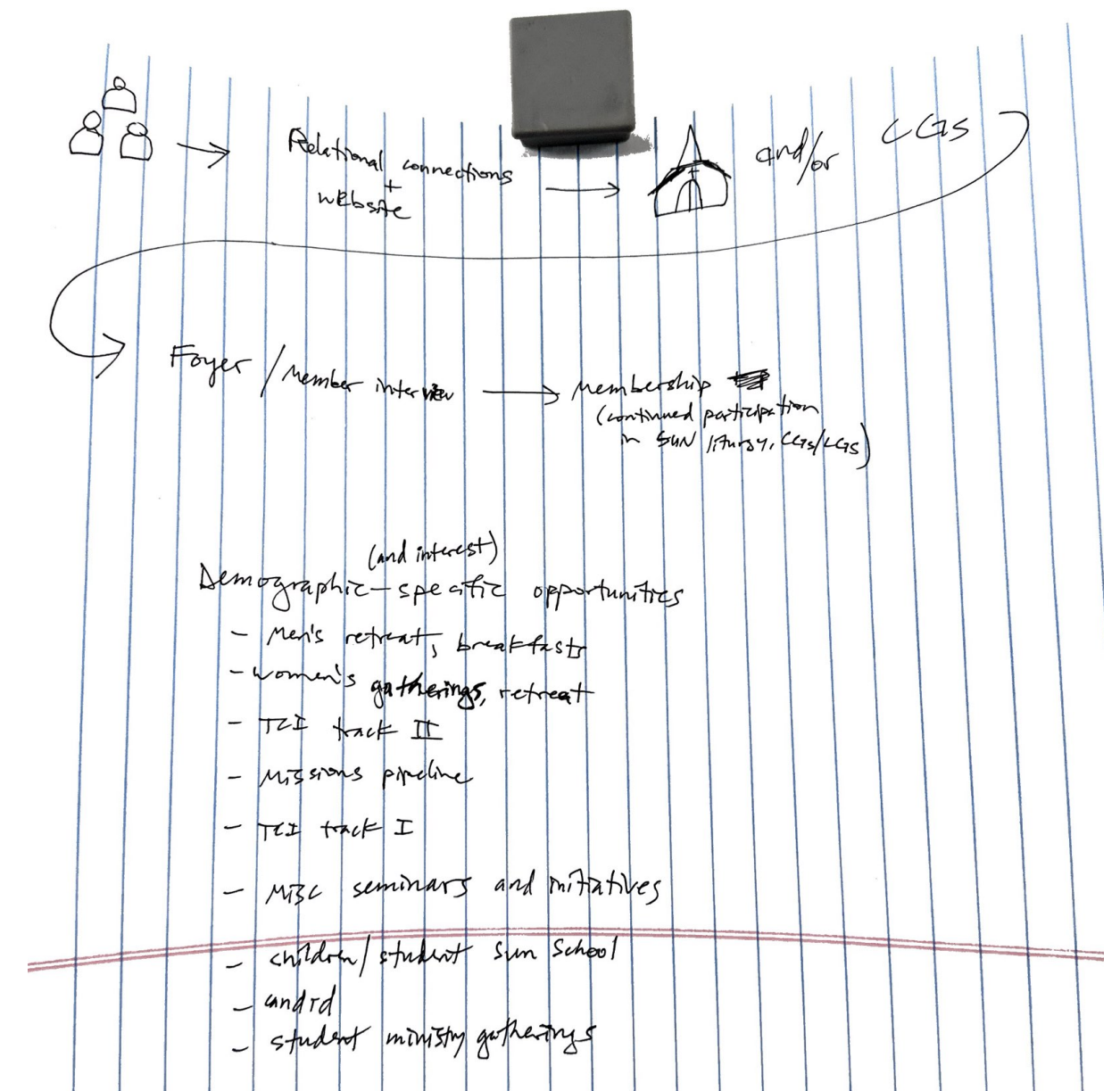
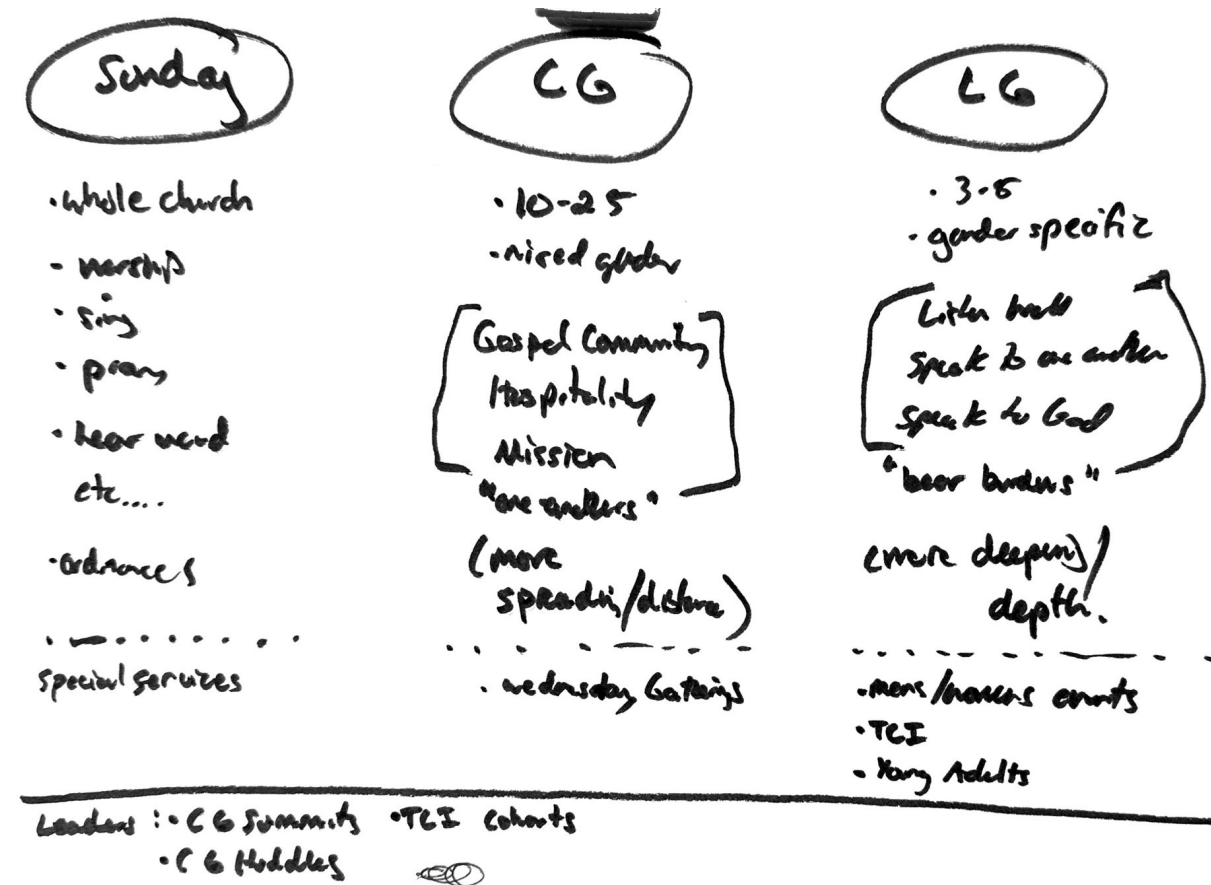
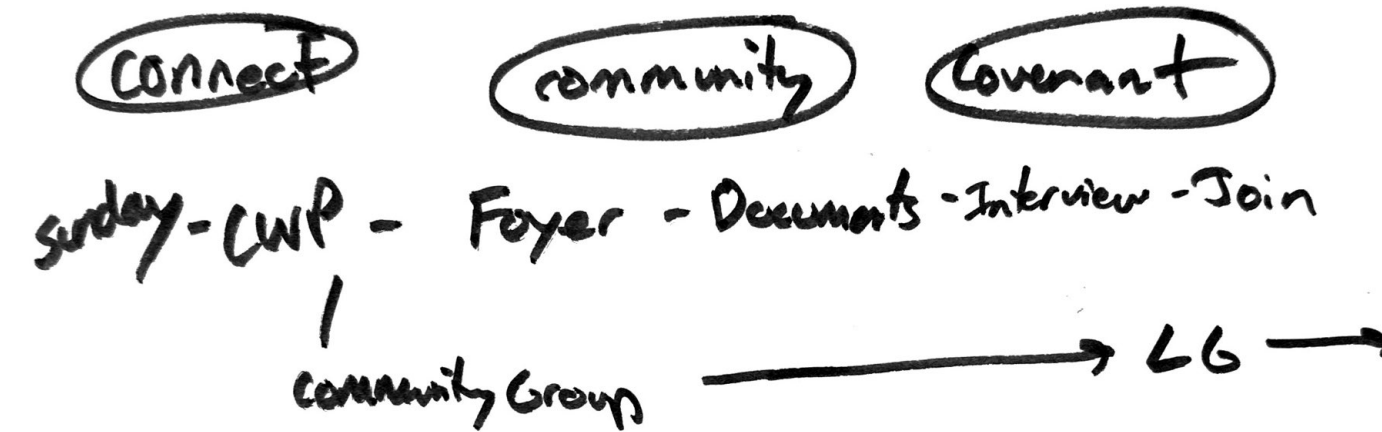
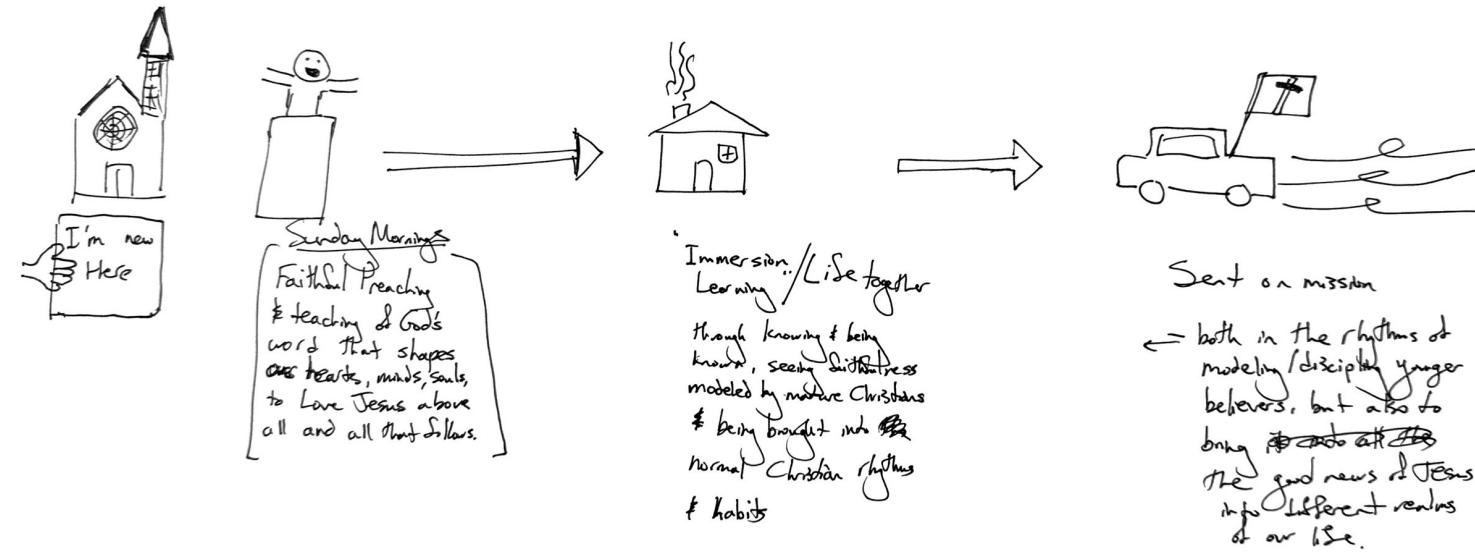


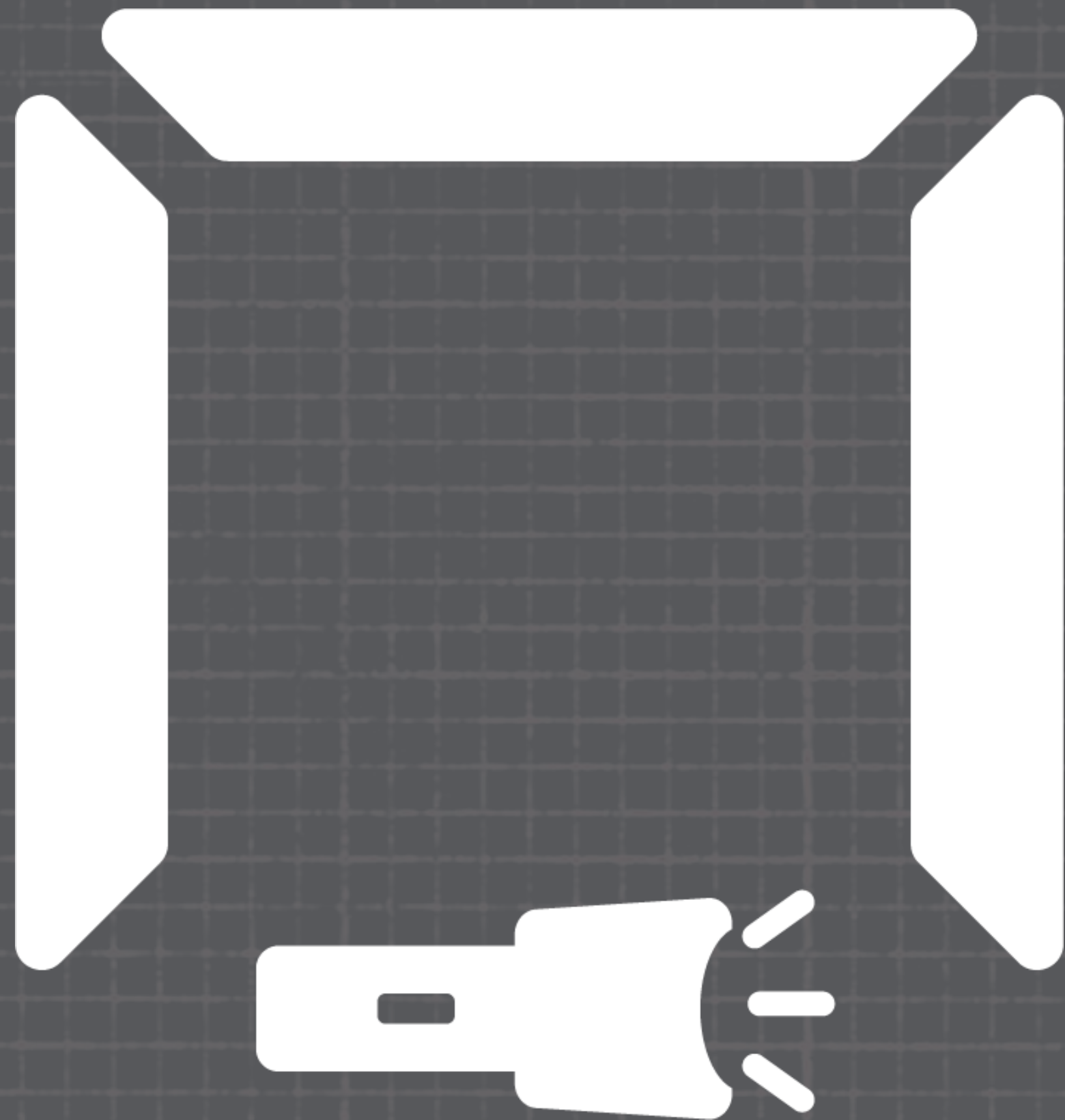
LEADERSHIP STAR





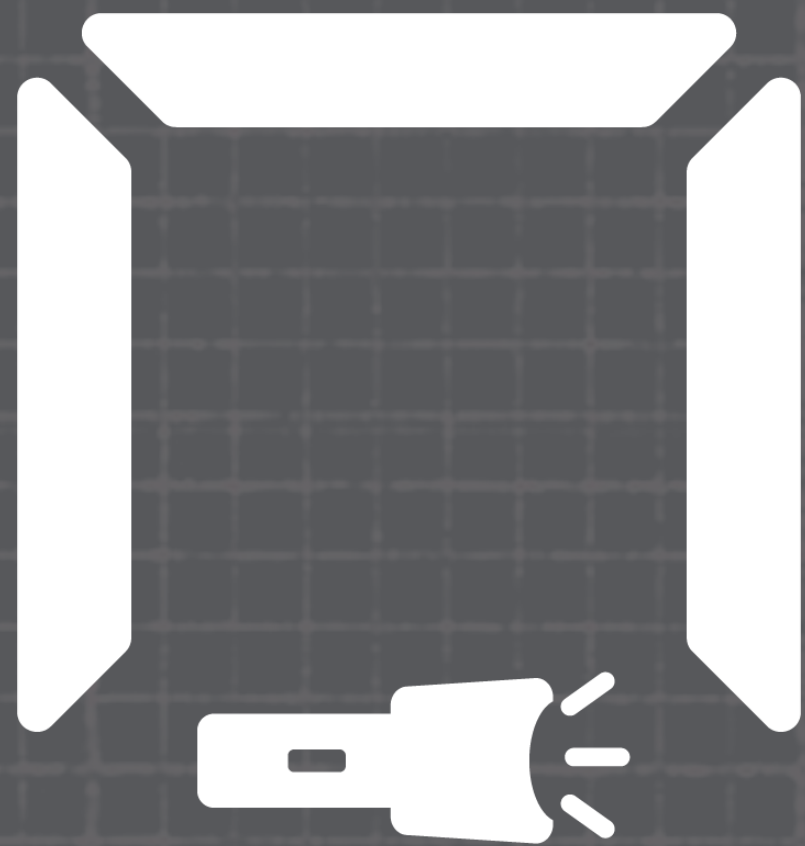
Cities Team Current Map Drawings





STRATEGY

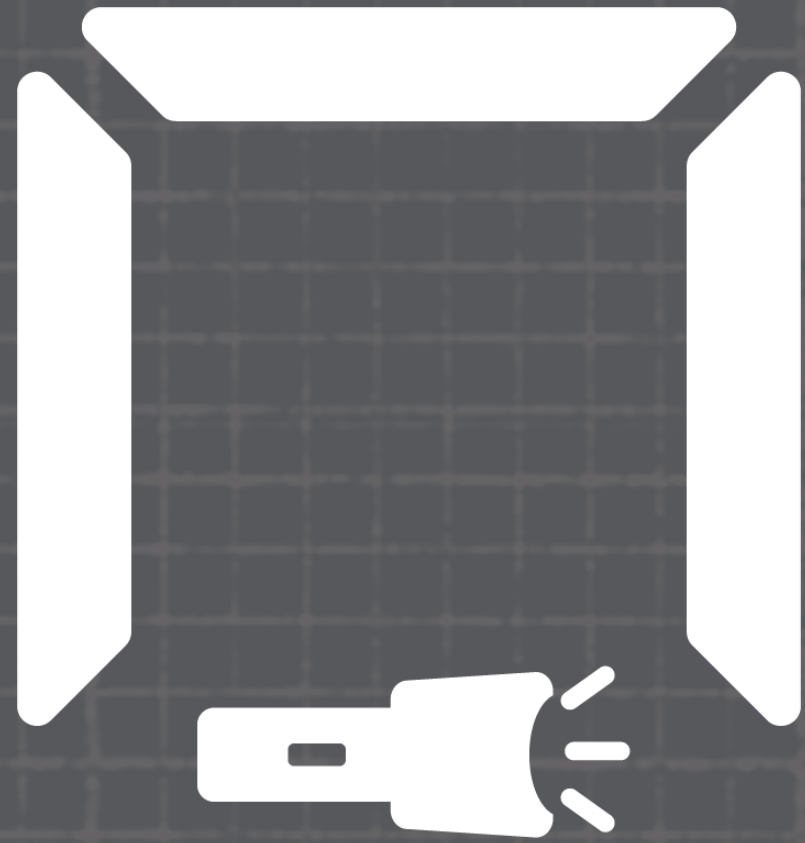
*Our Disciple-making
pathway*



STRATEGY

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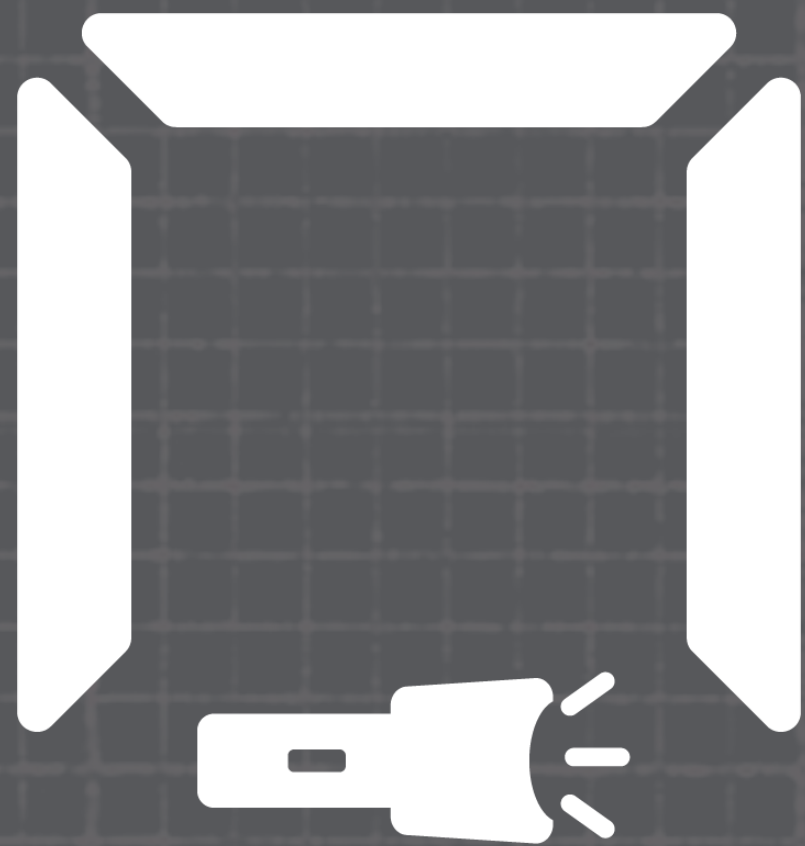
Strategy answer the question:
“How do we accomplish the mission?”



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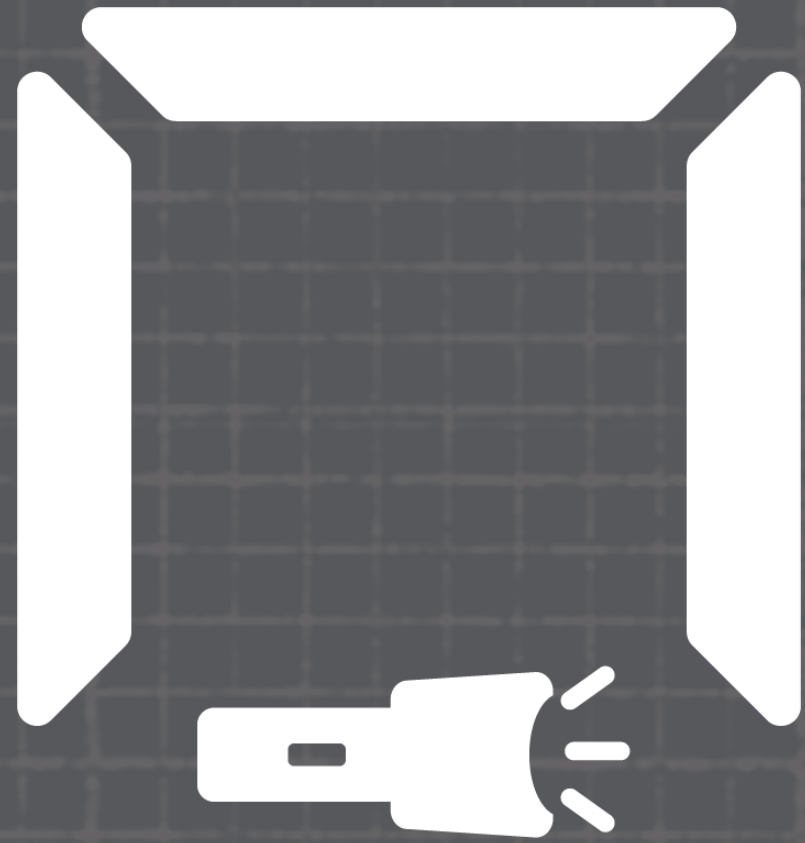
Strategy is a **picture** of the process that shows how the church will accomplish the mission on the **broadest** level.



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Our Disciple-making pathway

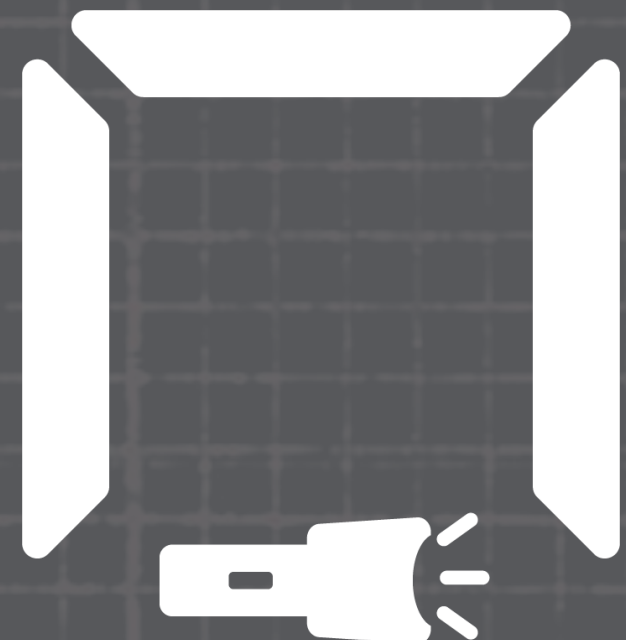
A good strategy creates a map
rather than a menu.



STRATEGY

Our Disciple-making pathway

Strategy integrates a **training center**
—normalizing the development of
learning-leaders.



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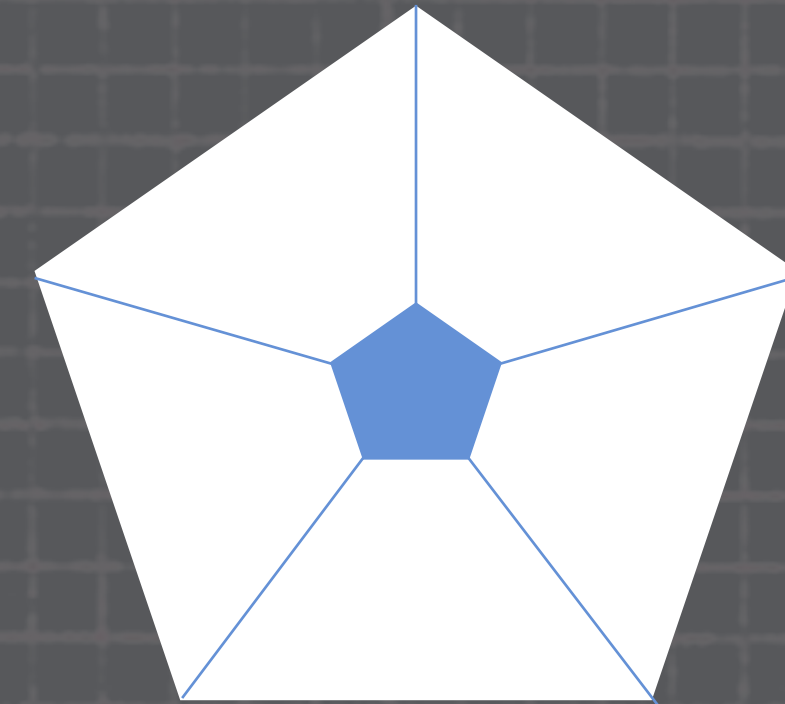
STRATEGY <i>Our Disciple-making Pathway</i>	MEASURES <i>Our Dream Disciple</i>
How do we accomplish the mission?	When are we successful at accomplishing the mission?
Process for Growth	Picture of Growth
Where Joe/Joanna goes	What Joe/Joanna become
Organizational Environments	Individual Traits
Inputs	Outputs

Common STRATEGY TYPES

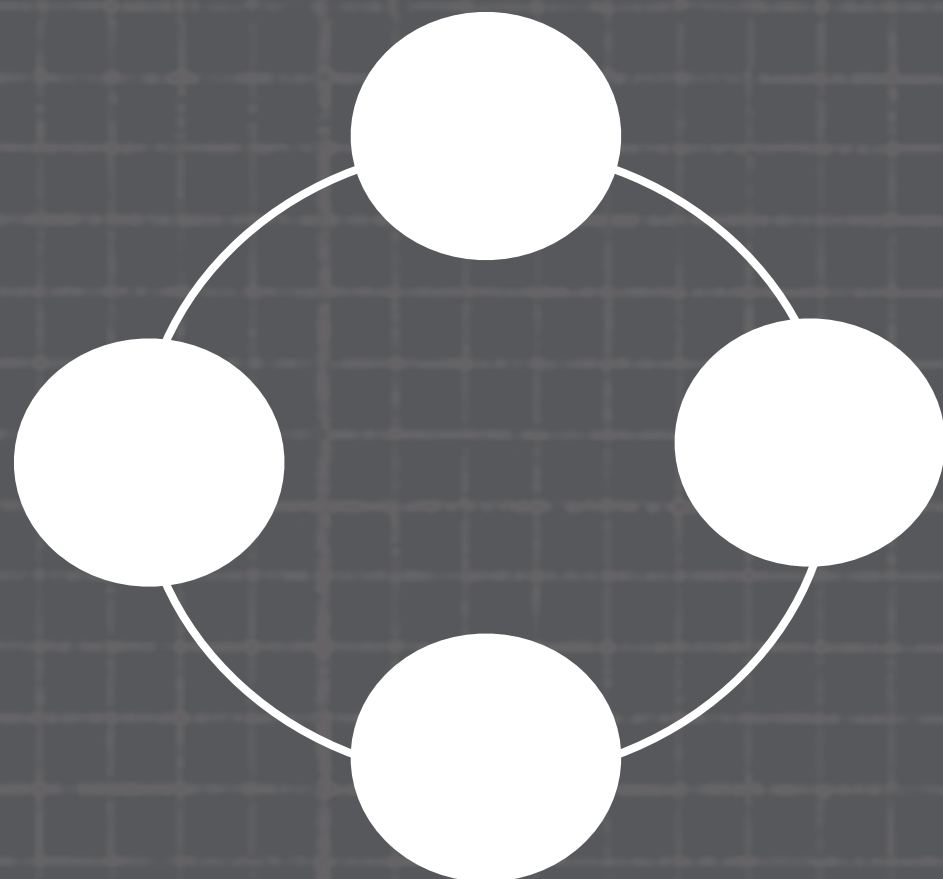
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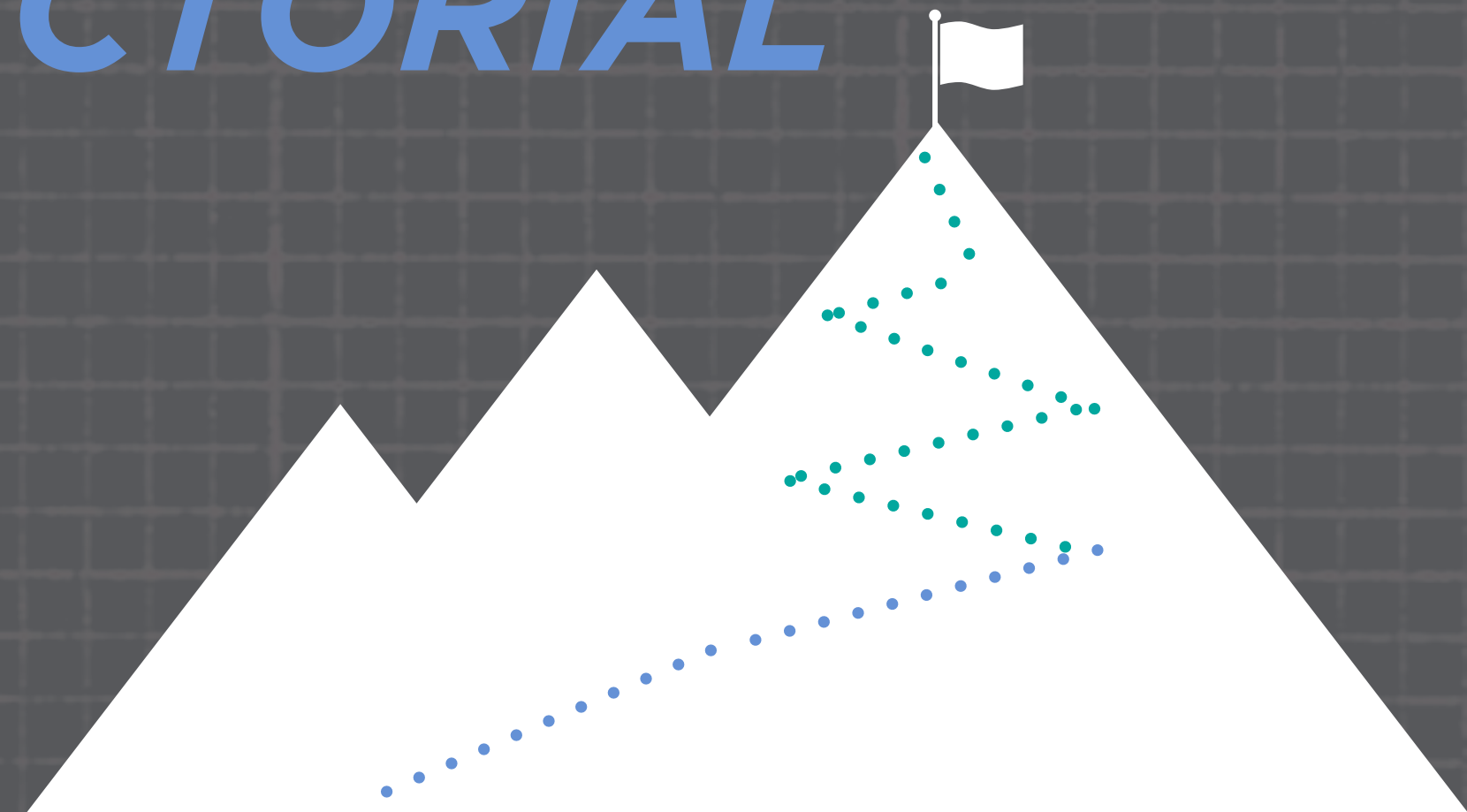
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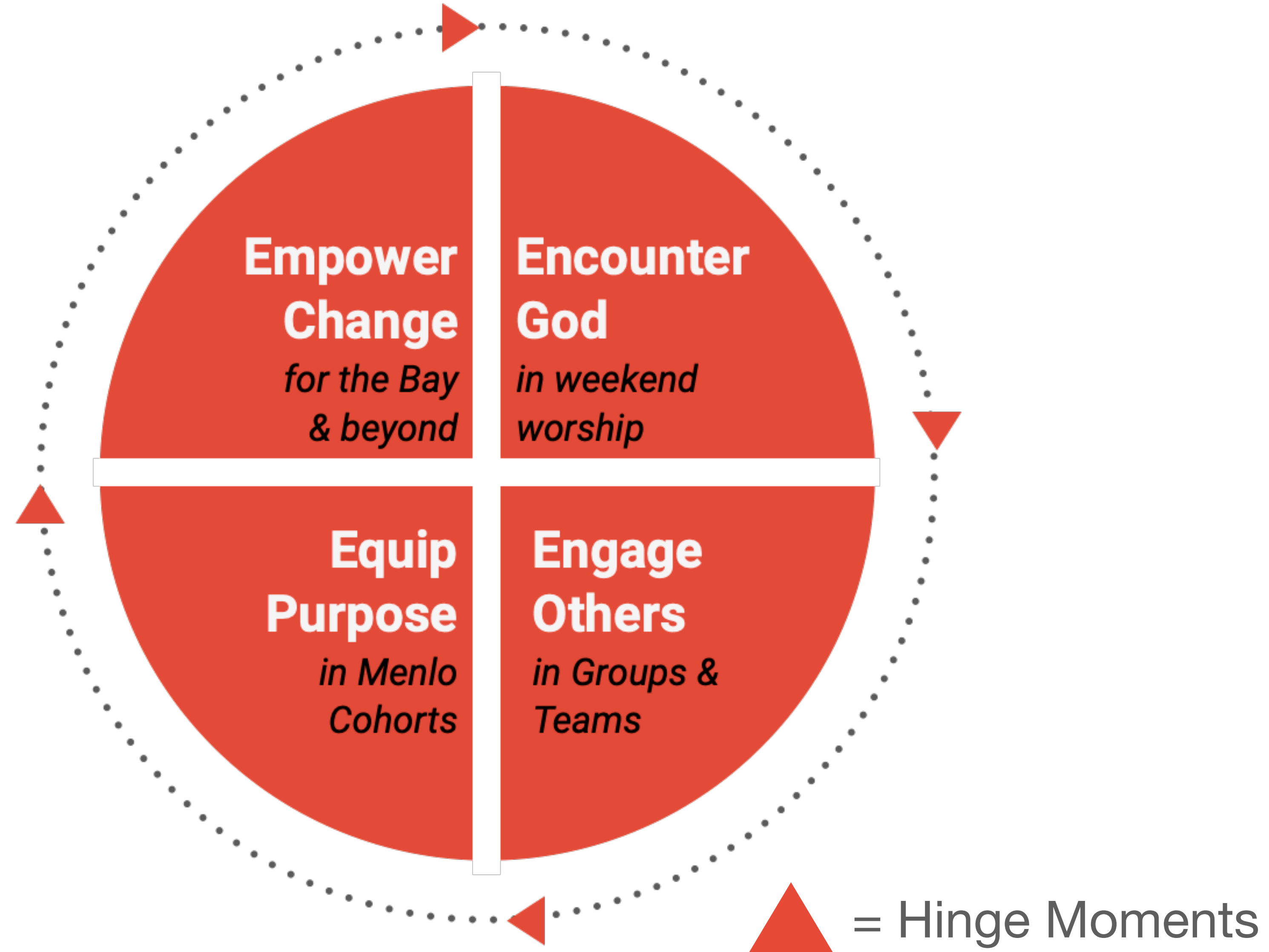
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Disciple-Making Pathway:

Menlo Church





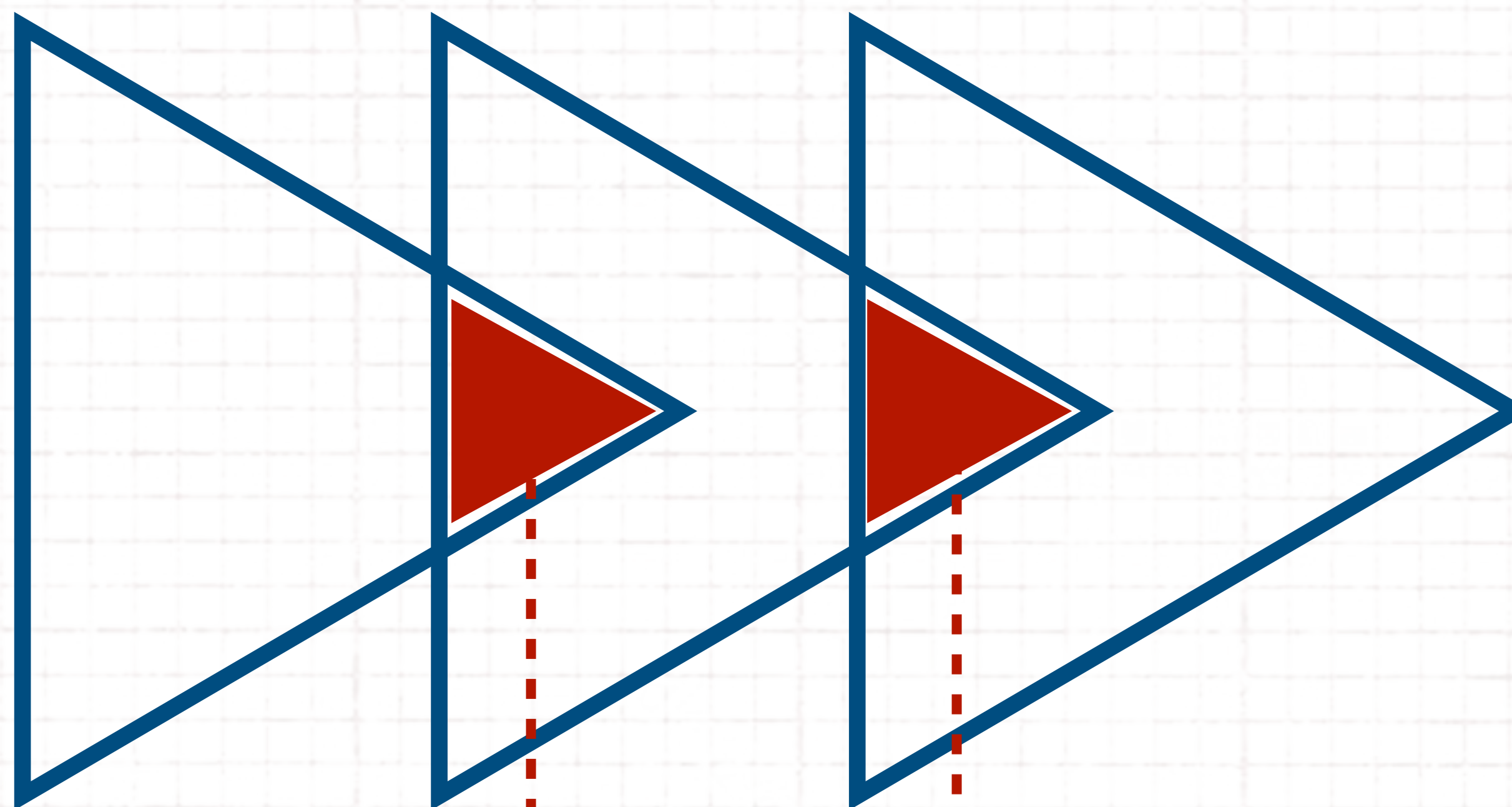
Disciple-Making Pathway:

Grace Church-Monroe

Rooted in
Grace
(Weekly Worship)

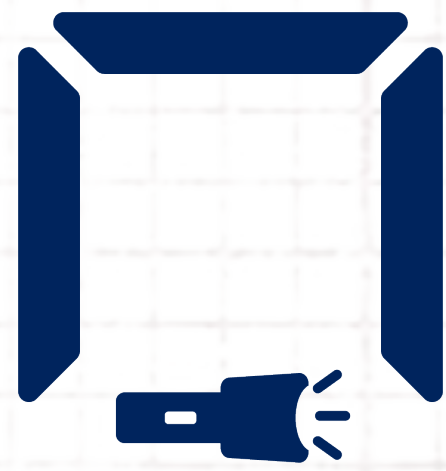
Growing in
Love
(Grace Groups)

Fruitful in
Life
(Service Teams)



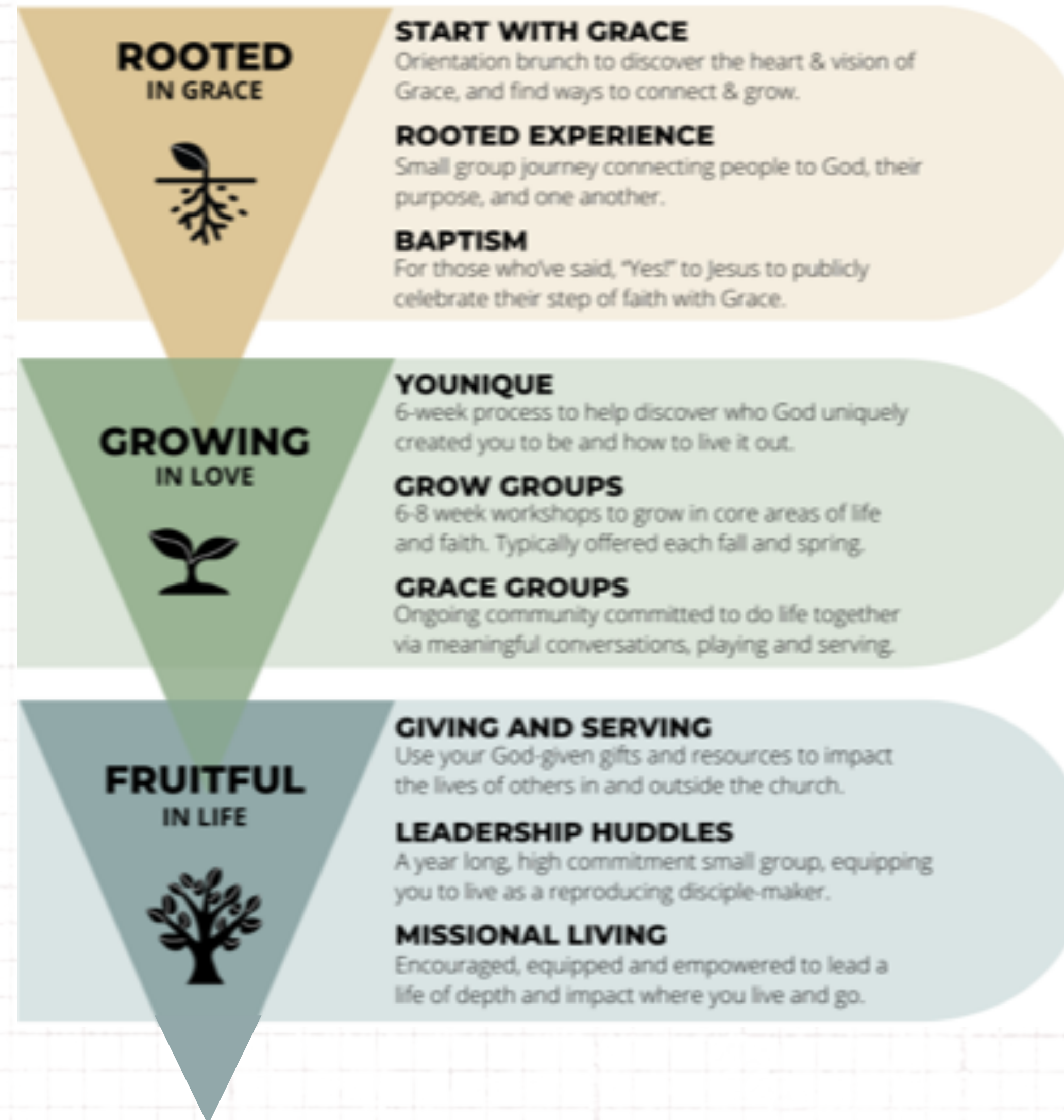
(Life Younique)

(Leadership Huddles)



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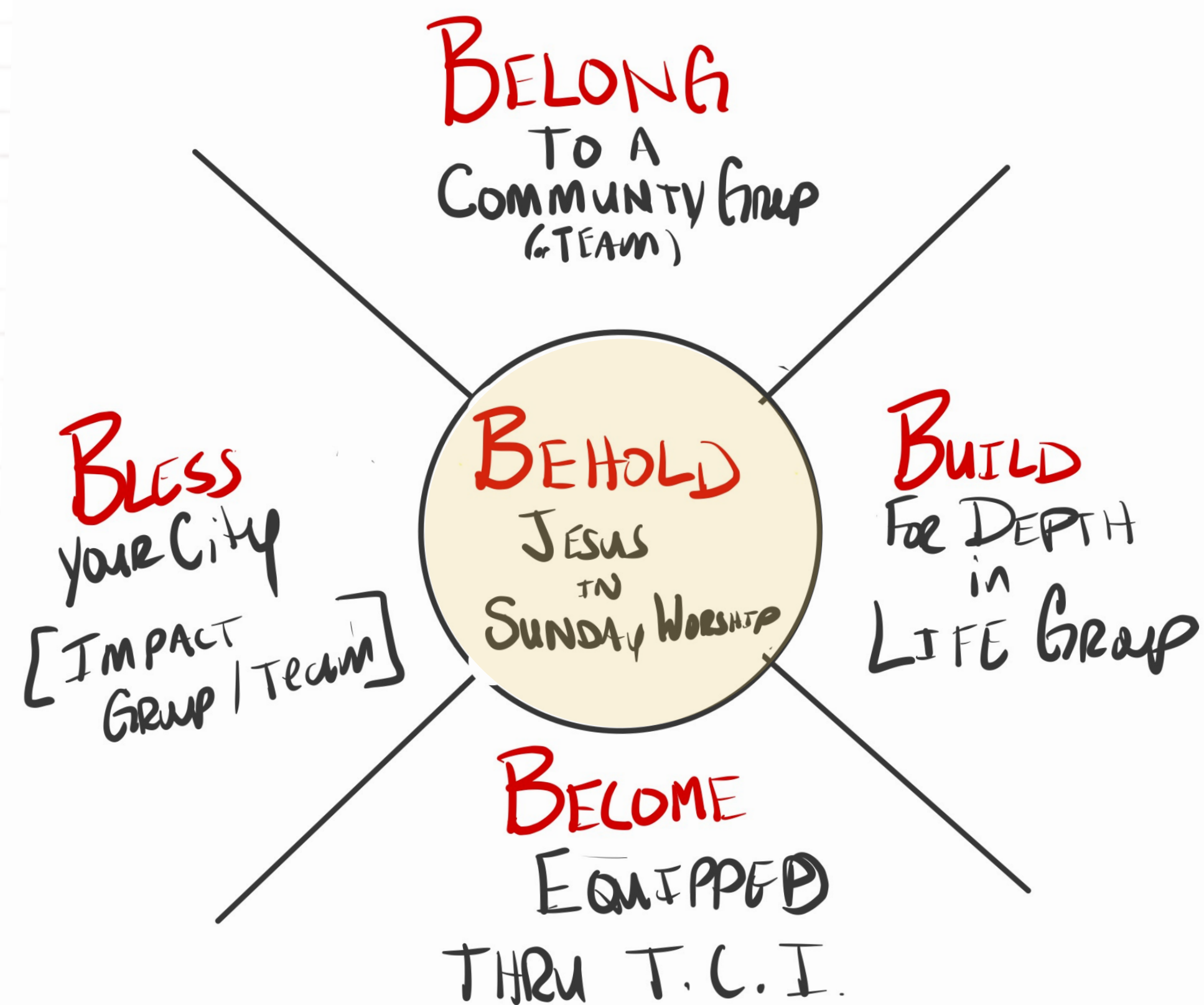




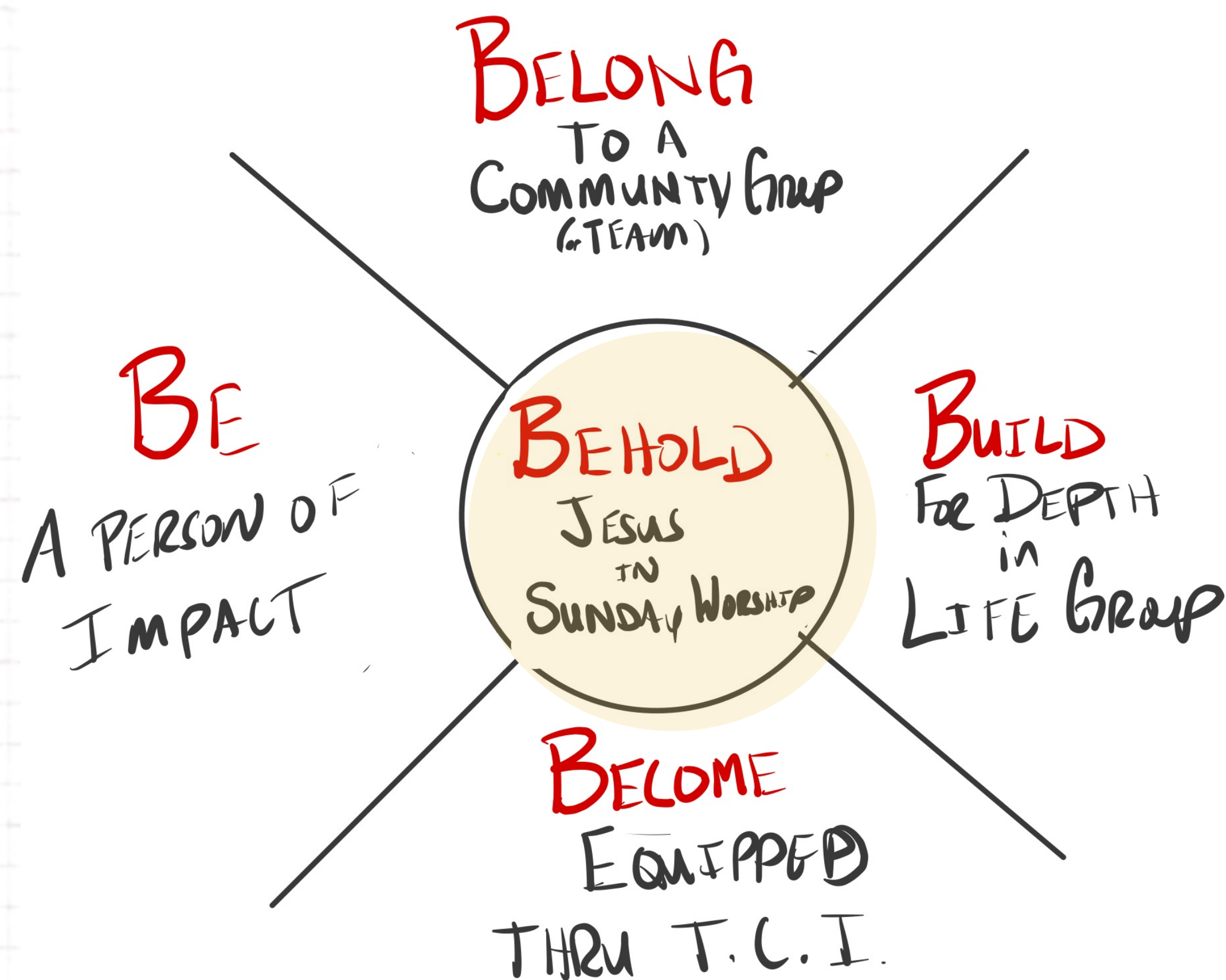
Disciple-making Pathway

Cities Church Straw Man

Option 1



Option 2





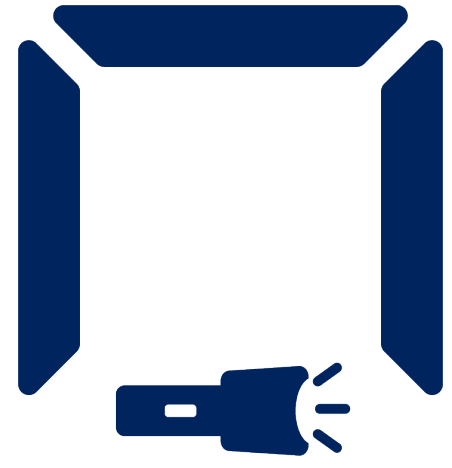
Key Questions to Evaluating Your Disciple-making Pathway

- 1.** How does your dream disciple inform your pathway?
- 2.** What time expectation does our pathway assume for our people?
- 3.** What are the core environments of each step of our process?
- 4.** What is your primary multiplication vehicle?
- 5.** How does our pathway empower people to reach their relational spheres of influence?
- 6.** Where is your training center and does it move beyond teaching/content to training/competency development?



TEAM TAKEAWAYS

1. There is real opportunity with thinking about how our LGs and/or CGs could move into more intentional multiplication.
2. We would benefit from a simple, broad level picture of our strategy map that is easy to communicate, demonstrates what is core and how they relate.
3. This is a season we need to/get to re-engage evangelistic training and intentionality.
4. Our Dream Disciple must inform our pathway, both in what may need to be continued, added or adjusted.



ACTION ITEMS

1. Draft a simple, broad level diagram of Disciple-making pathway.
2. Determine what you're more/less multiplication vehicle is/will be. Give freedom to do some experimenting.
3. Be sure your pathway answers the six questions on previous slide.