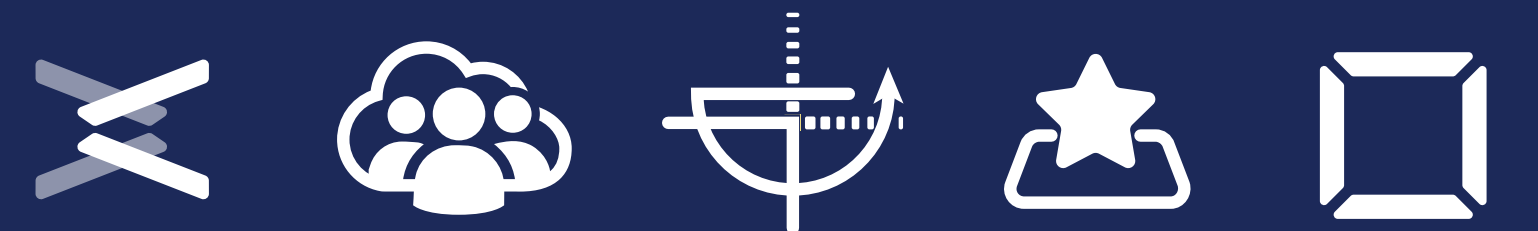


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CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME

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?

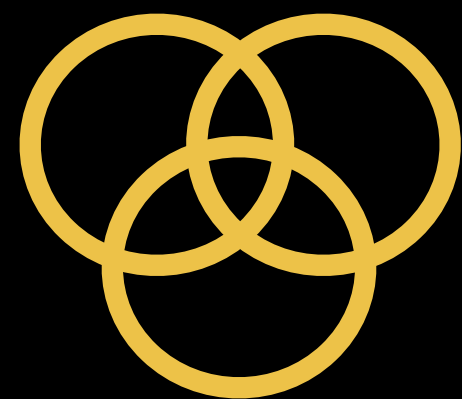
Our Dream Disciple
When are we successful?



Our Shared Dream
*Where Is God
taking us?*

Everyday, All Play Mission:
What do we do?

Our Disciple-making Pathway
How do we do it?



KINGDOM CONCEPT: CITIES CHURCH

From Church Unique by Will Mancini

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

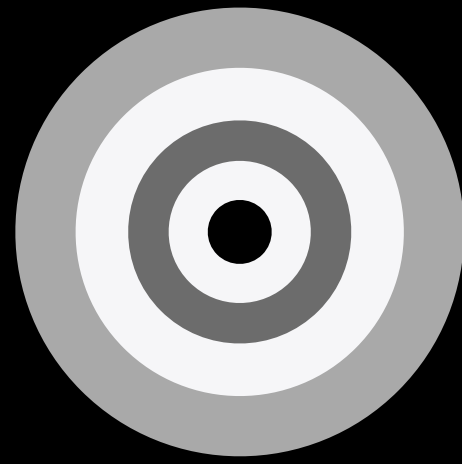
Empowering a **Biblically Hungry**, **Family Valuing** and **Cheerfully Generous**
(High biblical literacy/ theologically orthodox) *(Godly marriages & parenting)* *(Sacrificially open-handed)*
congregation

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

with a deep passion for
Deliberate Discipleship, **Team Health** and **Christian Hedonism**.
Air War (teaching) + lived Ground War (relationships) *(Healthy team who goes first)* *(Deep Joy in Jesus)*

Two Words

Deepen **ING** **Joy**



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"

Making Joyful Disciples of Jesus who remember his realness in all of life.

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?

GENEROUS DISCIPLER

One who gives themselves to help others follow Jesus.

- What are you learning from the Christians with whom you have consistent community?
- Who are you currently helping to follow Jesus and what do they need most next?

JOYFUL SERVANT

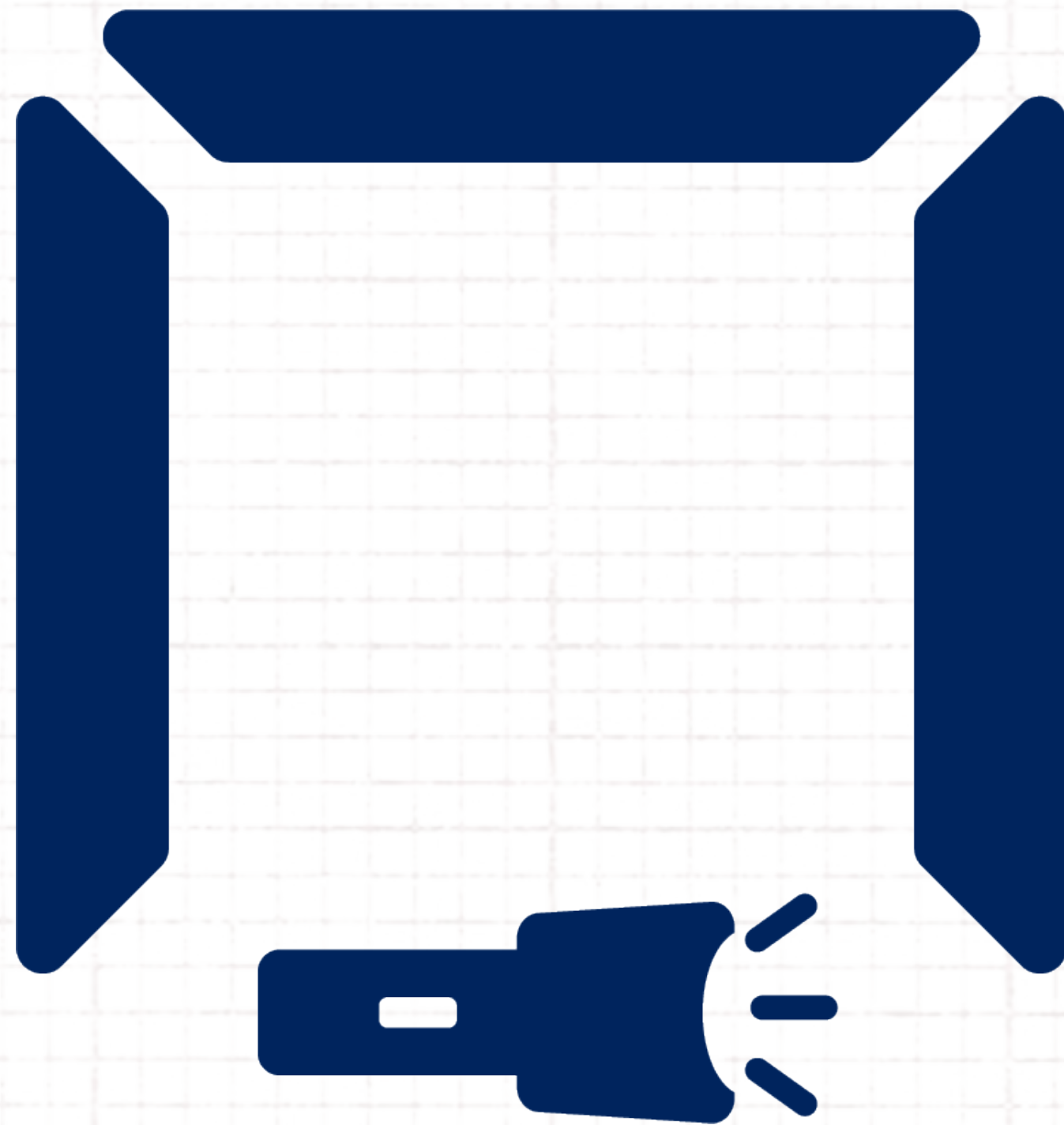
One who loves like Jesus, gladly taking initiative to see and meet the needs of others.

- 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?

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?



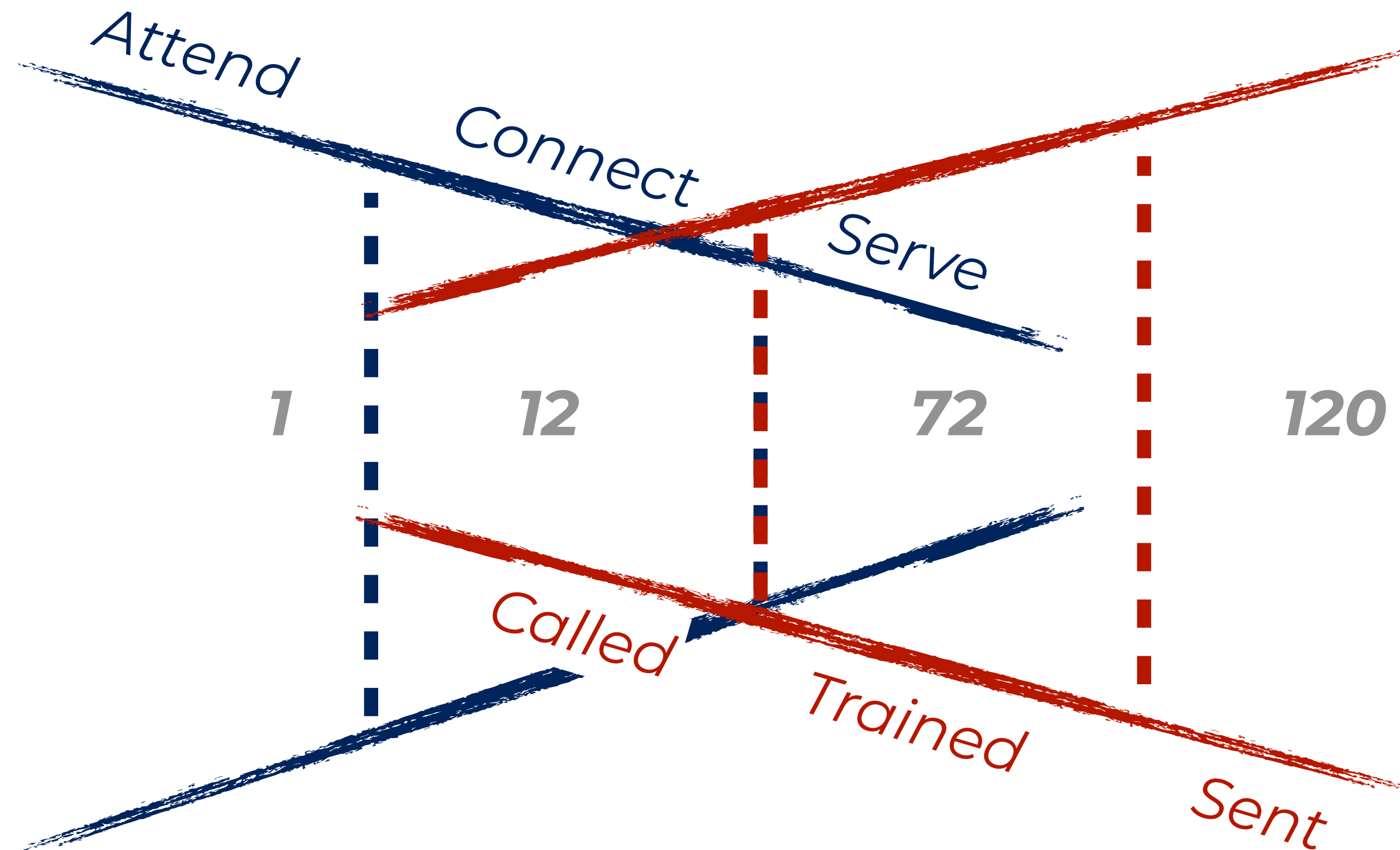
STRATEGY

*Our Disciple-making
pathway*

FUNNEL FUSION

Assimilation Funnel

Multiplication Funnel



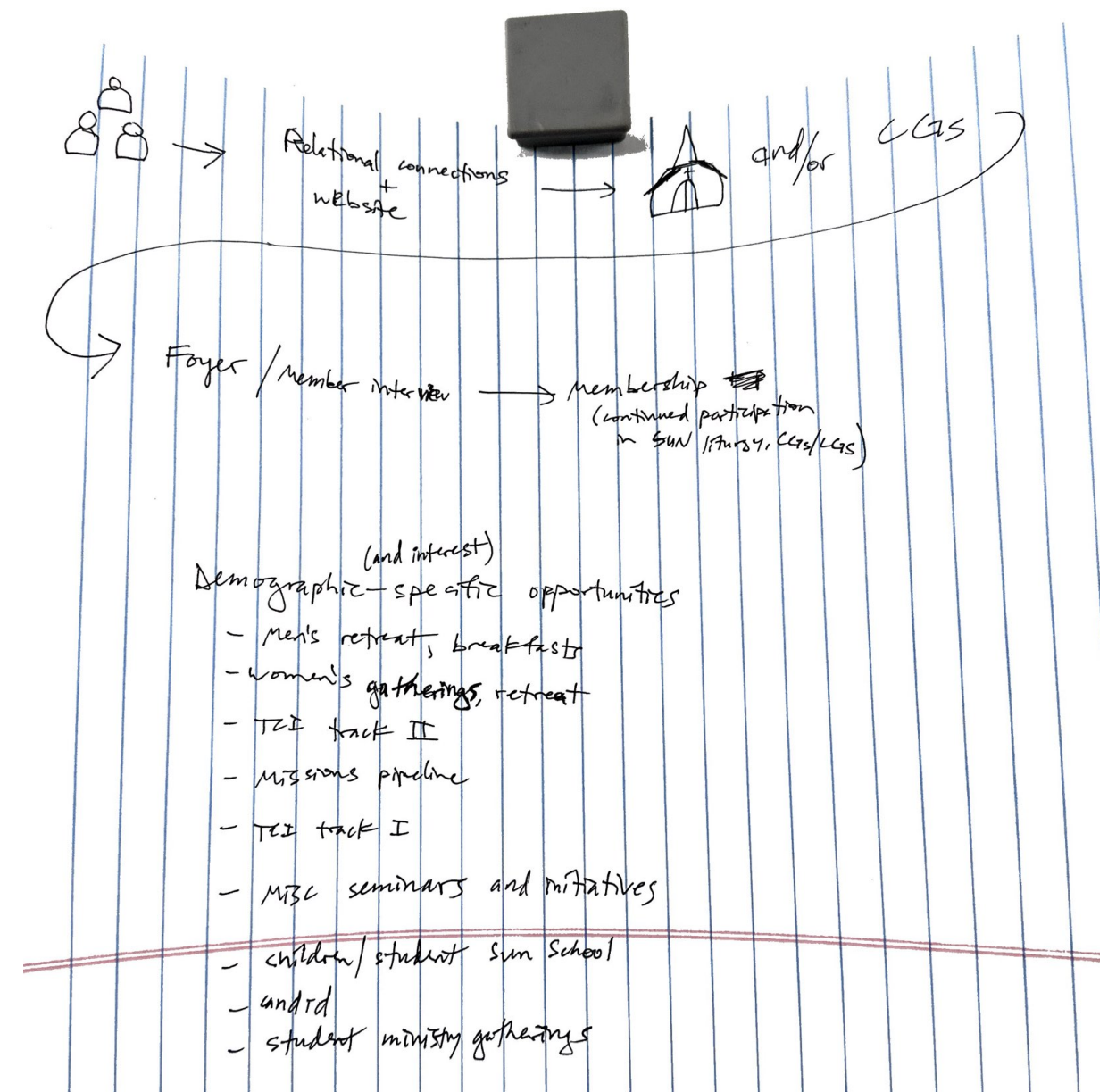
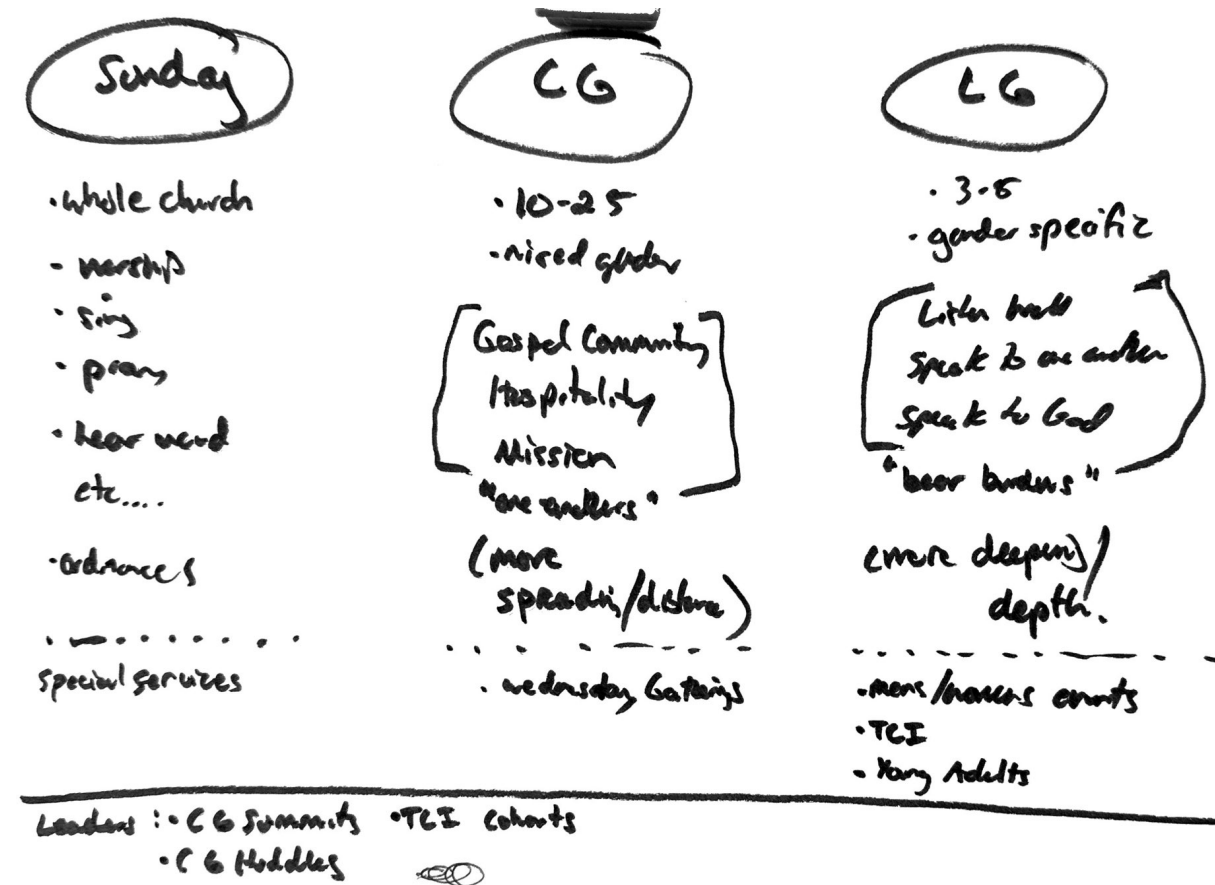
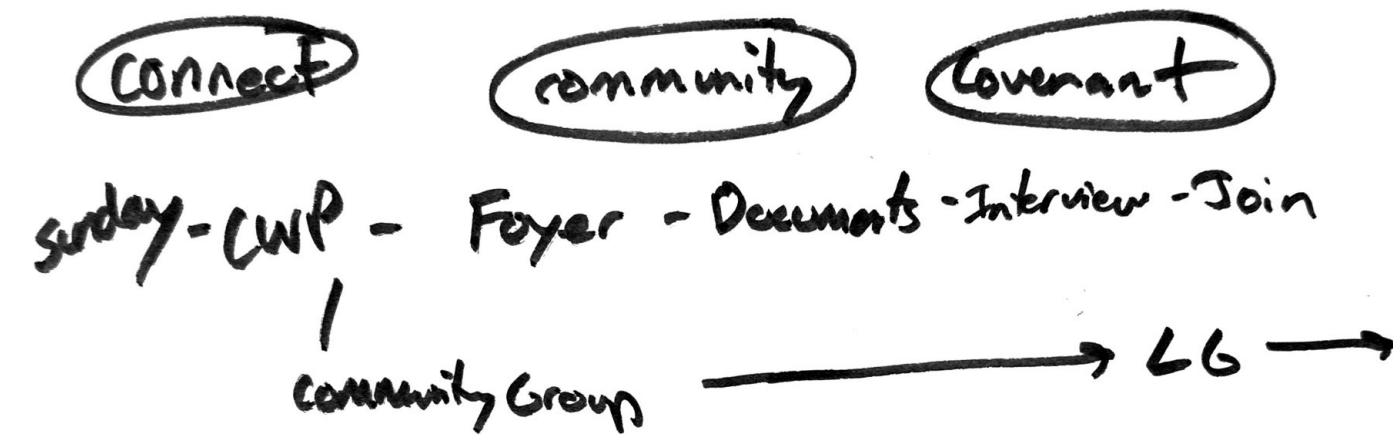
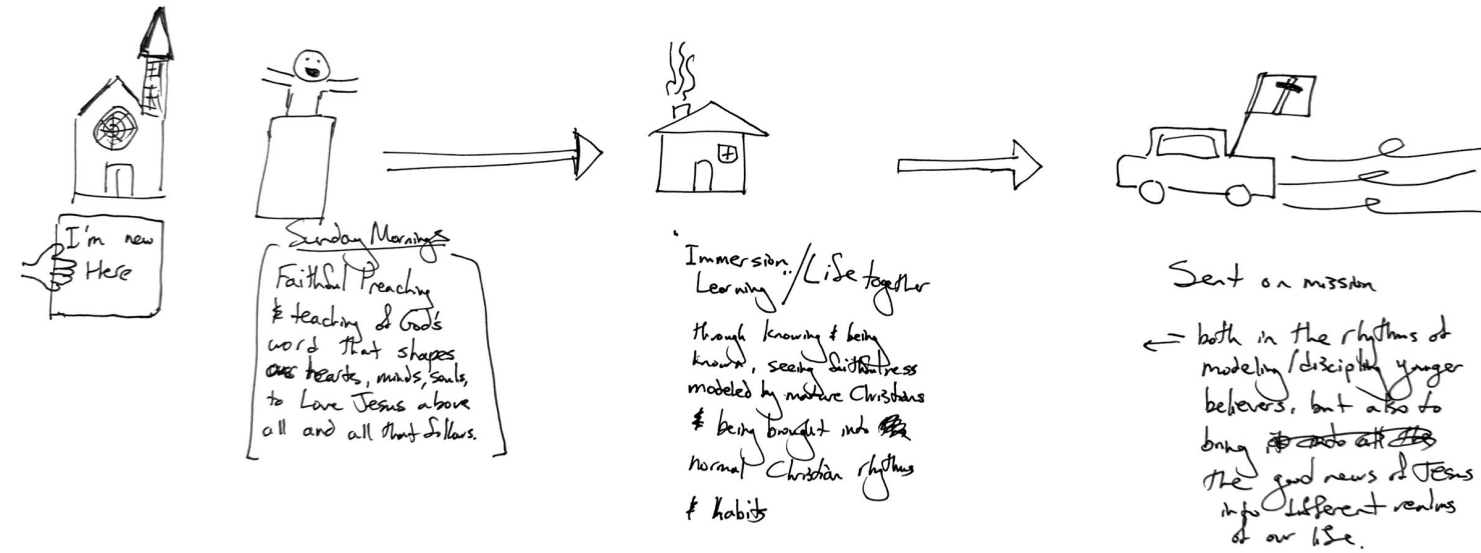


Key Questions to Evaluating Your Disciple-making Pathway

- 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(s)—more evangelistic and less evangelistic?
- 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?



Cities Team Current Map Drawings





“Z” LOCATOR MAP

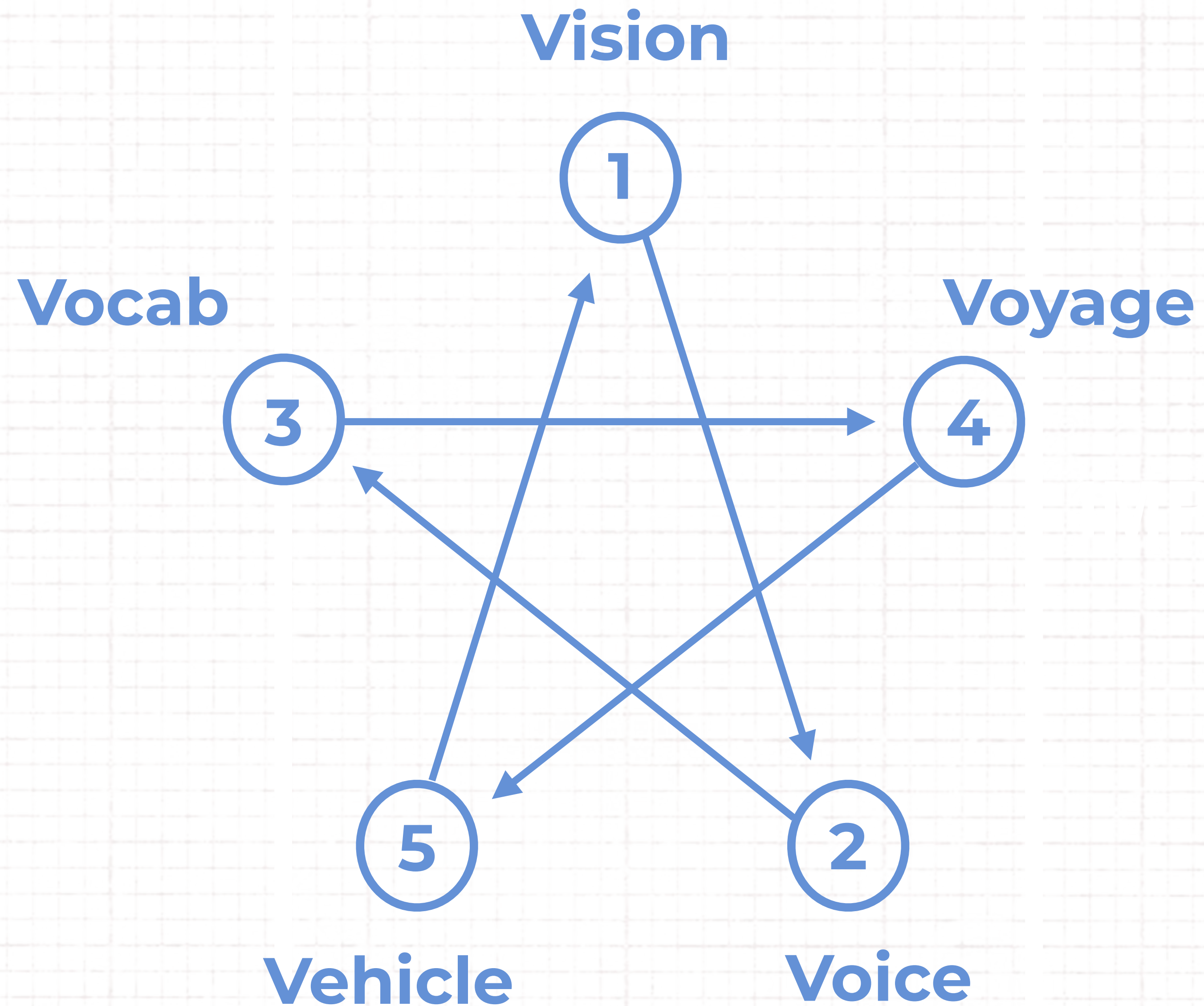
Multiplication Vehicle

EXAMPLE





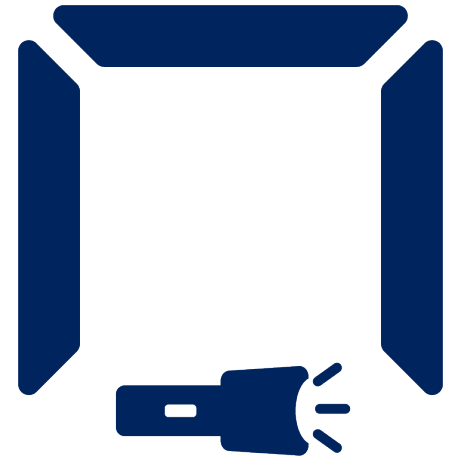
LEADERSHIP STAR





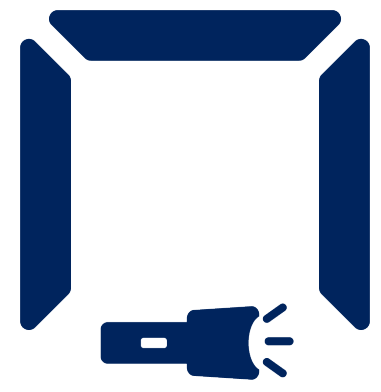
TEAM TAKEAWAYS - March 14

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 - March 14

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.



Disciple-making Pathway DRAFT

Cities Church Straw Man

