

WELCOME

Please Register:

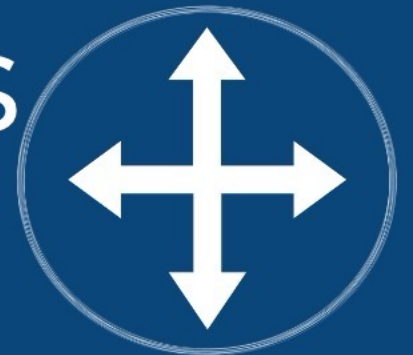


MEMBERSHIP CLASS

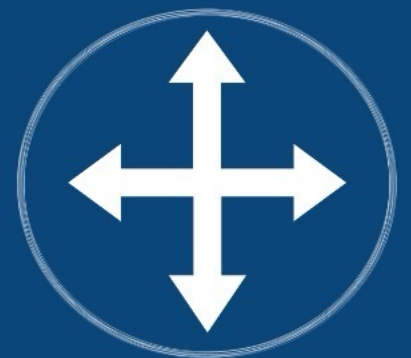


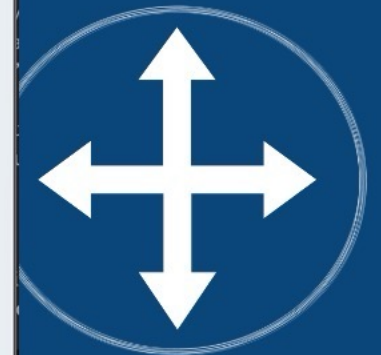
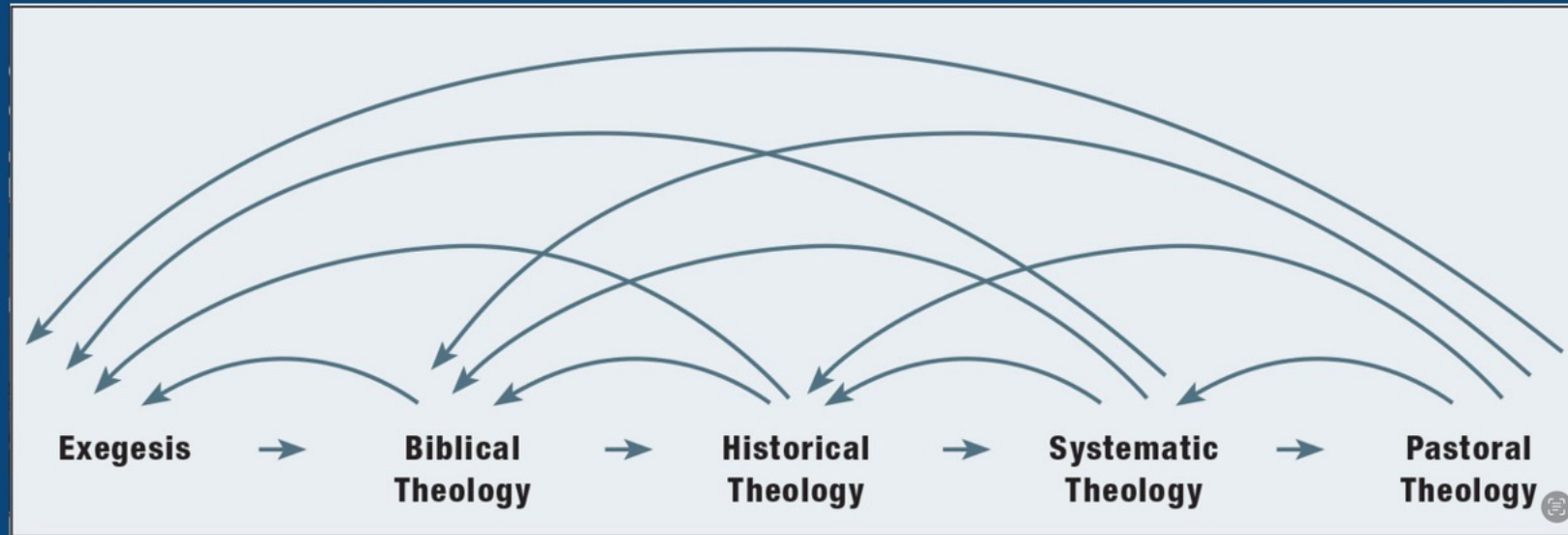
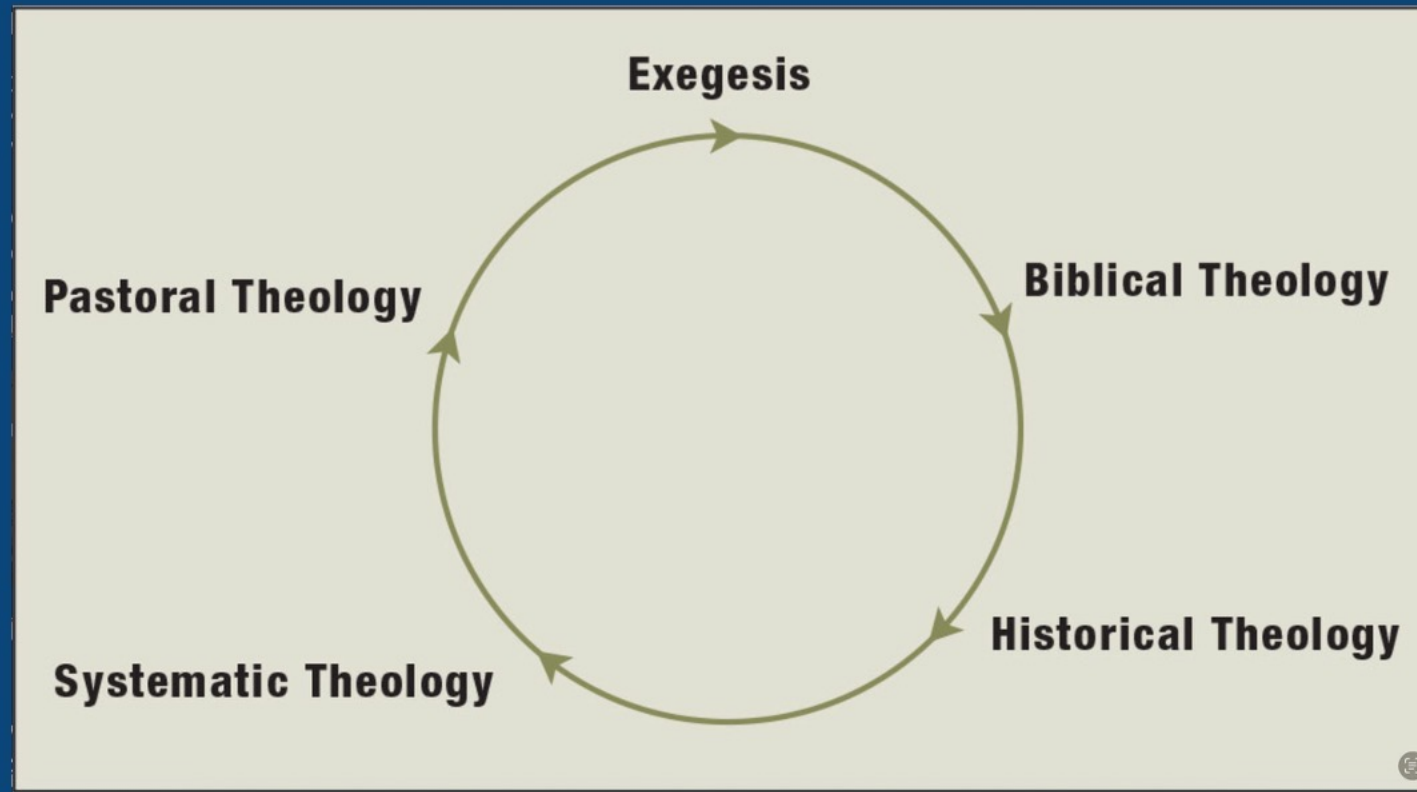
Process for Membership:

- ✓ Attend the Membership Class
- ✓ Read the constitution & bylaws
- ✓ Fill out a membership form
- ✓ Interview with 2 Overseers



Welcome
The Gospel
Why Membership?
What We Believe – EFCA
Some Distinctives
How We Live
How We Minister
Membership Covenant





IX 9Marks BUILDING HEALTHY CHURCHES

CHURCH ELDERS

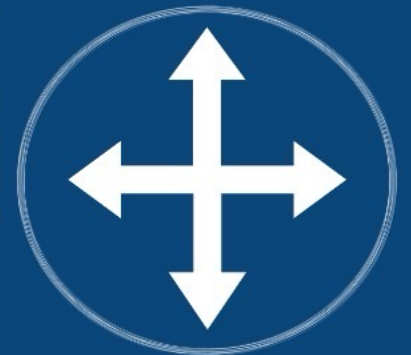
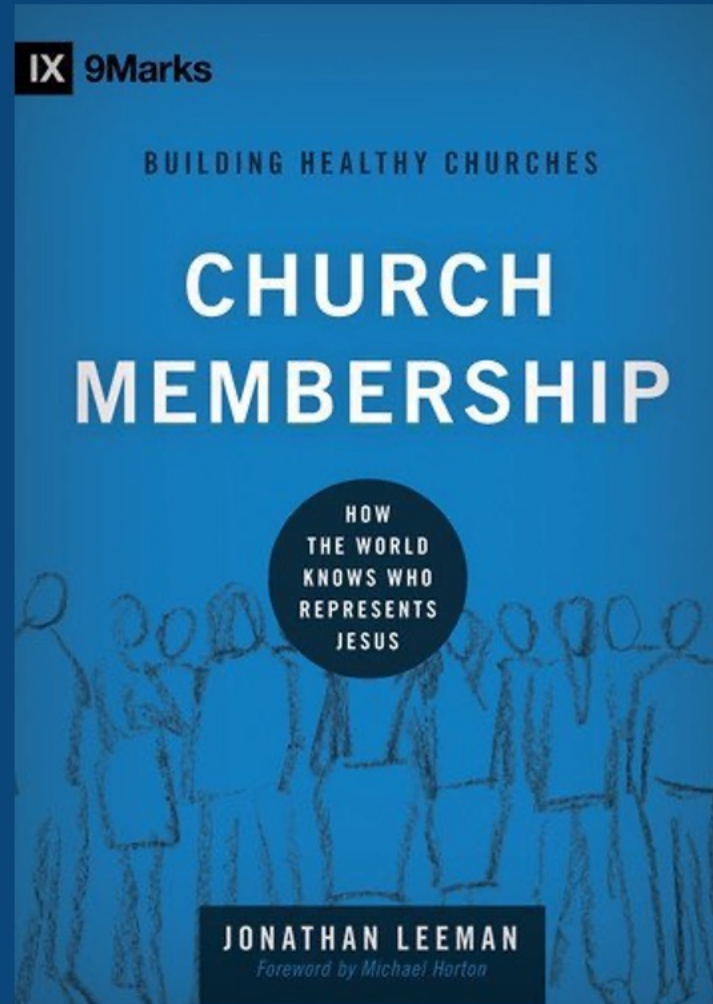
HOW TO
SHEPHERD
GOD'S PEOPLE
LIKE JESUS

JERAMIE RINNE

A brief
overview of the
office of elder/
pastor/
shepherd/
overseer



Overview of the significance of membership





Evangelical Convictions

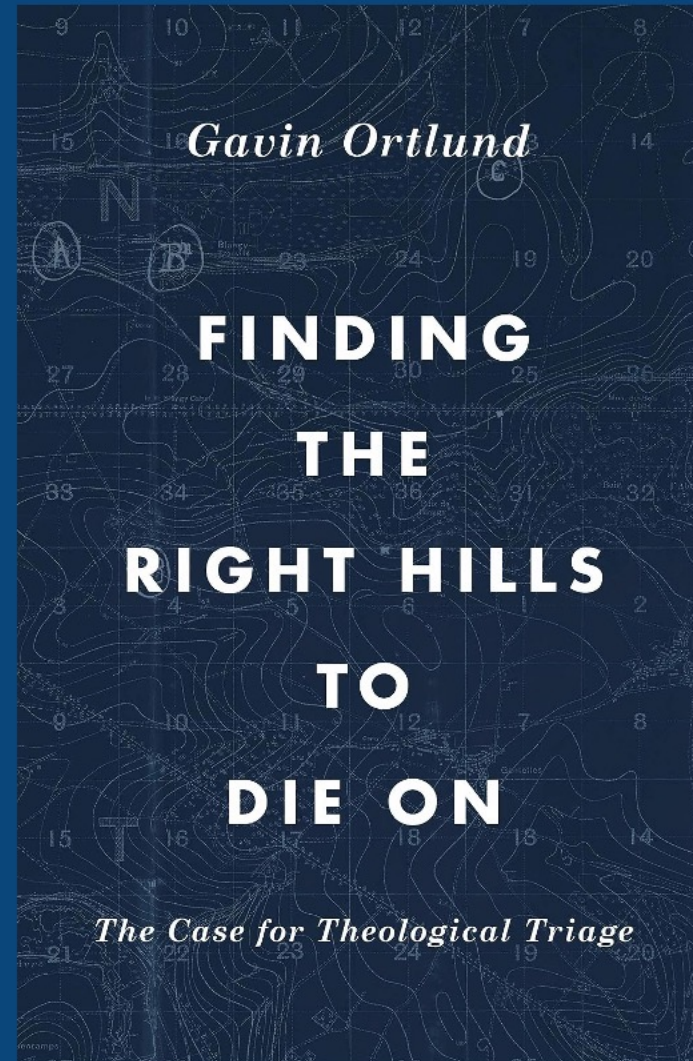
SECOND EDITION

A Theological Exposition
of the Statement of Faith of the
Evangelical Free Church of America

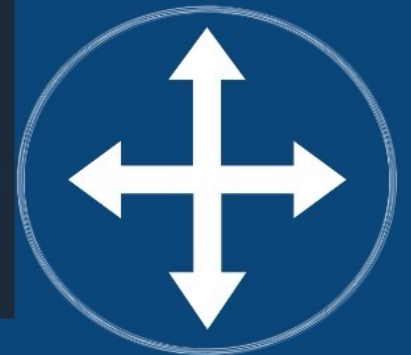
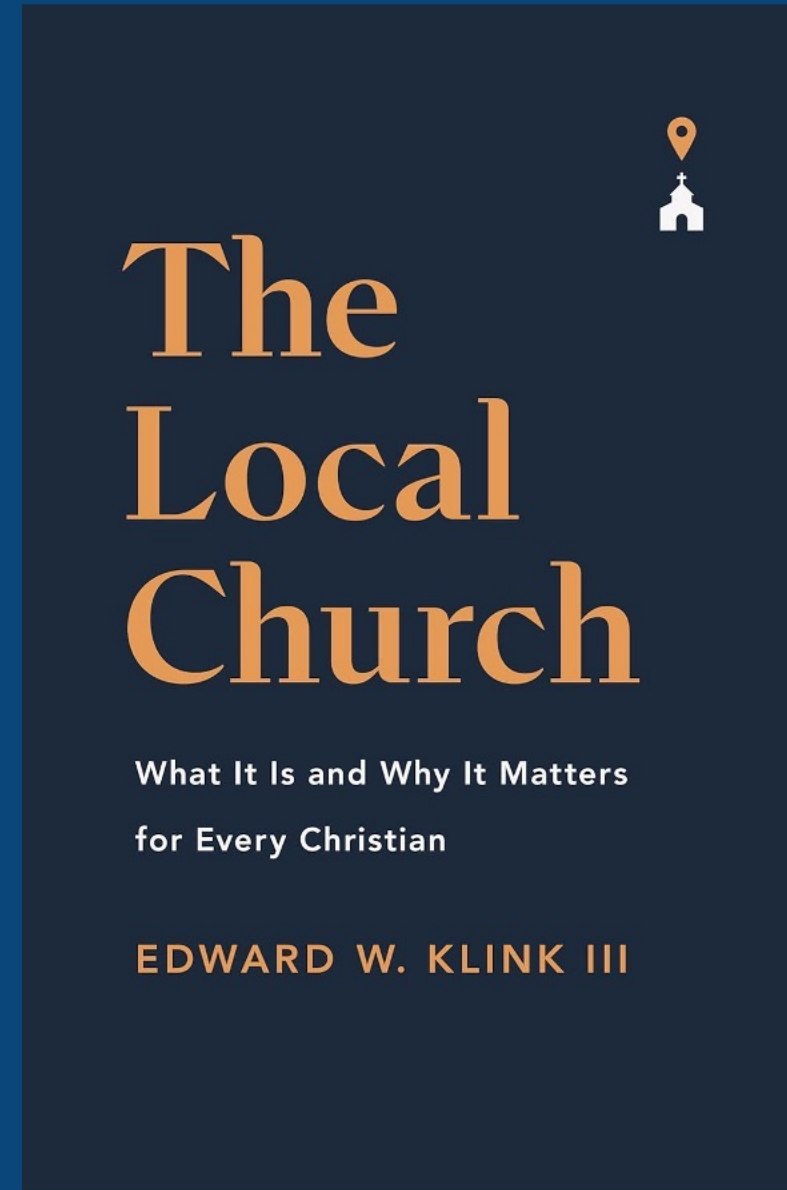
Explanation of the EFCA Statement of Faith

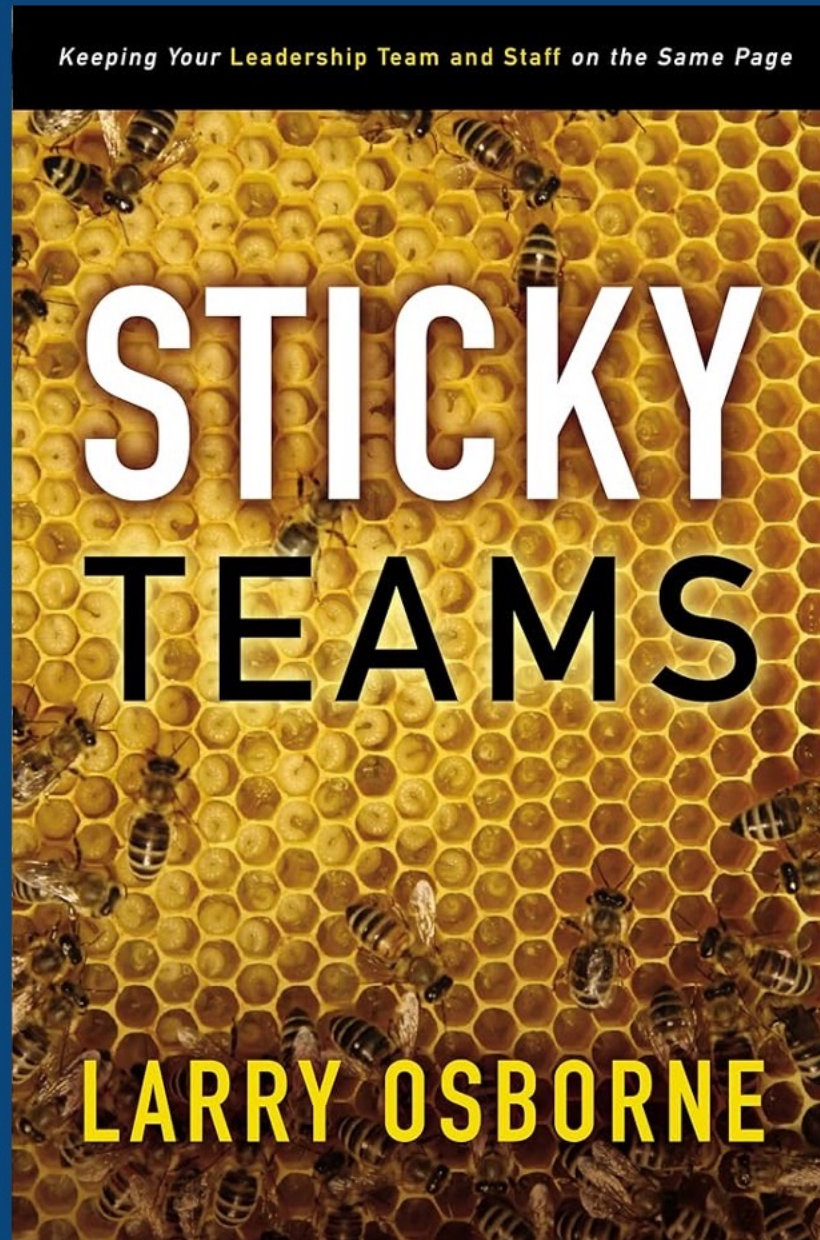


How to do
"theological
triage" (more
info coming)

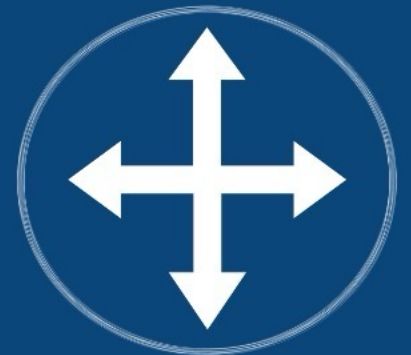


The importance of the local church

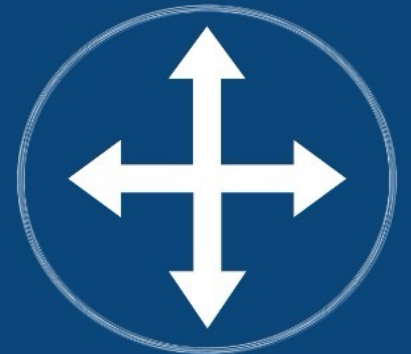
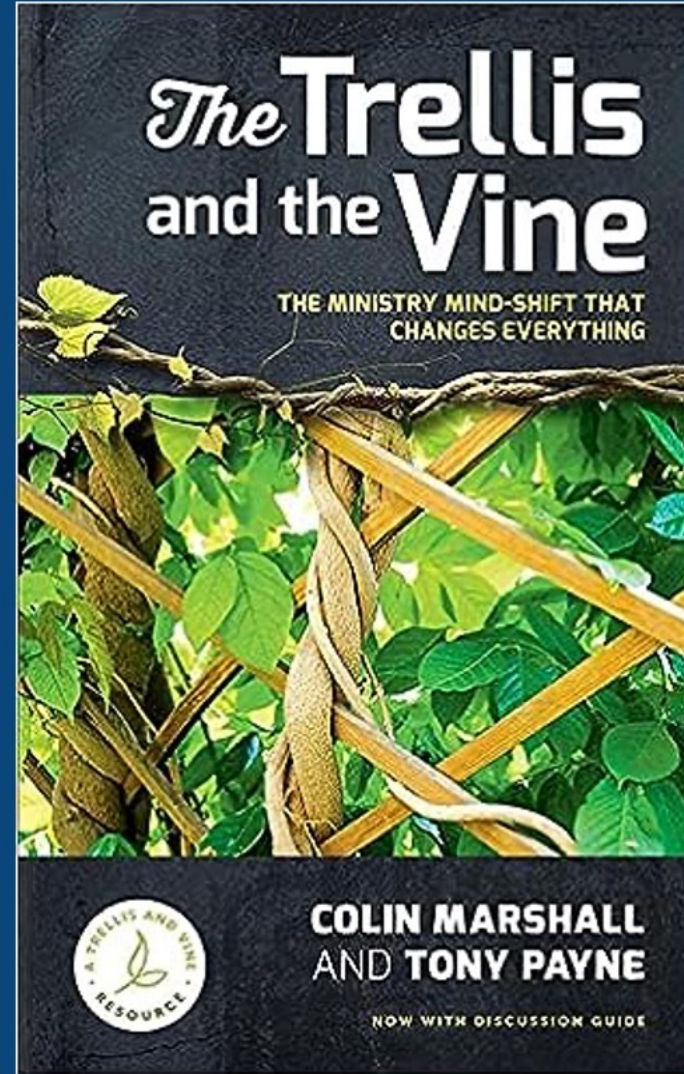


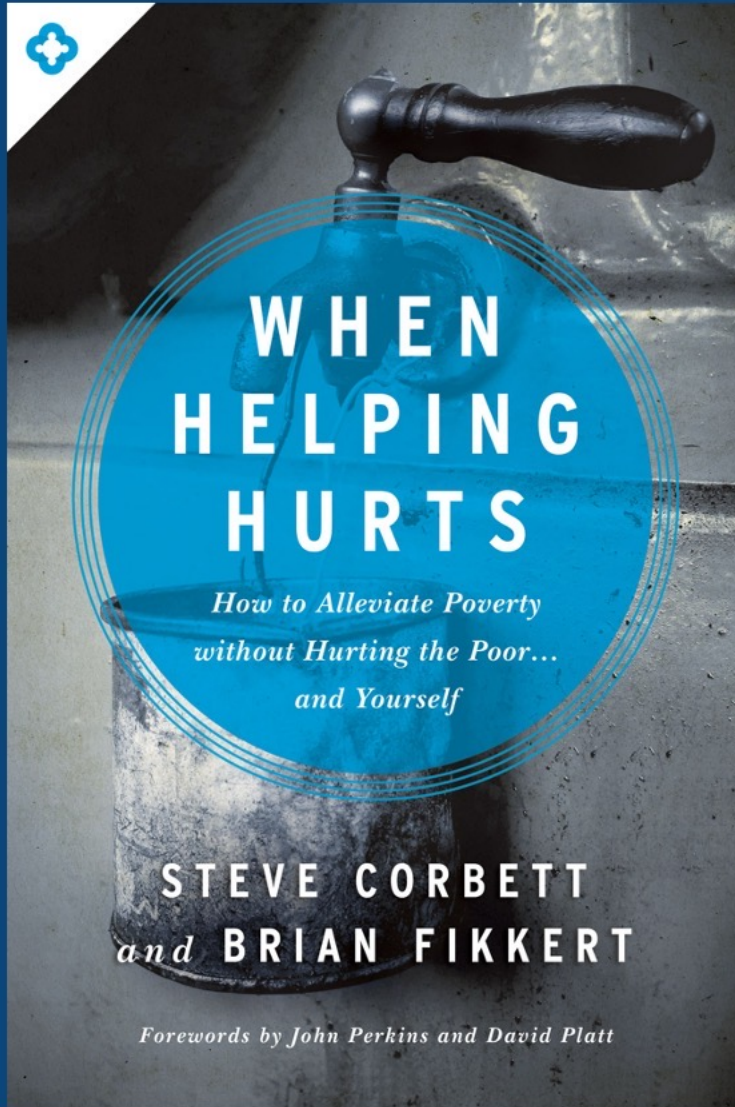


How we think
of staffing and
leadership



Summary of the focus of our ministry efforts

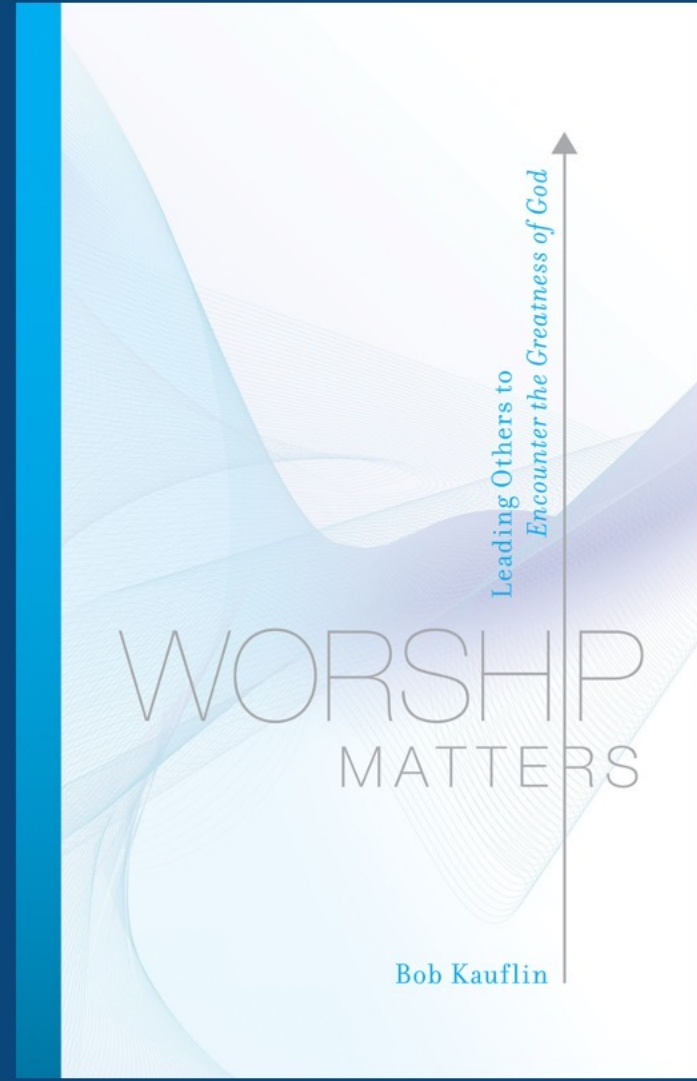


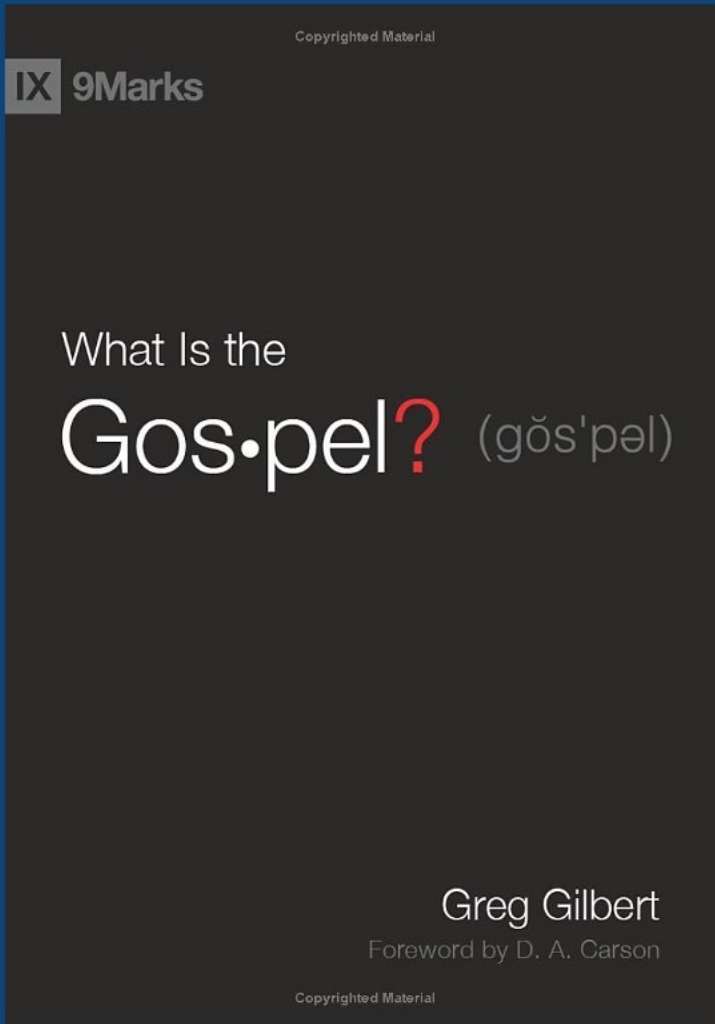


How we should
care for the
poor and
marginalized
around us



Summary of our philosophy of our music ministry





- God
- Man
- Christ
- Response



WELCOME



Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

- God
- Man
- Christ
- Response

Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

- God – who is God, what is He like?
- Man
- Christ
- Response

Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

- God
- Man – where did we come from? Why do we exist? Why is there evil in the world?
- Christ
- Response

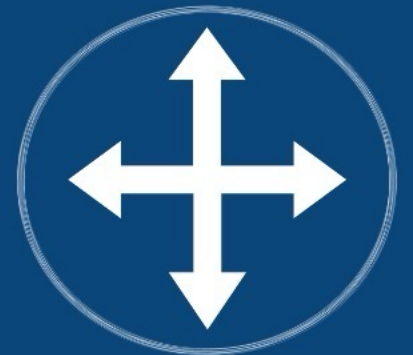
Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

- God
- Man
- Christ – who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth, die, and rise again?
- Response

Gospel - εὐαγγέλιον - "Good News"

- God
- Man
- Christ
- Response – what do I do with all this information?

Why Membership?



Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it.

1 COR. 12:27

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters—the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty—and said,

ACTS 1:15

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

⁴⁴Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47

³²Now the entire group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held everything in common. ³³With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them. ³⁴For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of what was sold, ³⁵and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed to each person as any had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the one the apostles called Barnabas (which is translated Son of Encouragement), ³⁷sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

ACTS 4:32-37

In those days, as the disciples were increasing in number, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, "It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on tables.

ACTS 6:1-2

Saul agreed with putting him to death.

On that day a severe persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the land of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and mourned deeply over him. Saul, however, was ravaging the church. He would enter house after house, drag off men and women, and put them in prison.

ACTS 8:1-3

³Even though I am absent in the body, I am present in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who has been doing such a thing. ⁴When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

¹²For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? Don't you judge those who are inside? ¹³God judges outsiders.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:3-5, 12

⁷Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, since they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

HEBREWS 13:7, 17

Mottos of the EFCA:

A.All Believers, but Believers Only

B.Where Stands It Written

C.In Essentials Unity, In Non-
Essentials Liberty, In All Things
Charity



GOD:

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

THE BIBLE:

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

THE HUMAN CONDITION:

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

JESUS CHRIST:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

THE WORK OF CHRIST:

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

THE CHURCH:

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

CHRISTIAN LIVING:

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

CHRIST'S RETURN

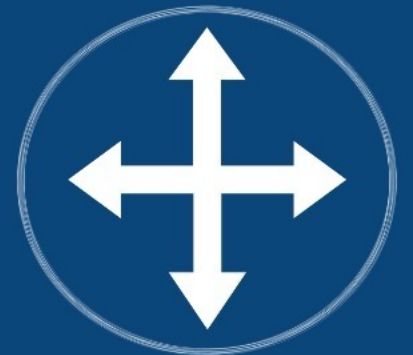
We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

RESPONSE AND ETERNAL DESTINY:

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

South Sub Distinctives:

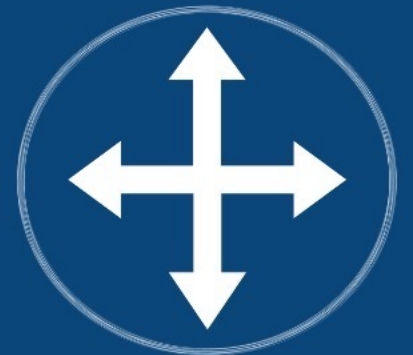
A. Convinced Complimentarians



South Sub Distinctives:

A. Convinced Complimentarians

B. Believer's Baptism, Infant
Dedication

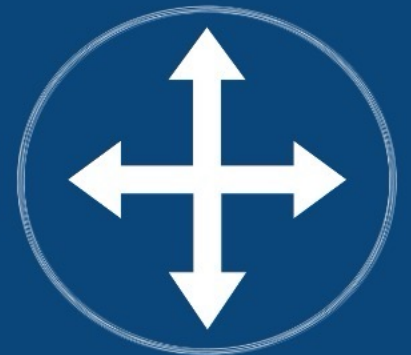


South Sub Distinctives:

A. Convinced Complimentarians

B. Believer's Baptism, Infant
Dedication

C. Continuationist



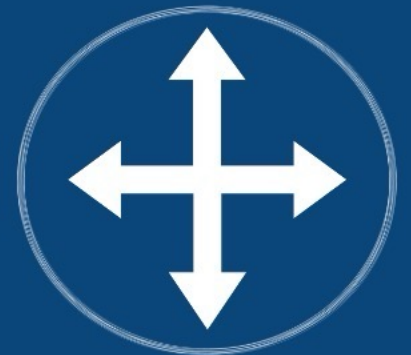
South Sub Distinctives:

A. Convinced Complimentarians

B. Believer's Baptism, Infant
Dedication

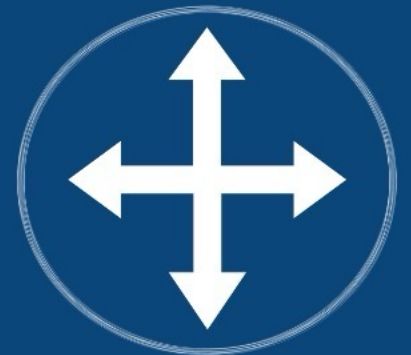
C. Continuationist

D. Congregationally Governed



Congregationally Governed:

- **CHRIST RULED**
- **ELDER LED**
- **DEACON SERVED**
- **CONGREGATIONALLY
GOVERNED**



How We Live

A."One Another"

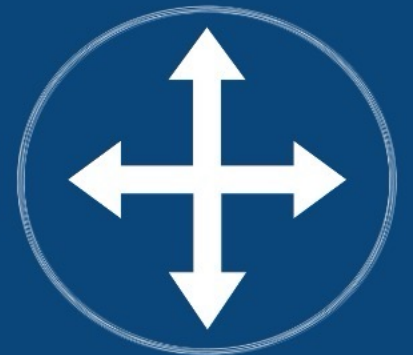
B.With Love

C.With Godly Leadership

D.Worshipping Through All of Life

E.Gospel is Primary

F.Charity



LOVE

JOHN 13:34, JOHN 15:12, JOHN 15:17
ROM 12:9, 1 THESS 4:9, HEB 13:1
1 PET 2:17, 1 PET 3:15, 1 PET 4:8
1 JOHN 3:18, 1 JOHN 3:14, 1 JOHN 3:23,
1 JOHN 4:7, 1 JOHN 4:12, 2 JOHN 5

ENCOURAGE

2 COR 13:11
1 THESS 4:18
1 THESS 5:11
HEB 3:13
HEB 10:25

BE HUMBLE

EPH 4:2
1 PET 3:8
1 PET 5:5

GREET

ROM 15:16
1 COR 16:20
2 COR 13:12
1 PET 5:14

HAVE COMPASSION

EPH 4:32
1 PET 3:8

LIVE IN PEACE

MARK 9:50
1 THESS 5:13

CONFESS TO

JAMES 5:16

BE SYMPATHETIC

1 PET 3:8

BEAR IN LOVE

EPH 4:2
COL 3:13

ACCEPT

ROM 15:7

DON'T PAY BACK WRONG

1 THESS 5:15

SERVE

GAL 5:13

AGREE

1 COR 1:10

OFFER HOSPITALITY

1 PET 4:9

SUBMIT

EPH 5:21

LIVE IN HARMONY

ROM 12:16

BUILD UP

1 THESS 5:11

DO GOOD

1 THESS 5:15

BE DEVOTED

ROM 12:10

BE LIKE-MINDED

1 PET 3:8

DON'T PROVOKE

GAL 5:26

HAVE EQUAL CONCERN

1 COR 12:25

HONOR

ROM 12:10

BE PATIENT

EPH 4:2

DON'T DEPRIVE

1 COR 7:5

BE KIND

EPH 4:32

BE GENTLE

EPH 4:2

SPUR TO GOOD DEEDS

HEB 10:24

DON'T SLANDER

JAMES 4:11

PRAY FOR

JAMES 5:16

DON'T JUDGE

ROM 14:13

SPEAK SONGS TO

EPH 5:19

INSTRUCT

ROM 15:14

DON'T GRUMBLE

JAMES 5:9

SPUR TO LOVE

HEB 10:24

DON'T LIE

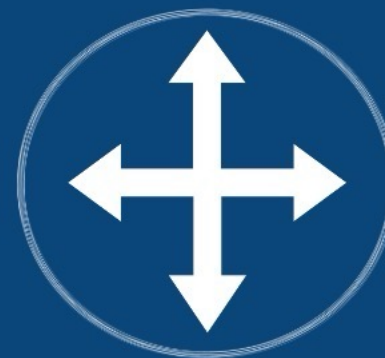
COL 3:9

FORGIVE

EPH 4:32
COL 3:13

HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

ROM 15:5
PHI 2:5



THE NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS US TO TREAT ONE ANOTHER
WITH **LOVE**, **HUMILITY**, AND **RESPECT**.
WE ARE ALSO TO **ENCOURAGE** ONE ANOTHER AND BE **UNIFIED**.

WORSHIP



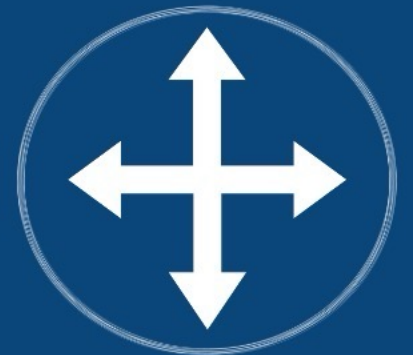
WELCOME

WITNESS

WORD

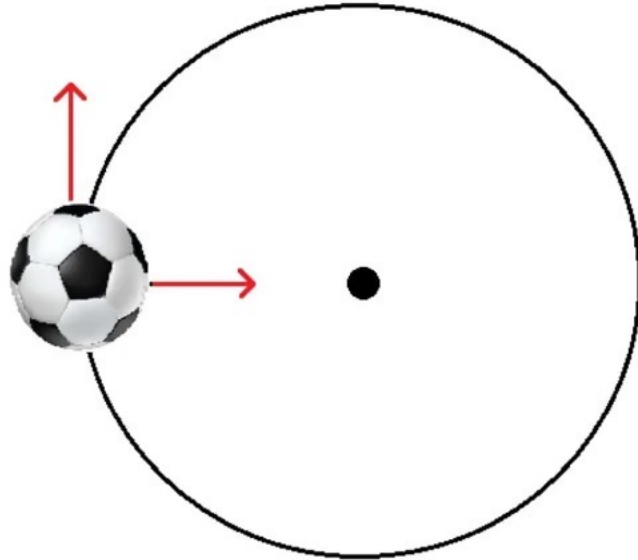
How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry



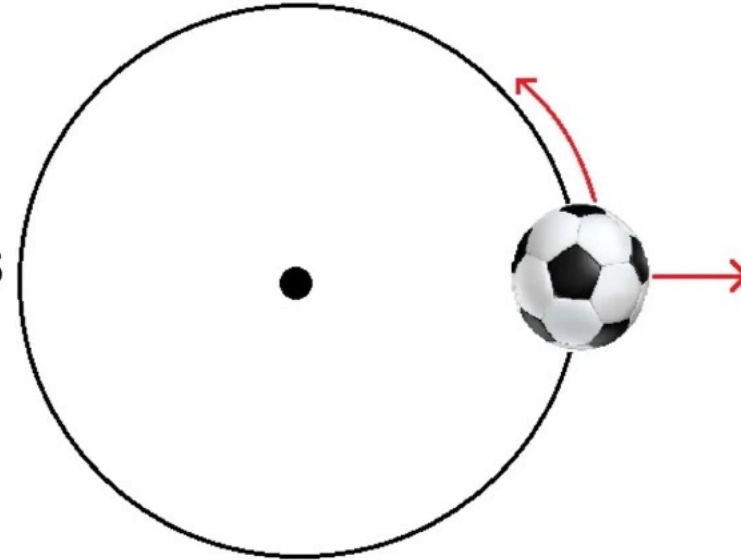
CENTRIFUGAL MINISTRY VS. CENTRIPETAL MINISTRY

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



CENTRIPETAL FORCE

V/S



CENTRIFUGAL FORCE

How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints



¹¹And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

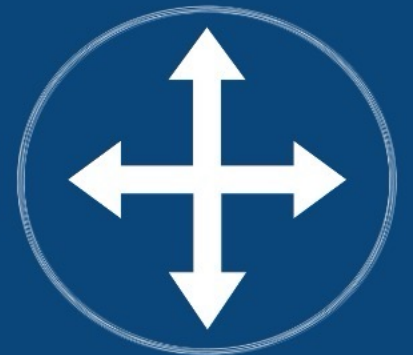
EPHESIANS 4:11-16

How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints

C. Everyone gets their say, not everyone gets their way



How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints

C. Everyone gets their say

D. Faithful, fruitful, and intentional



"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy.'

MATTHEW 25:21

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

⁴"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. ⁷Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

How We Minister:

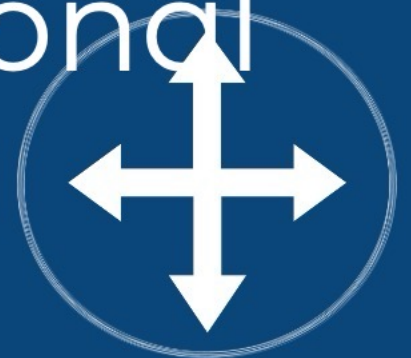
A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints

C. Everyone gets their say

D. Faithful, fruitful, and intentional

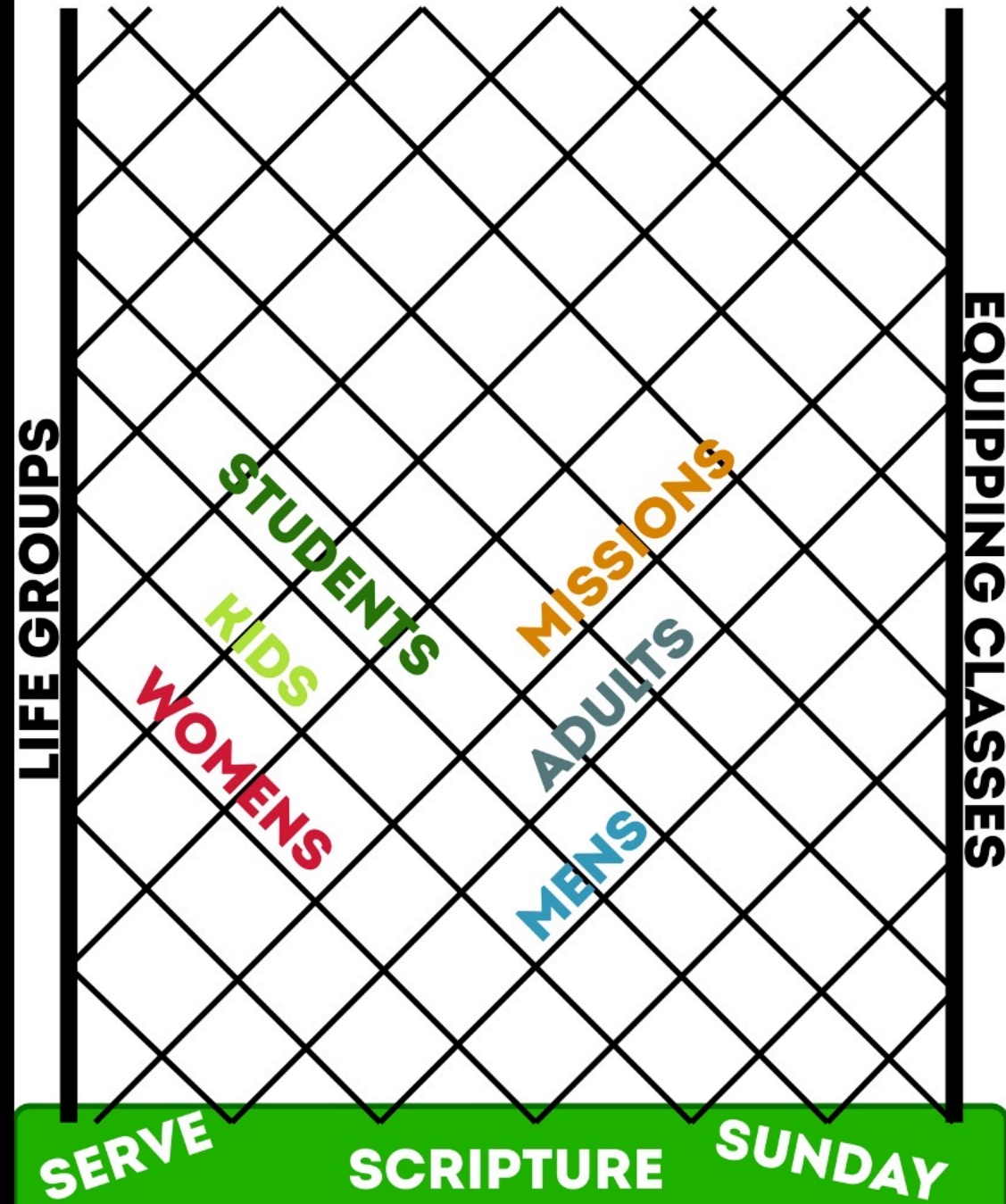
E. Growth in life and doctrine



Watch your **LIFE** and **DOCTRINE** closely.
Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save
both yourself and your hearers.

1 TIMOTHY 4:16 (NIV)

MINISTRY & COMMUNITY GROUPS



How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

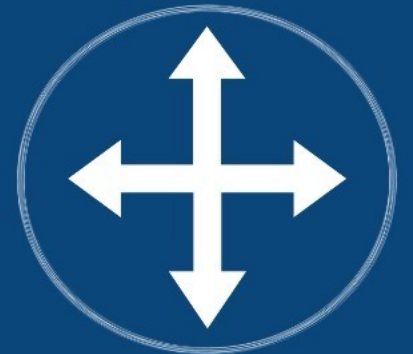
B. Equipping the Saints

C. Everyone gets their say

D. Faithful, fruitful, and intentional

E. Growth in life and doctrine

F. One Step Closer



How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints

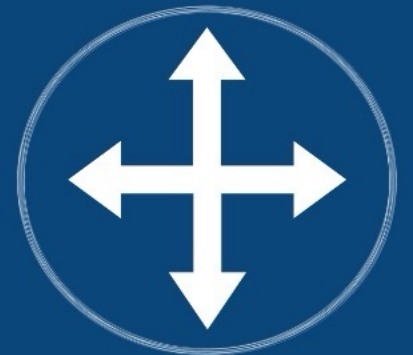
C. Everyone gets their say

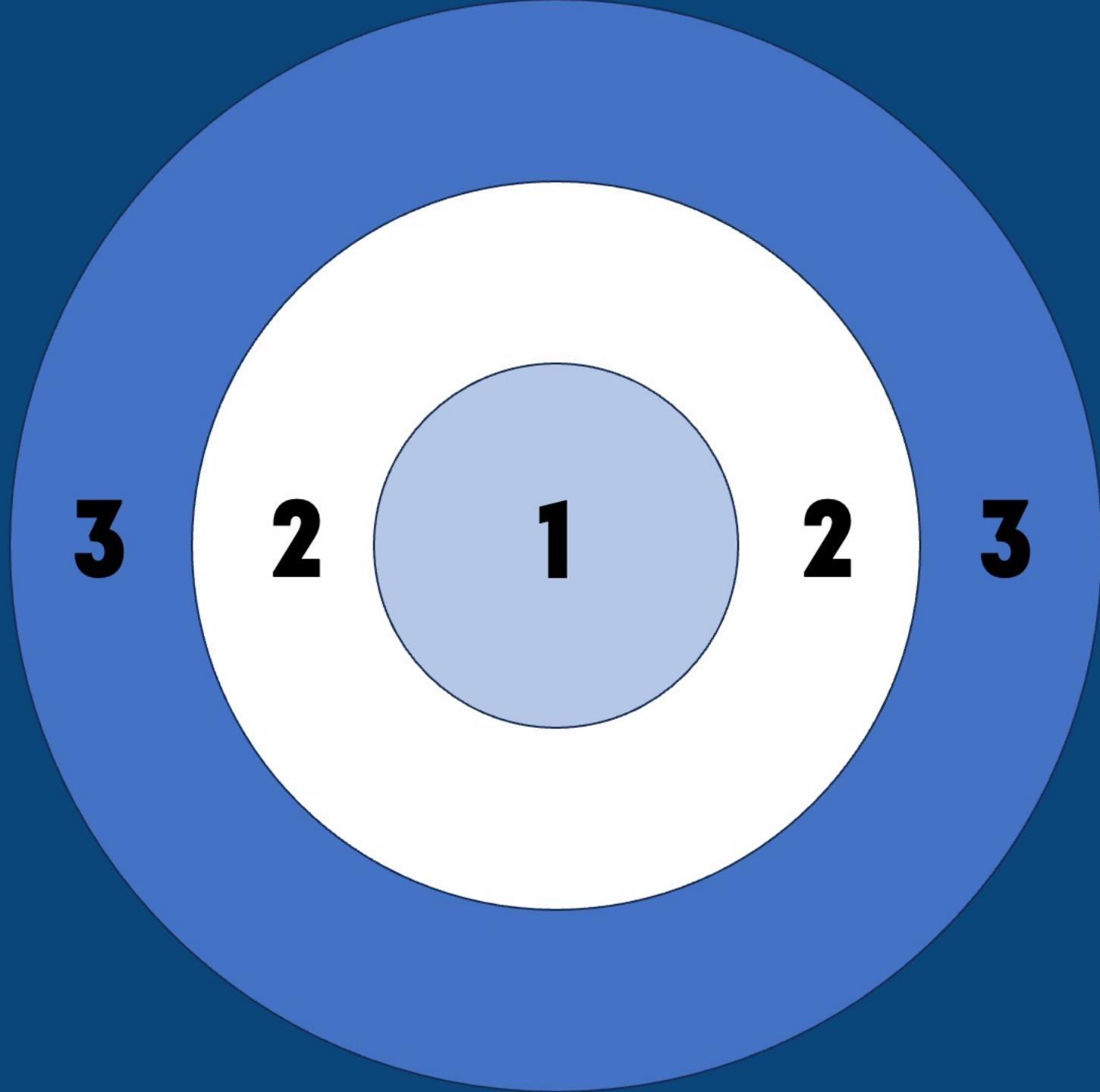
D. Faithful, fruitful, and intentional

E. Growth in life and doctrine

F. One Step Closer

G. Theological Triage





Membership Covenant:

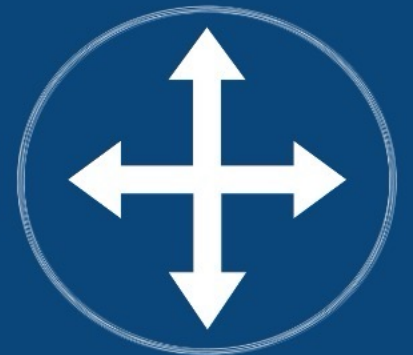
A. Pray Fervently

B. Attend Regularly

C. Give Generously

D. Communicate Honorably

E. Submit Joyfully



Membership Covenant (Part 2):

A. Be devoted to the ministry of prayer and God's Word

B. Shepherd the flock of God that is among us

C. Equip the members of the church for the work of the ministry

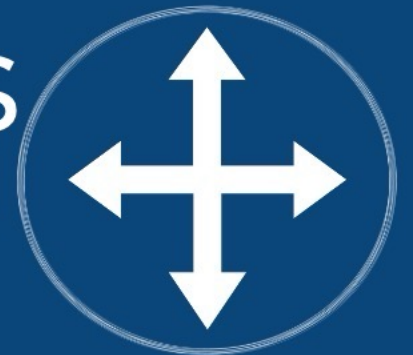
D. Lovingly exercise church discipline when necessary

E. Set an example to the body



Next Steps:

- ~~✓ Attend the Membership Class~~
- ✓ Read the constitution & bylaws
- ✓ Fill out a membership form
- ✓ Interview with 2 Overseers



Membership Website: