

# **HABITS OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE**

## **SESSION 3**

### **BIBLICAL COMMUNITY PT1: GATHER & GROW**



**October 1, 2025**



## **SESSION 2: RECAP**

- **Was there anything from last week that impacted your prayer habits or focus over the past week?**
- **Do you have any follow-up thoughts or insights on the subject of prayer that came to mind over the course of the week?**





# **HABIT #3: BIBLICAL COMMUNITY** pt.1

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**



# **BIBLICAL COMMUNITY**

## **I. THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY**



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[26] Then God said, “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.** And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26





**“[18] Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”**

**Genesis 2:18**



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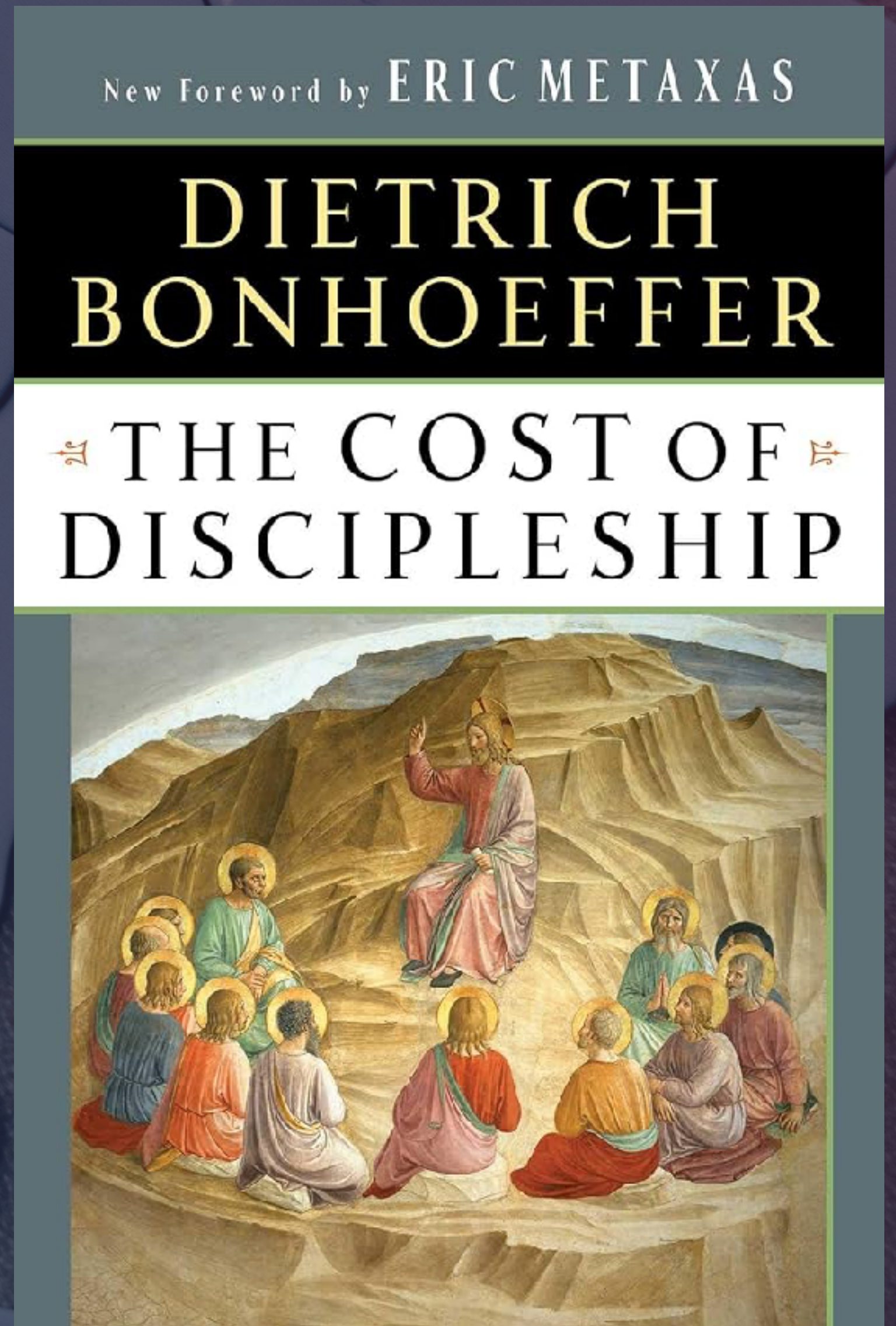
“[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:9-10



“Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws him from the community. The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him.”

**- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**











READ & DISCUSS

# **ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12**











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- C. We need to GATHER with our family members regularly.



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## **II. WAYS WE GATHER**



# GROUP SIZE

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SMALLEST

MOST

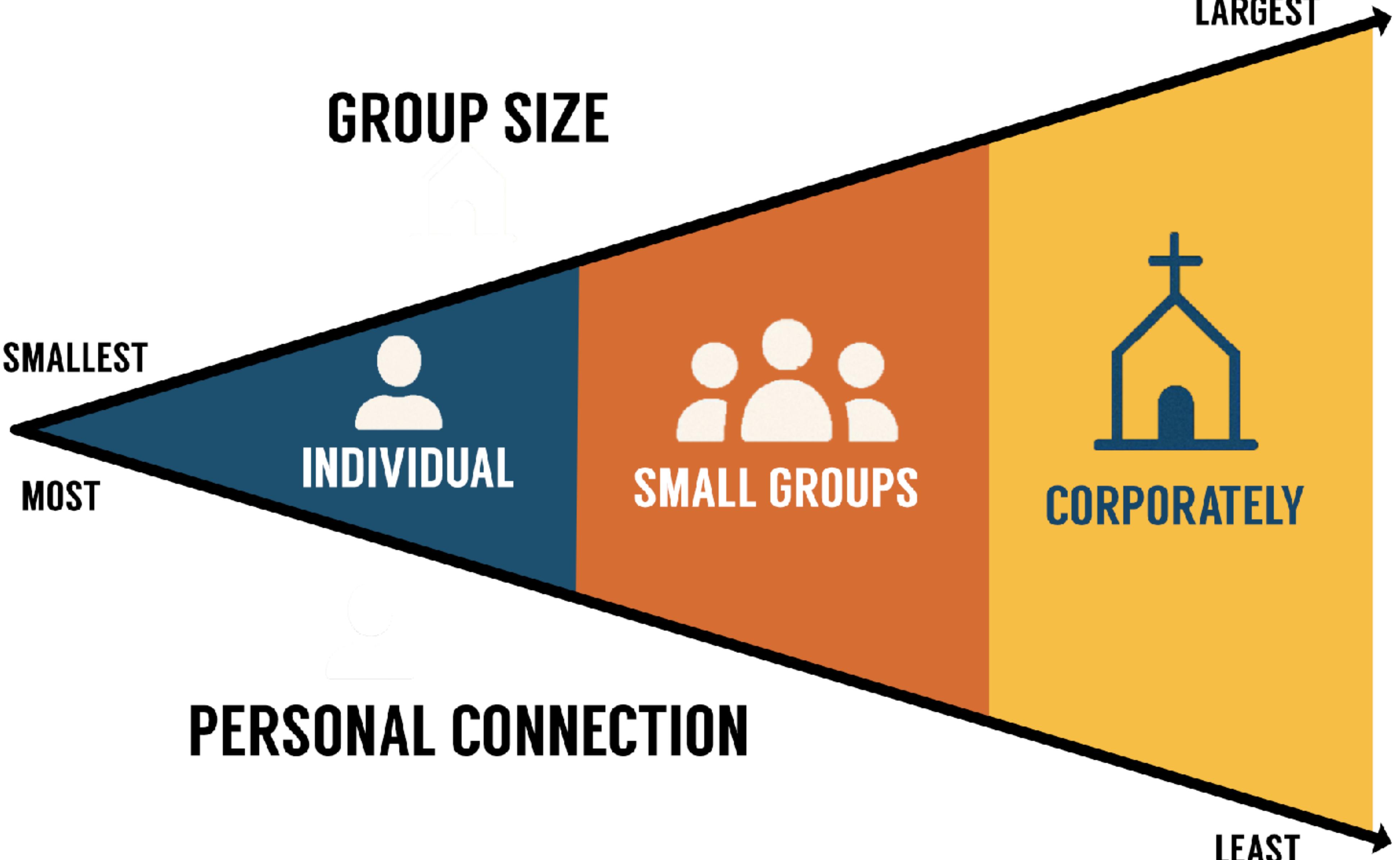
INDIVIDUAL

SMALL GROUPS

CORPORATELY

# PERSONAL CONNECTION

LEAST





# DISCUSS

- How have you personally benefited from the ways we gather (corporately, in small groups, and individually)? What are some challenges you might find in each?
- Which of these three ways of gathering do you feel you need to lean into more right now, and why?











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  - Matthew 18:15-17



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D. The church is marked by LOVE.



**“[34] A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**John 13:34–35**

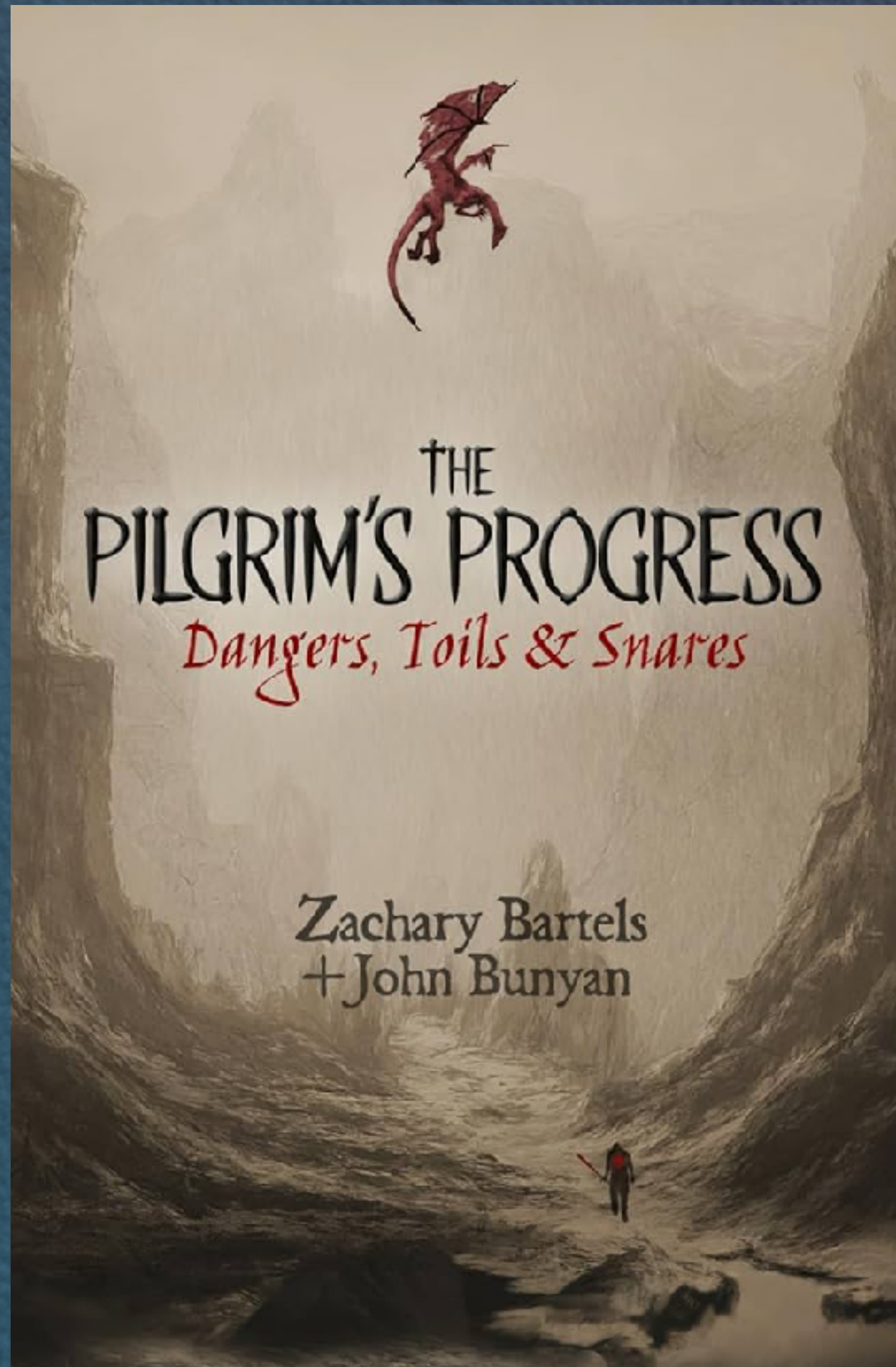


**[4] Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant [5] or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; [6] it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. [7] Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4–7**



# HELPFUL RESOURCE



LISTEN TO ENHANCED  
AUDIO VERSION





**NEXT WEEK**  
**NO CLASS**

**RESUME: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**FOCUS: BIBLICAL COMMUNITY PT.2 - GIVE & GO**



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