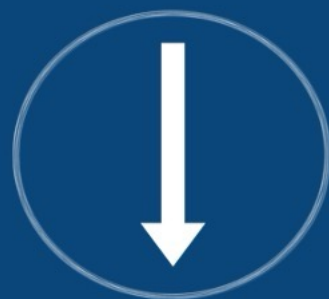


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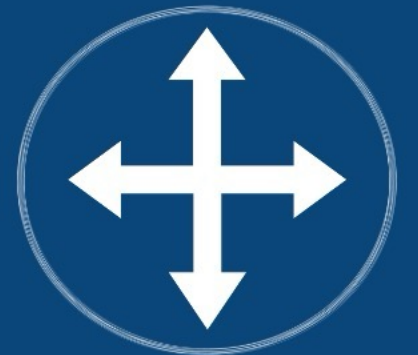


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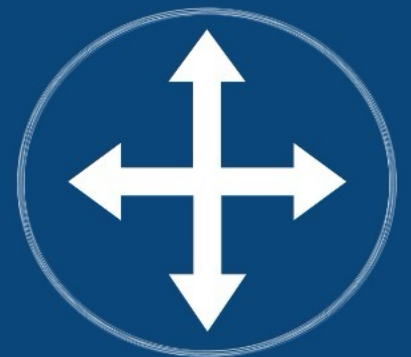
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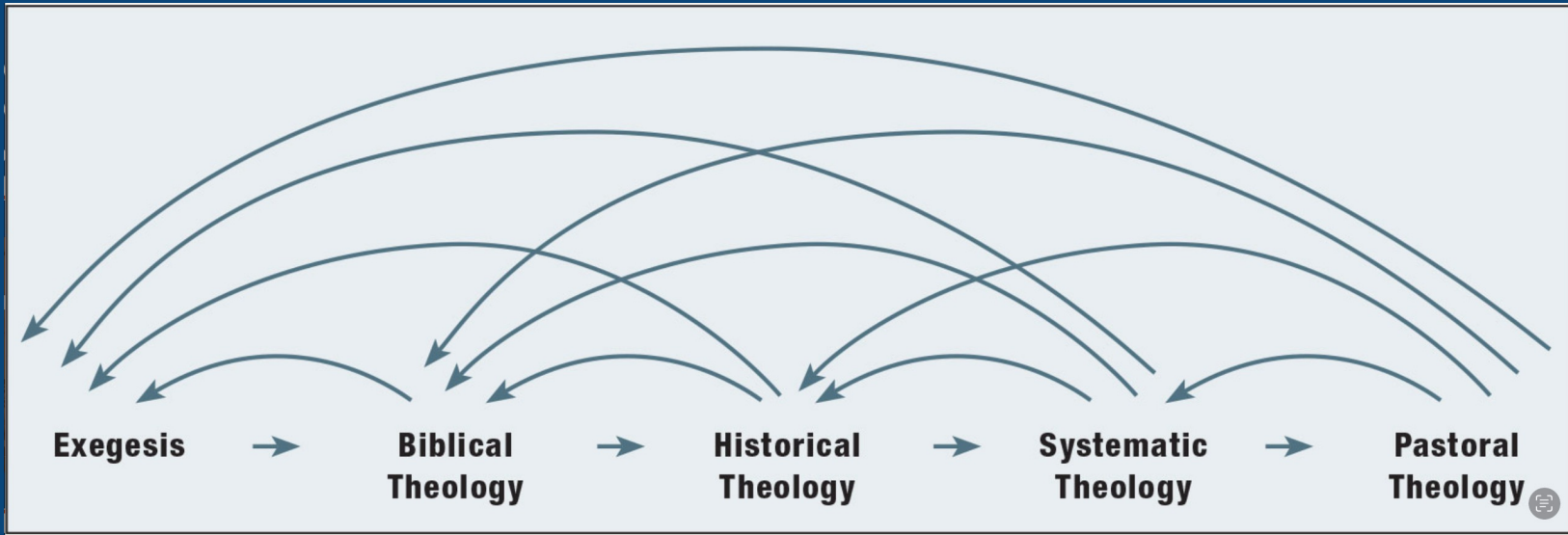
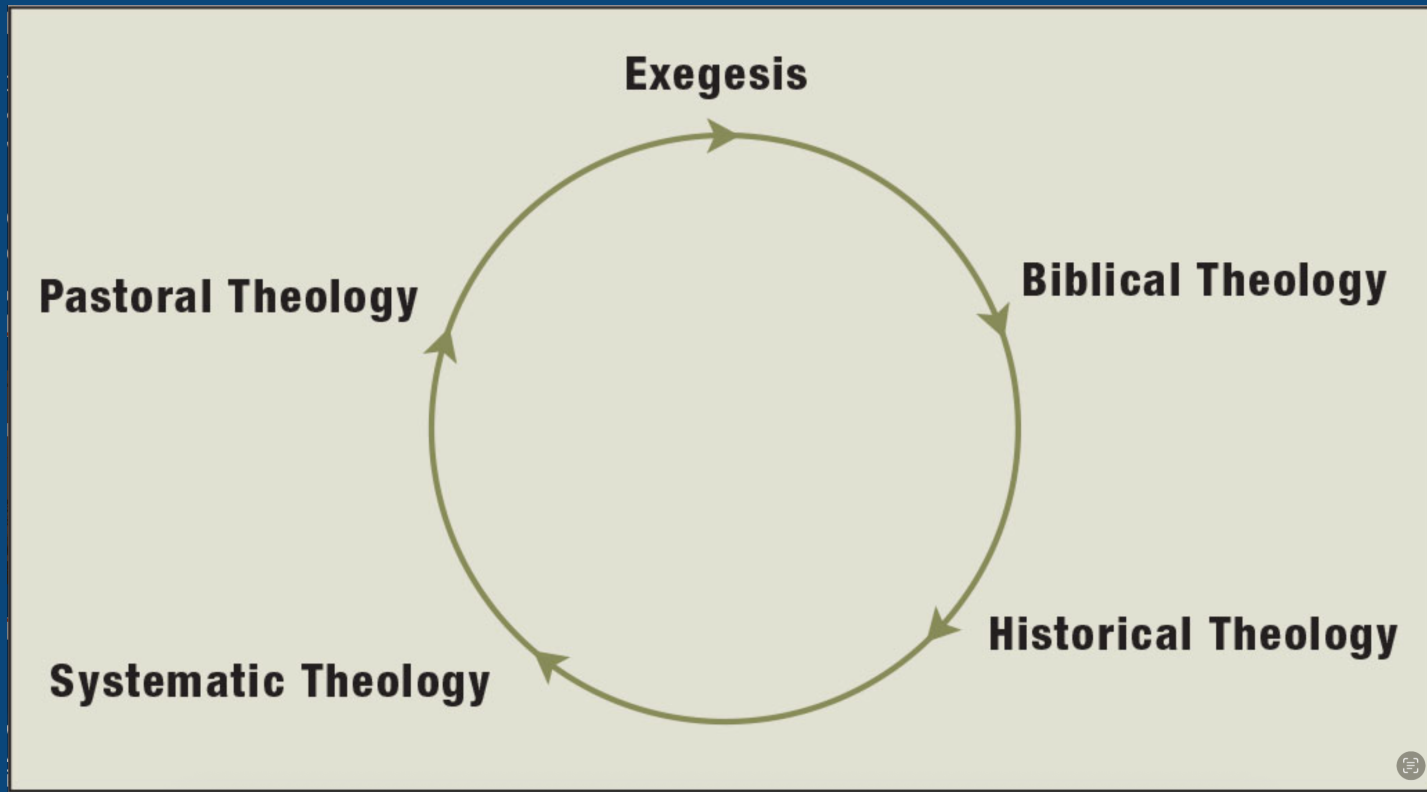
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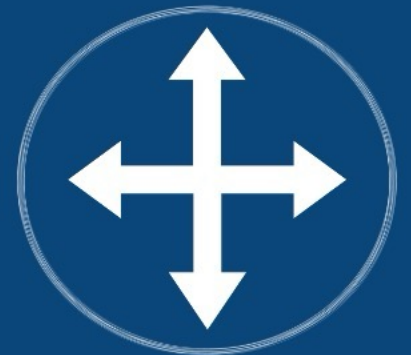
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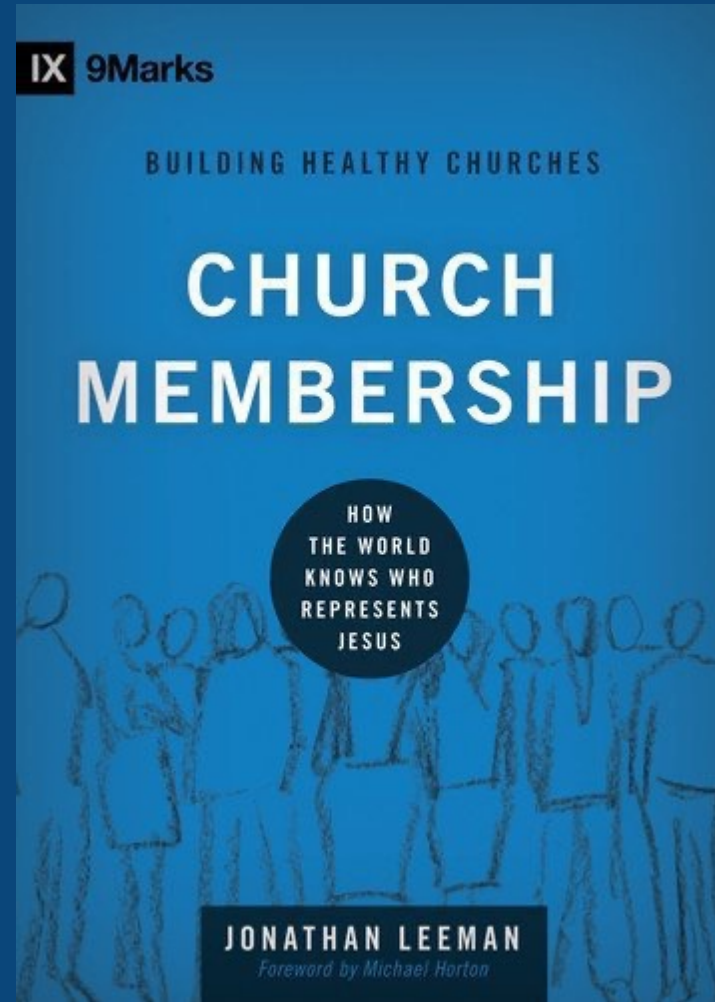
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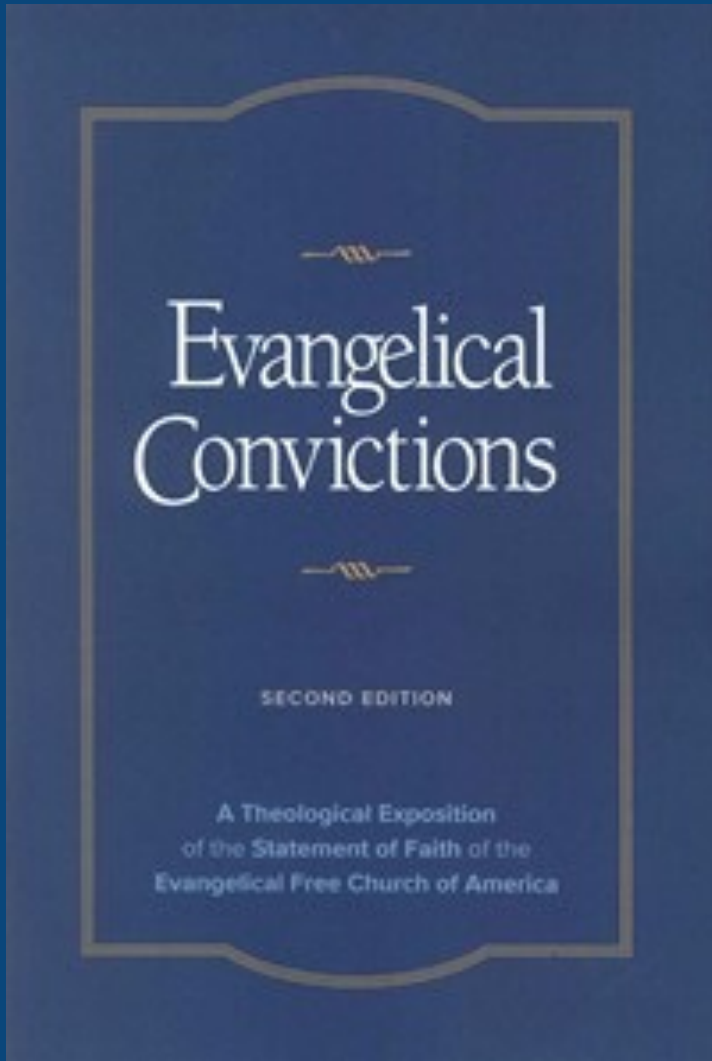
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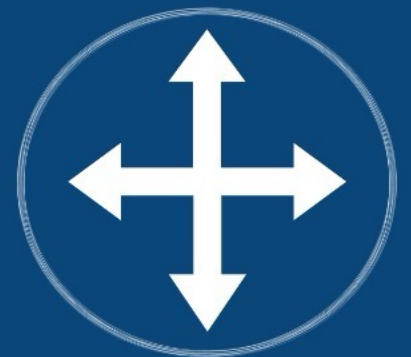


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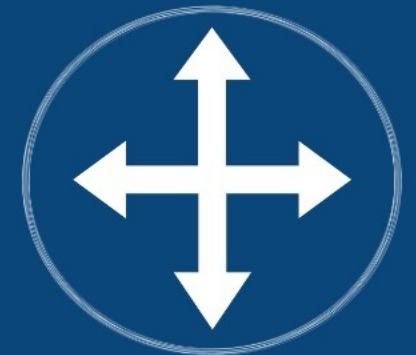
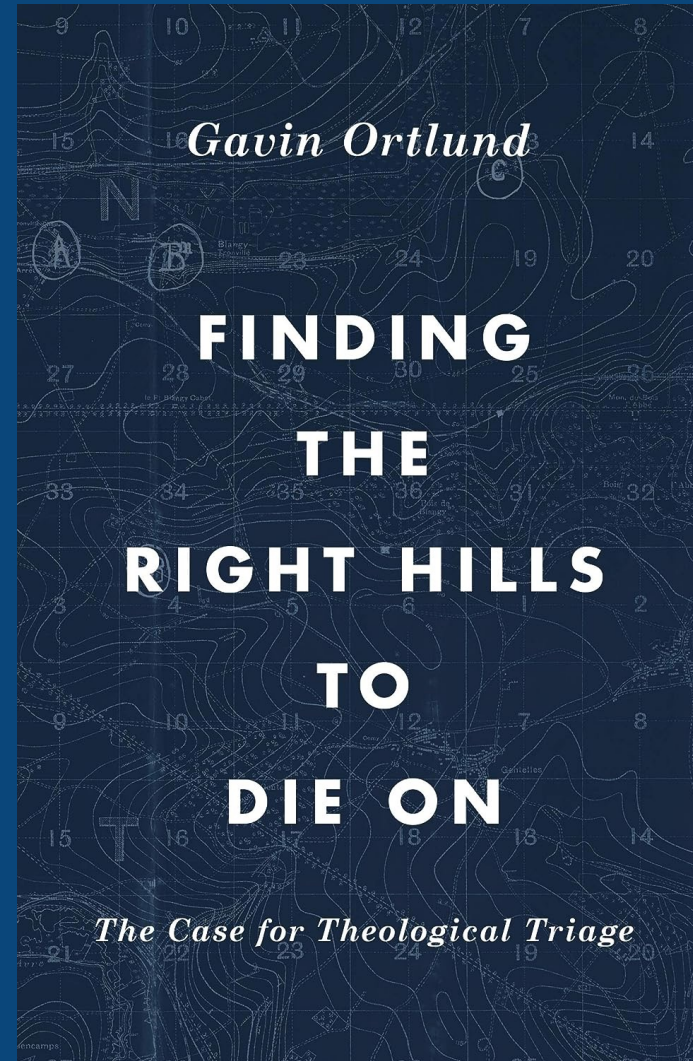




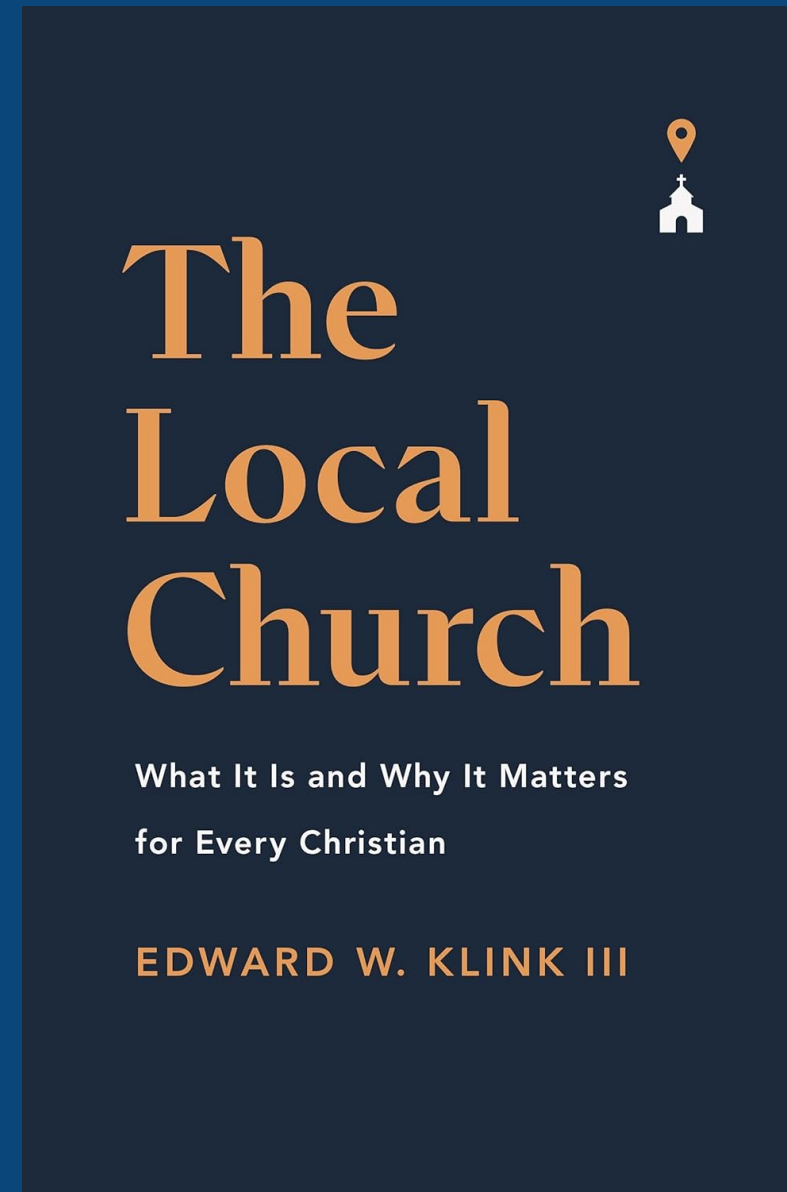
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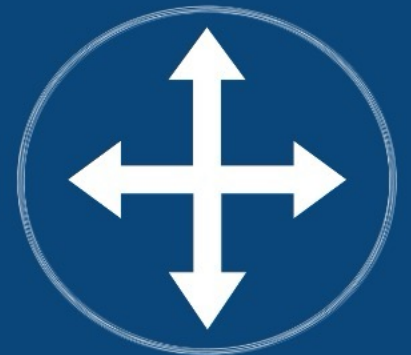


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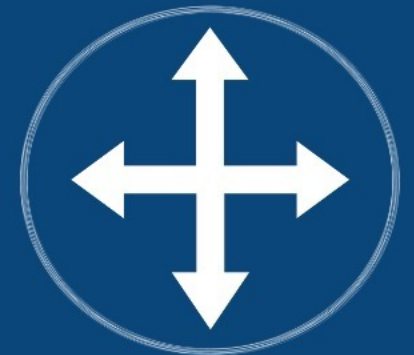
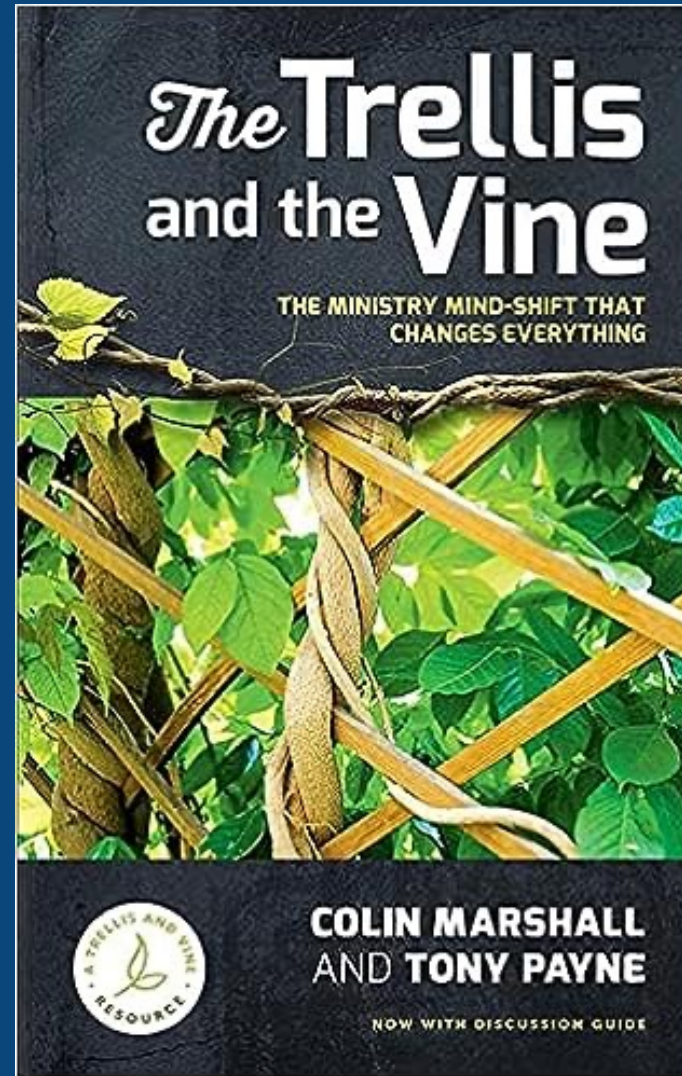
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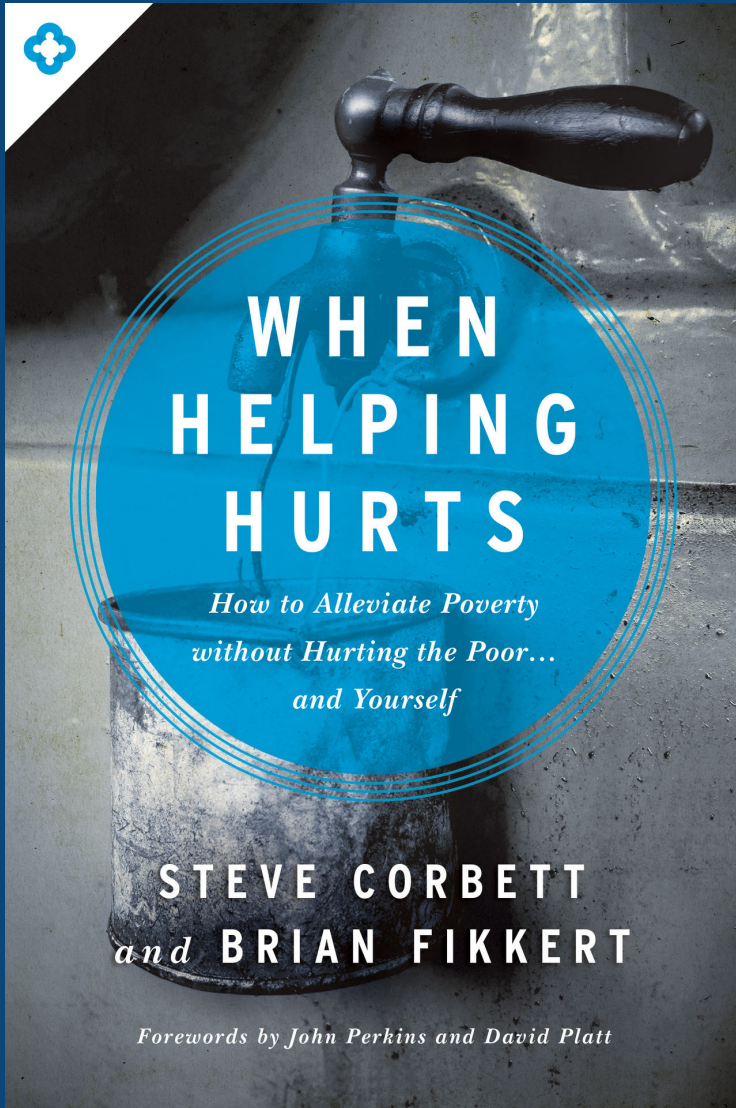
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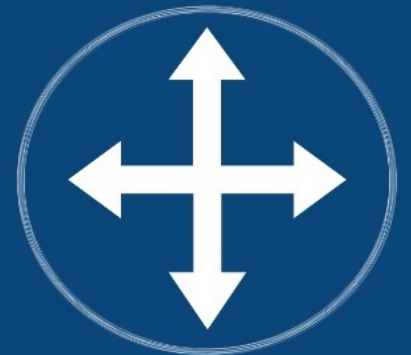


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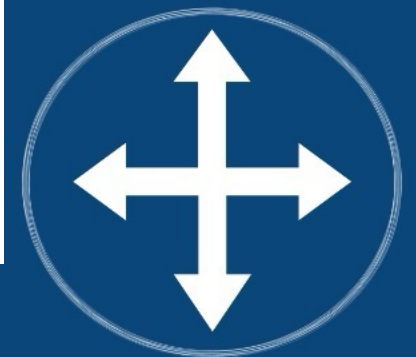
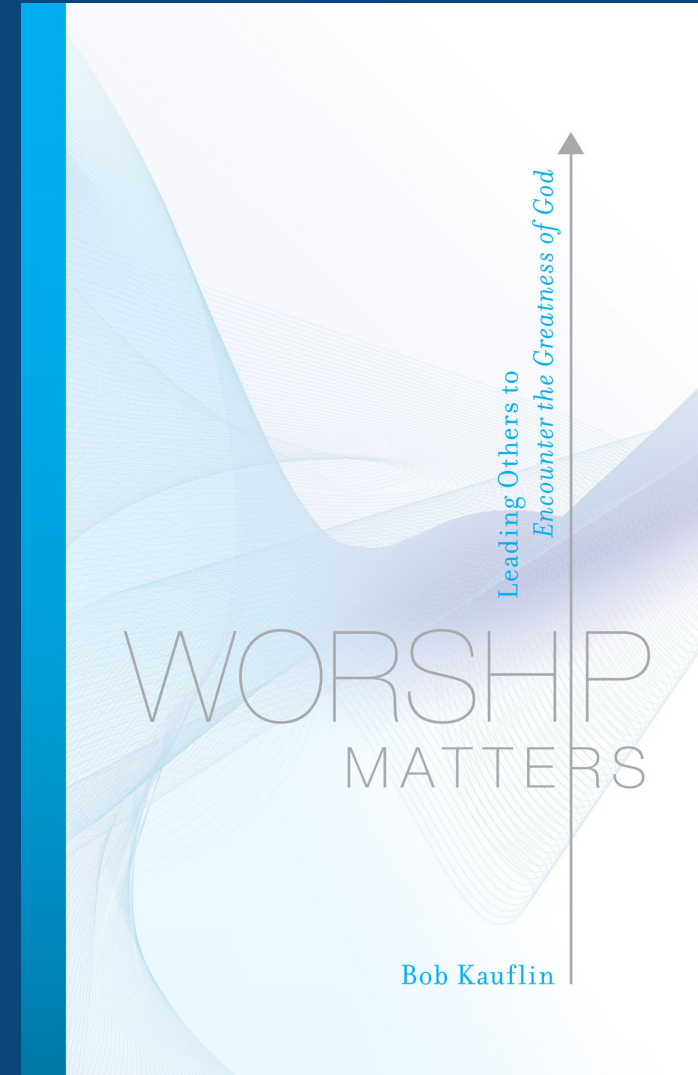




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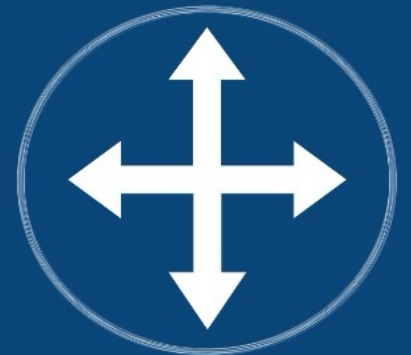
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- God – who is God, what is He like?
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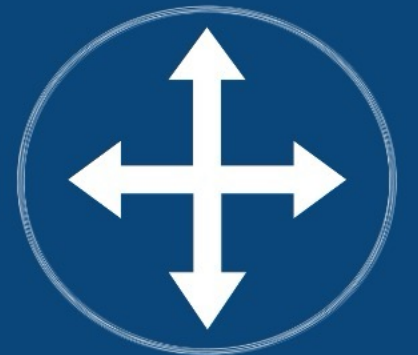
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# Why Membership?



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

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Every 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, <sup>47</sup>praising 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

<sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them. <sup>34</sup>For 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, <sup>35</sup>and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed to each person as any had need.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the one the apostles called Barnabas (which is translated Son of Encouragement), <sup>37</sup>sold 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

<sup>3</sup>Even 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. <sup>4</sup>When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup>hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

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

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

<sup>17</sup>Obey 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

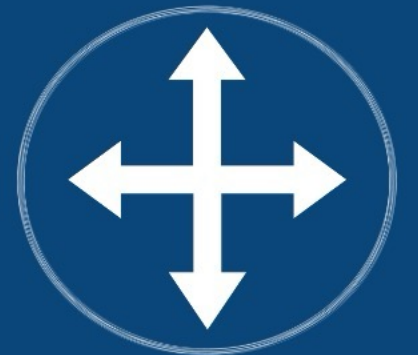
We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

## 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.

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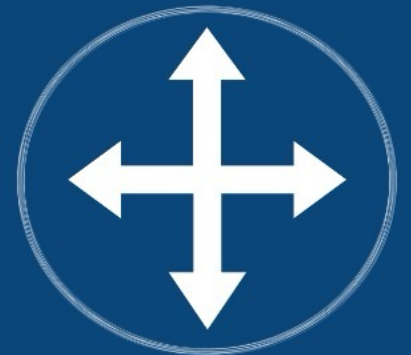
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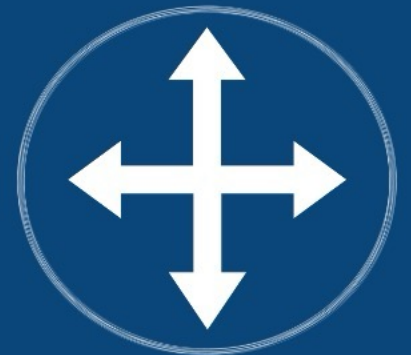


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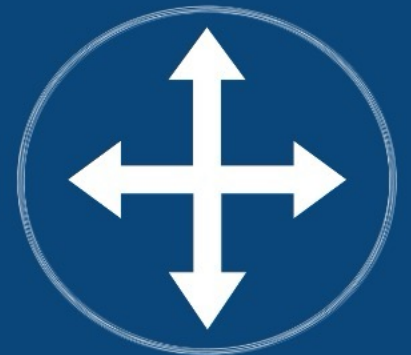
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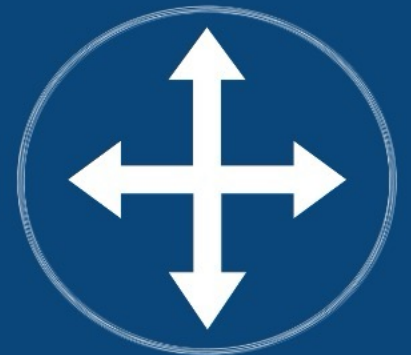
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# Congregationally Governed:

- **CHRIST RULED**
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- **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 15:10, JOHN 15:17  
ROM 12:9, 1 THESS 4:9, HEB 13:1  
1 PET 2:17, 1 PET 3:8, 1 PET 4:8,  
1 JOHN 3:11, 1 JOHN 3:14, 1 JOHN 3:23,  
1 JOHN 4:7, 1 JOHN 4:11, 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

## HAVE COMPASSION

EPH 4:32  
1 PET 3:8

## GREET

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

## LIVE IN PEACE

MARK 9:50  
1 THESS 5:13

## DON'T PAY BACK WRONG

1 THESS 5:15

## CONFESS TO

JAMES 5:16

## ACCEPT

ROM 15:7

## BEAR IN LOVE

EPH 4:2  
COL 3:13

## SERVE

GAL 5:13

## ADMONISH

COL 3:16

## BE SYMPATHETIC

1 PET 3:8

## BUILD UP

1 THESS 5:11

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1 THESS 5:15

## AGREE

1 COR 1:10

## OFFER HOSPITALITY

1 PET 4:9

## SUBMIT

EPH 5:21

## LIVE IN HARMONY

ROM 12:16

## DON'T LIE

COL 3:9

## BE DEVOTED

ROM 12:10

## BE LIKE-MINDED

1 PET 3:8

## SPUR TO LOVE

HEB 10:24

## DON'T GRUMBLE

JAMES 5:9

## FORGIVE

EPH 4:32  
COL 3:13

## DON'T PROVOKE

GAL 5:26

## HONOR

ROM 12:10

## HAVE EQUAL CONCERN

1 COR 12:25

## INSTRUCT

ROM 15:14

## DON'T JUDGE

ROM 14:13

## SPEAK SONGS TO

EPH 5:19

## BE KIND

EPH 4:32

## DON'T DEPRIVE

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JAMES 4:11

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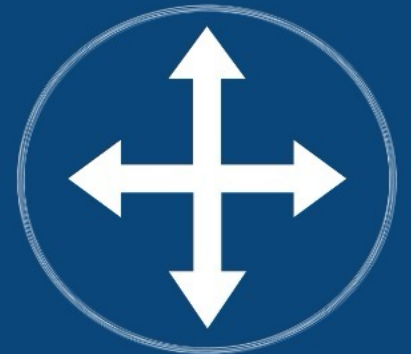
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ROM 15:5  
PHI 2:5

BE GENTLE

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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



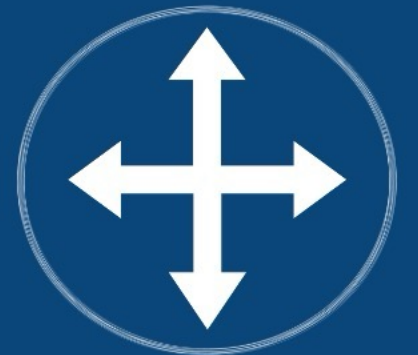
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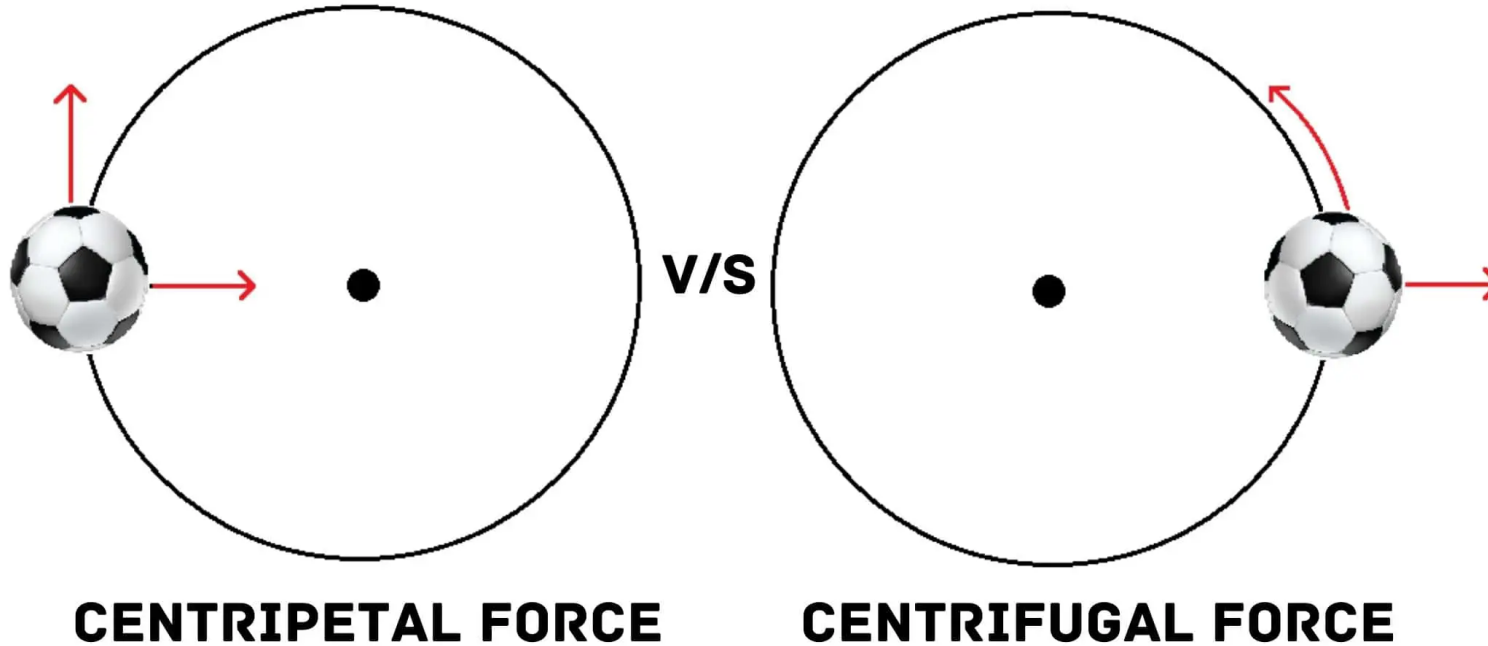
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## A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry



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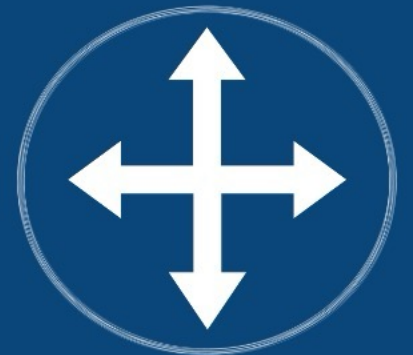
**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?**



# How We Minister:

A. Centrifugal Ministry vs. Centripetal Ministry

B. Equipping the Saints



<sup>11</sup>And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until 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. <sup>14</sup>Then 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. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. <sup>16</sup>From 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:

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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

<sup>4</sup>"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Repeat 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. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

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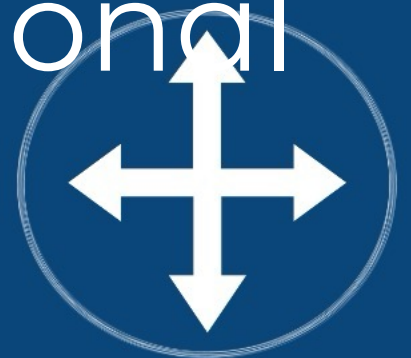
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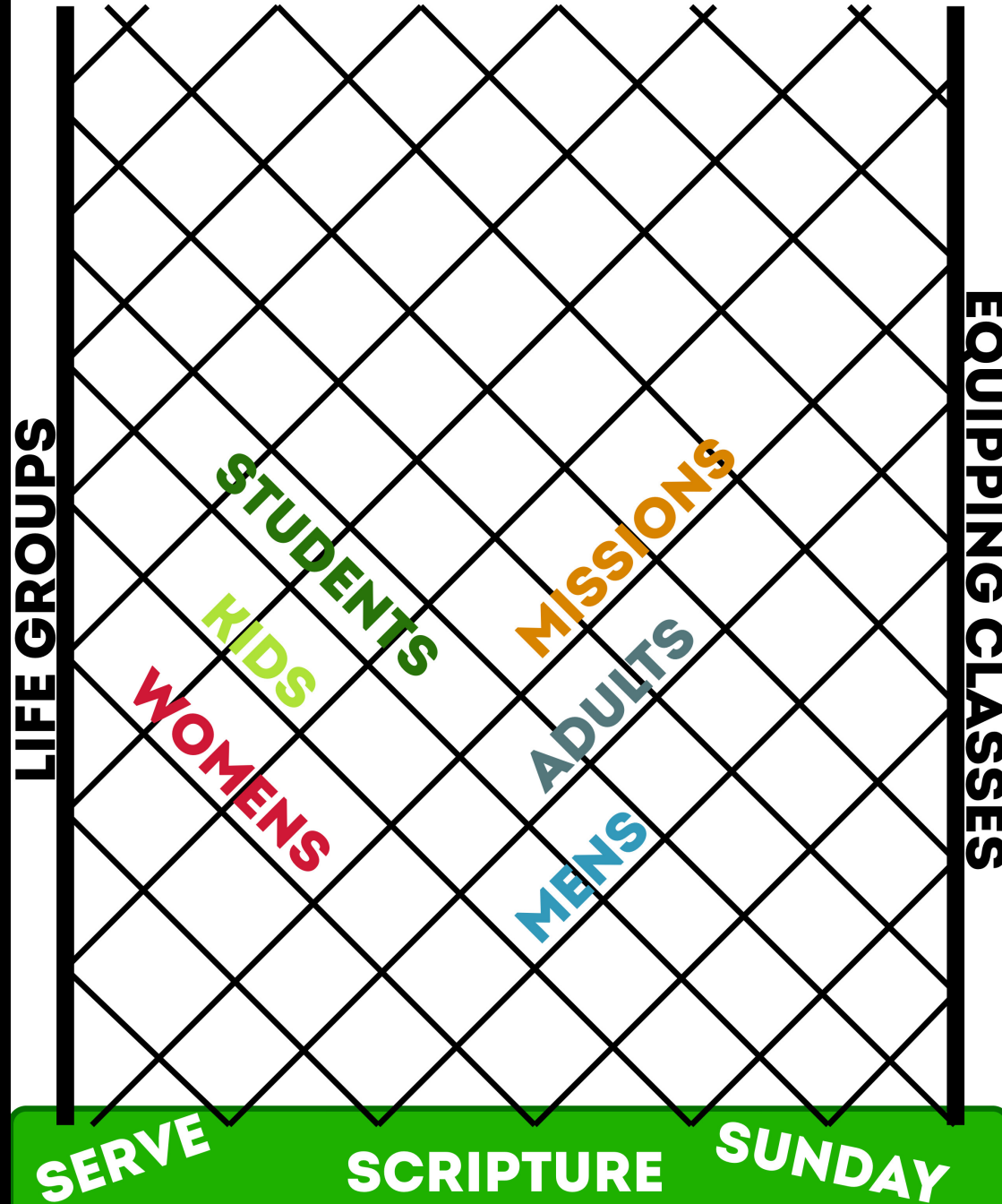
E. Growth in life and doctrine



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



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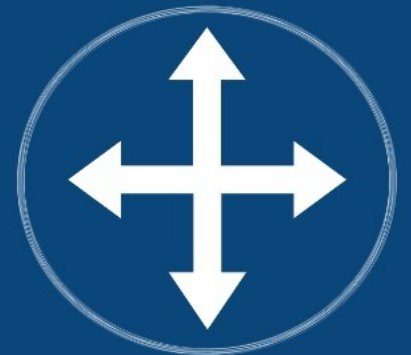
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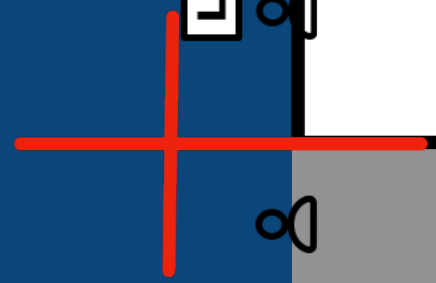
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F. One Step Closer





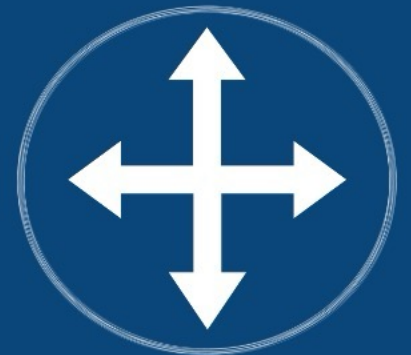
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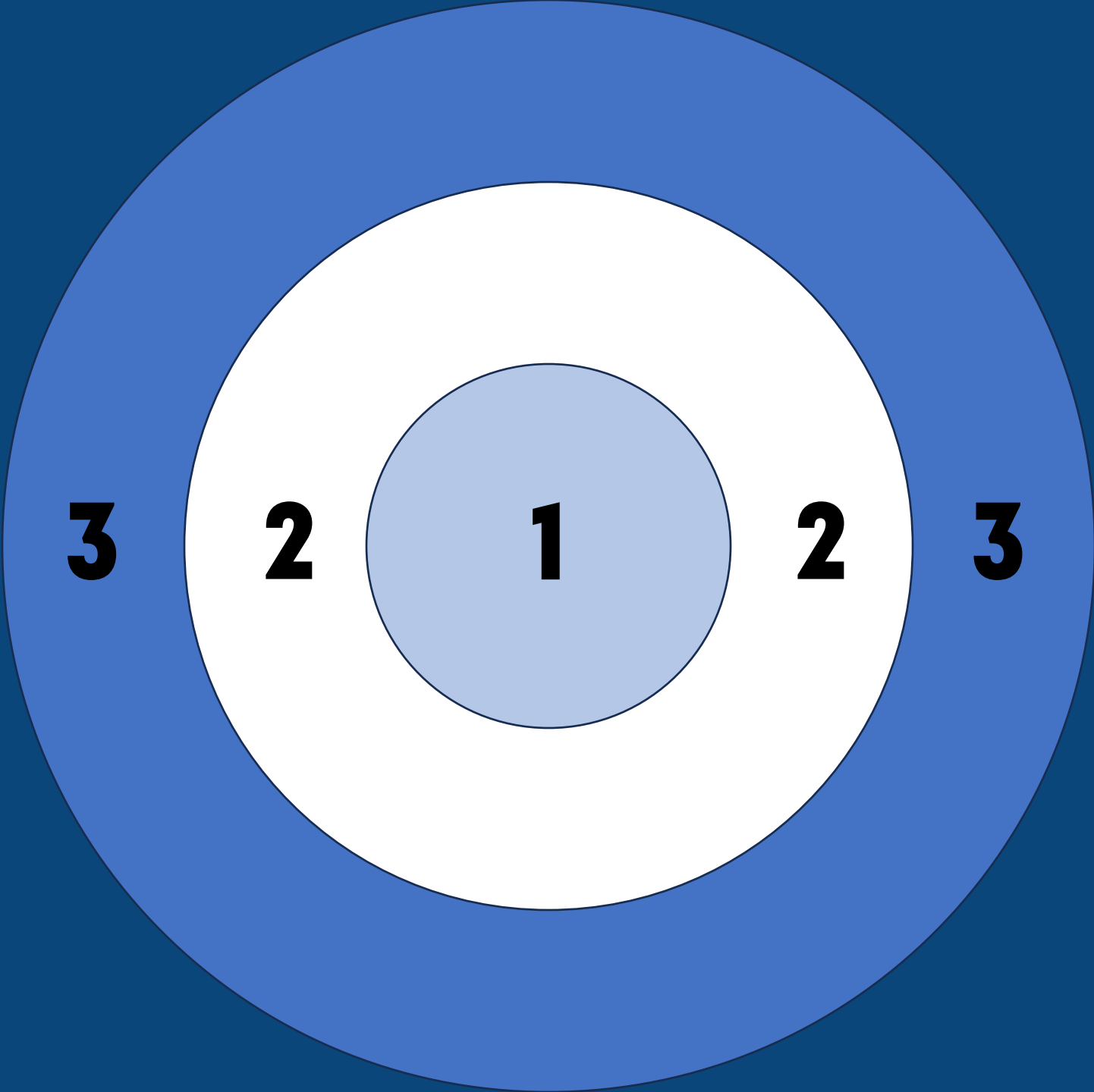


DOMAIN  
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- G. Theological Triage





# Membership Covenant:

A. Pray Fervently

B. Attend Regularly

C. Give Generously

D. Communicate Honorably

E. Submit Joyfully



Where are you gifted  
and wanting to serve?



# 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

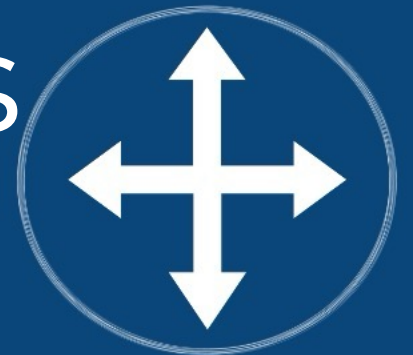
D. Lovingly exercise church discipline when necessary

E. Set an example to the body



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# Membership Website:

