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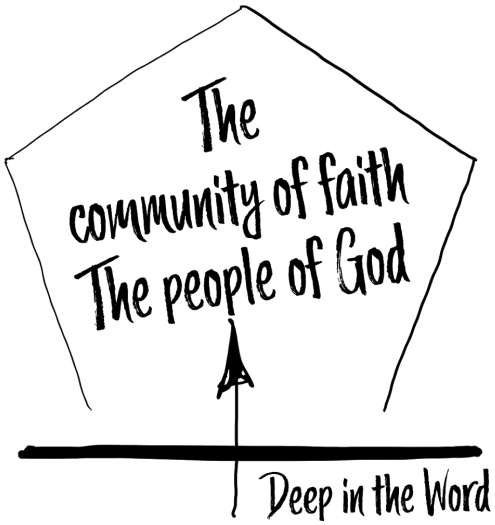
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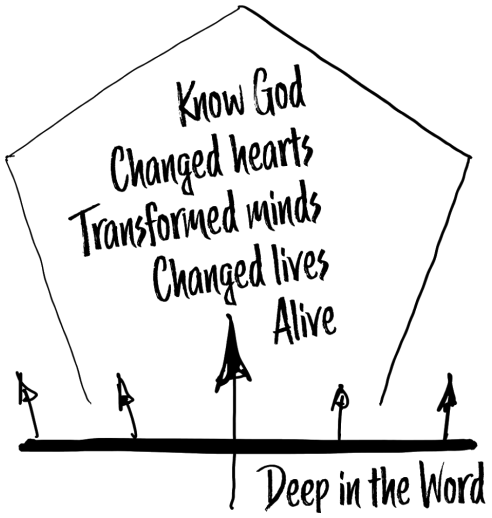
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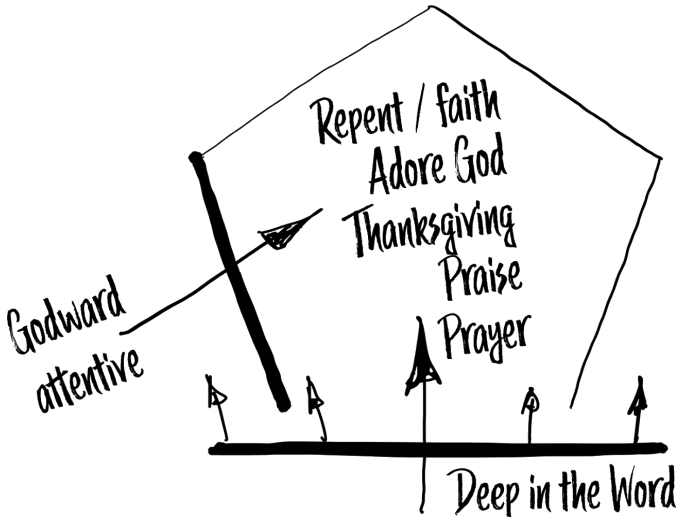
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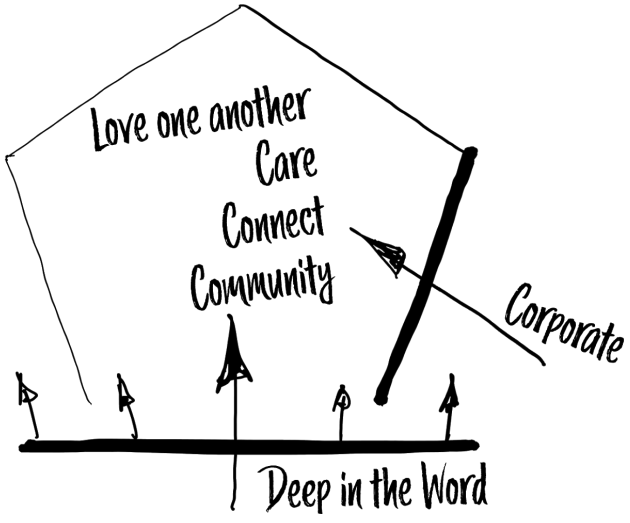
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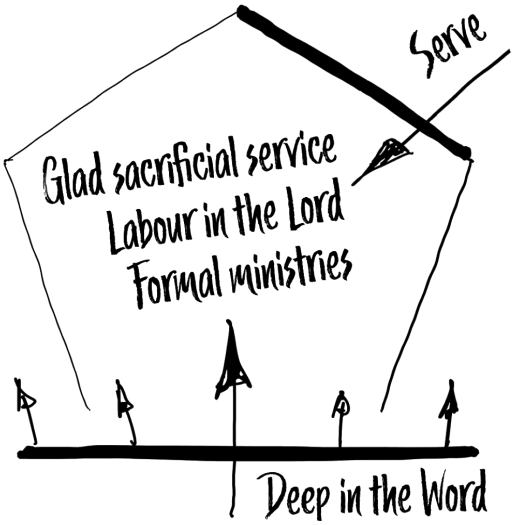
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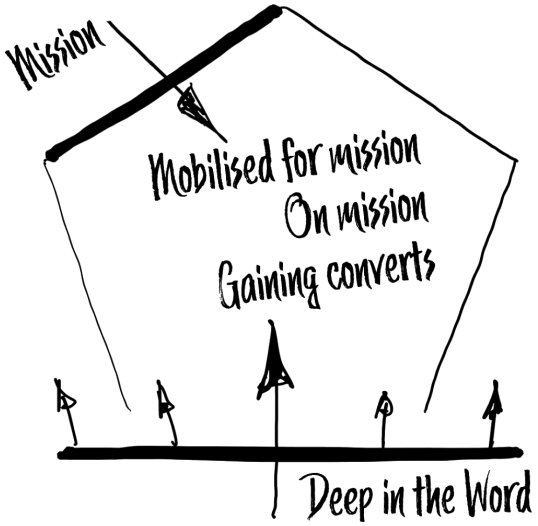
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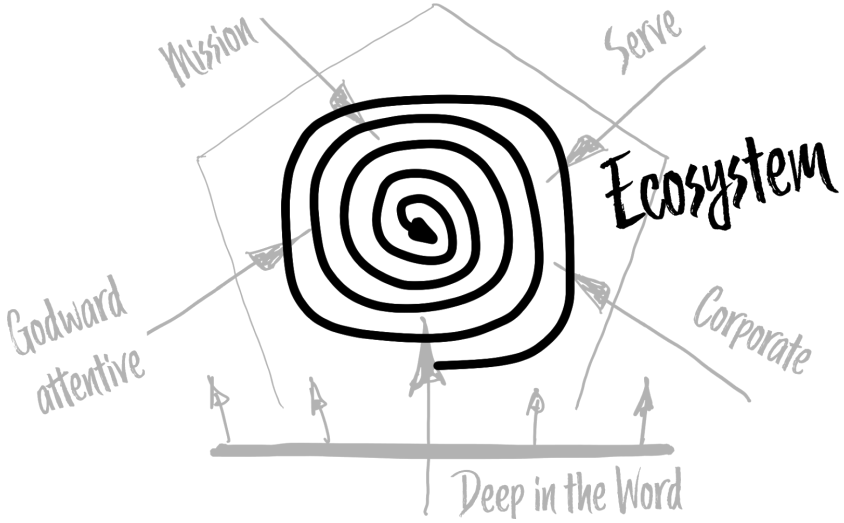
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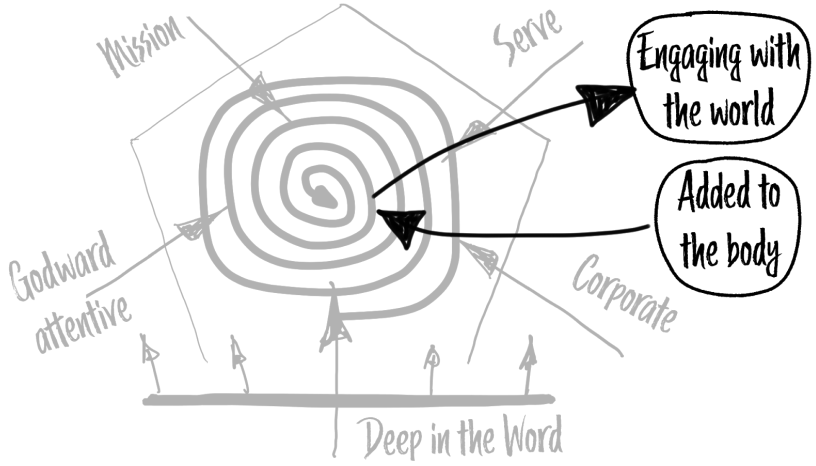
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DISCIPLE-MAKING & THE WORD OF GOD

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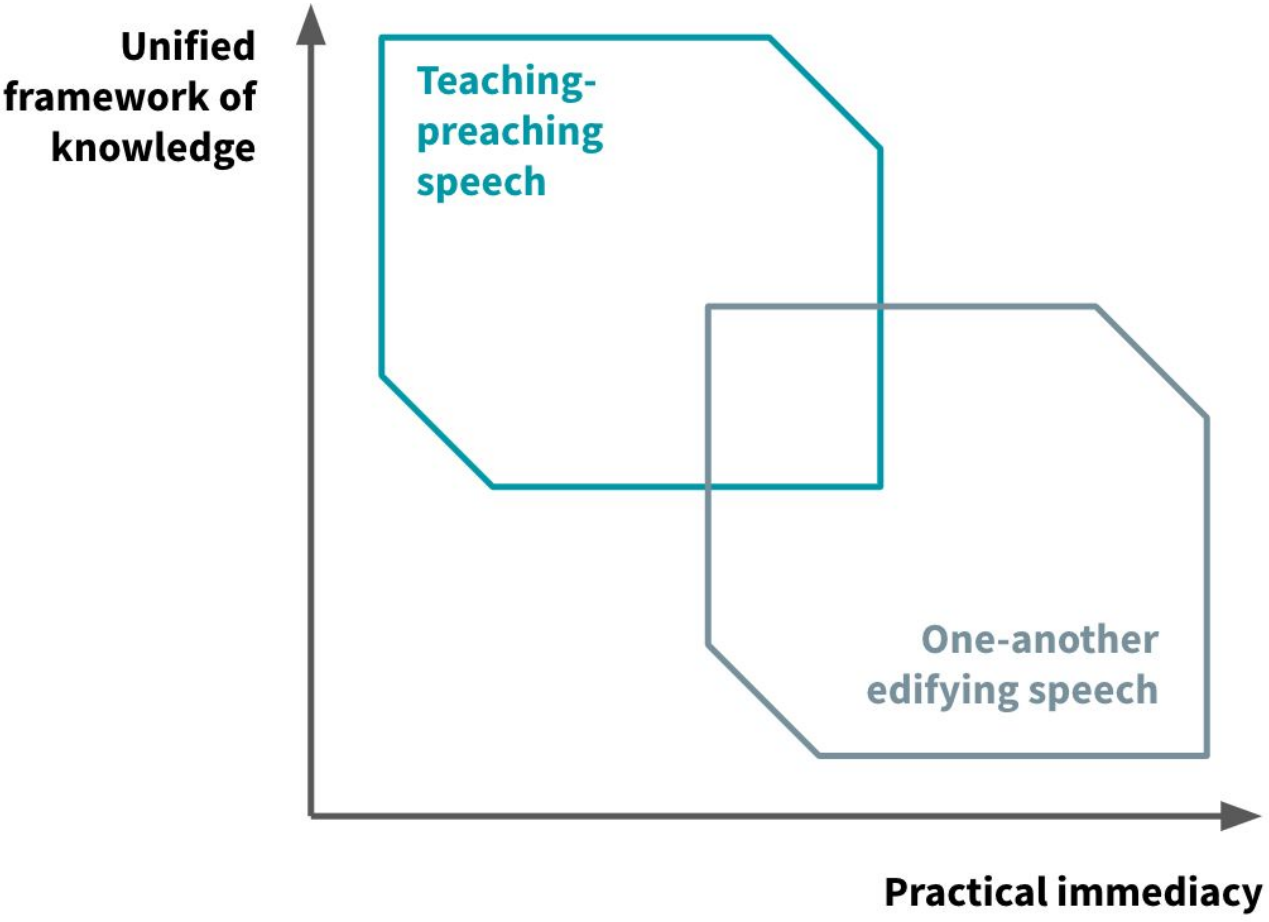


HOW MISSION PURPOSE CONTRIBUTES TO THE ECOSYSTEM

10 KEY PRINCIPLES

1. Working to shape church

a. Context understanding

- Understand the demographics and distinctives of your region and church and let this impact decisions regarding your mission targets and strategies.

b. Culture shaping

- Shape your church culture around Biblical values and norms, and in order to be accessible to your target culture/s.

c. Calendar flow

- Recognise the shape and dynamics of a year in your church and region, and develop the best flow for your event

2. Working to reach the world

a. Co-worker partnership

- Develop a system that allows your church to effectively partner with and support missionary work across Australia and around the world

3. Working with our people

a. Conviction forming

- Create a system that develops 'mission heat' by getting the truth of God's Word about disciple-making into people's lives with sharpness, zeal and urgency.

b. Confidence building

- Grow your people's confidence in the effectiveness of the Gospel and of your core conversion engine by creating a system that celebrates people becoming Christians.

c. Competency training

- Develop training that raises your people's competency in a number of mission skills.

4. Working with outsiders

a. Contact multiplication

- Create a funnel that multiplies your number of mission contacts and moves them effectively into your core conversion engine.

b.Connect to Christians and Christianity

- Create events that connect people to more Christians, to the Christian community and to the Christian worldview.

c. Conversion engine development

- Create an evangelistic and follow-up engine which does the heavy lifting in evangelism and follow-up in an effective and scalable way.

WORKING WITH OUR PEOPLE

CONVICTION FORMING

Working convictions through the layers of church

Six key pieces in forming conviction:

1. It is the word of God that creates gospel conviction

2. Vision comes from the Scriptures

3. People need to see spiritual and eternal realities

4. Mission or vision statements can be helpful if used well

5. Vivid Illustrations are powerful

6. Church is the flagship in creating conviction

CONFIDENCE BUILDING

1. Confidence that the gospel works

2. Confidence that our gospel activities work

How do we build confidence?

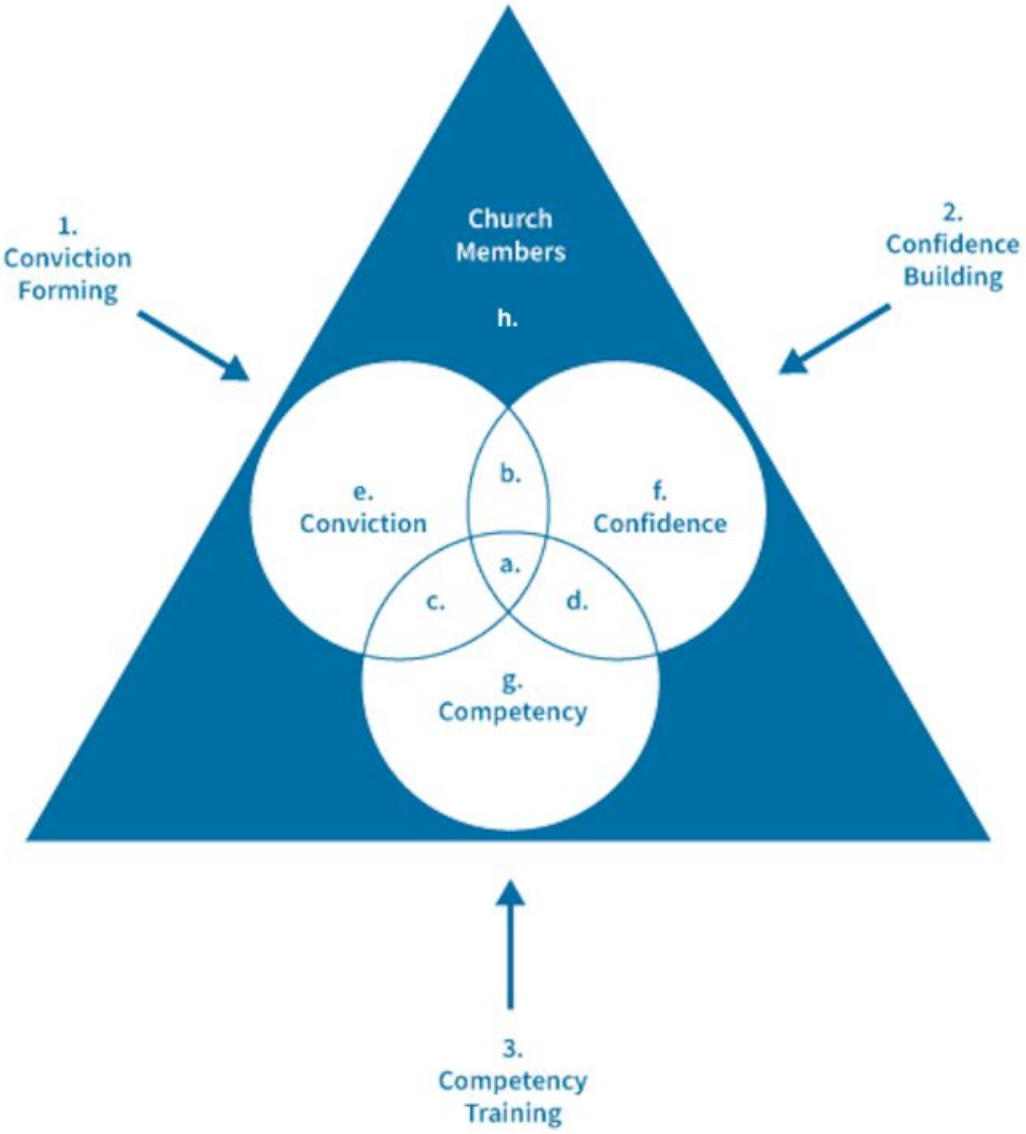
Church is the flagship in building confidence

Confidence in your conversion engine

c. Competency training

Key things to train our church members in

WORKING WITH OUR PEOPLE PICTURED



One step forward:
In terms of working with insiders, identify one thing

WORKING TO SHAPE CHURCH

CONTEXT UNDERSTANDING

The broader context

The narrower context

CULTURE SHAPING

Shaping church culture

Culture shaped by convictions

Culture shaped by the Bible and the tension it creates

Culture shaped by context

Focus congregations or ministries

Things to pay attention to shaping in order to be accessible to our culture:

The church gathering is the flagship in culture shaping

CALENDAR FLOW

- Put mission in first

- Think about context & culture

- Think about flow

3 types of events!

- Contact multiplication

- Connection

- Core Conversion Engine

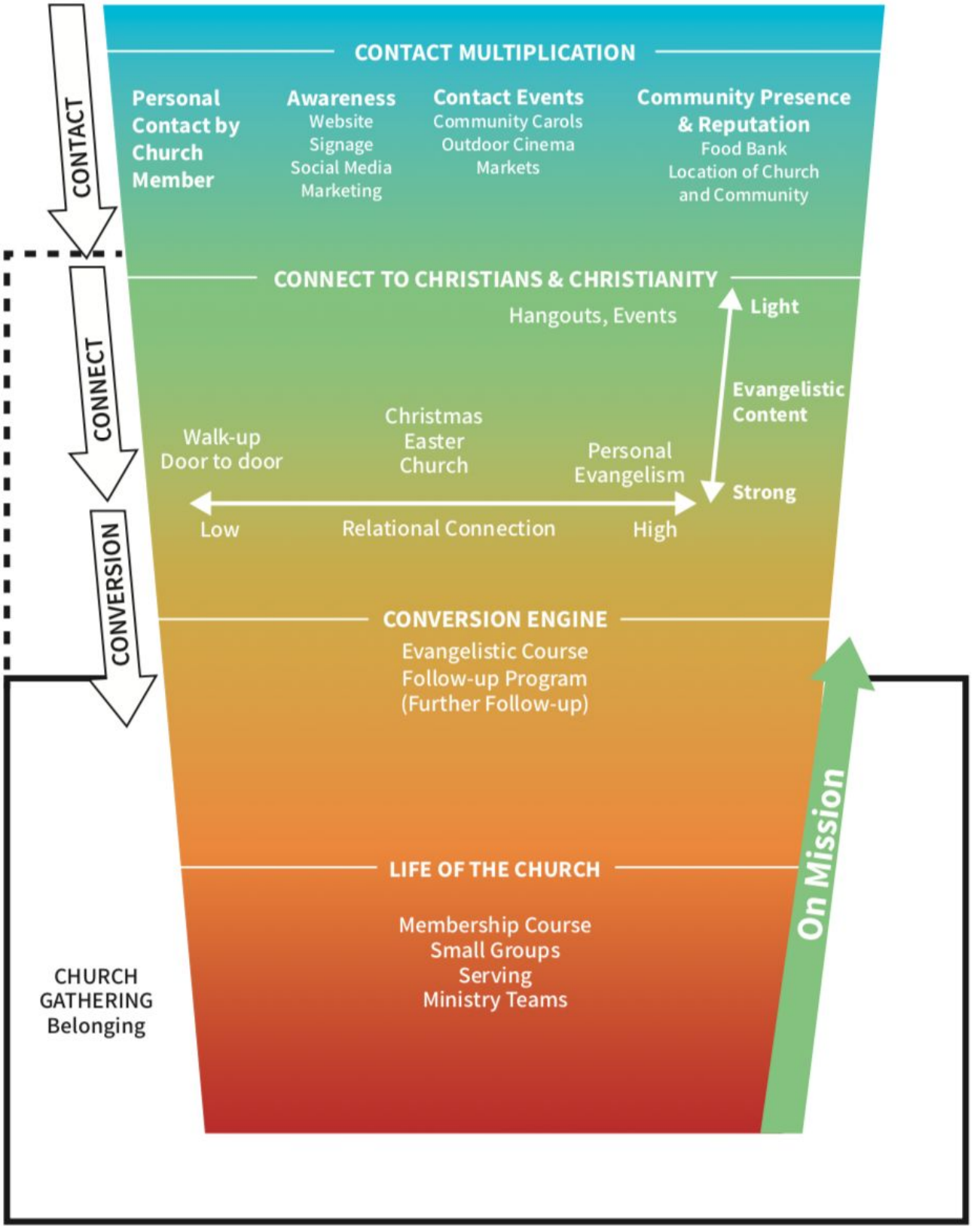
The importance of people work!

One step forward:
What does your mission calendar look like NOW?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

WHAT / MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
CONTACT												
CONNECT												
CONVERSION ENGINE												
LIFE OF CHURCH												

WORKING WITH OUTSIDERS



WORKING WITH OUTSIDERS

CONTACT MULTIPLICATION

Four key ways to multiply contacts:

1. Personal contact by church members

- Helping our people be intentional
- Helping our people to see themselves as local missionaries
- Helping our people to stop thinking of themselves as solo missionaries

2. Community awareness

3. Contact events

4. Community presence and reputation

CONNECT TO CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANITY

Why don't we?

Why should we?

- teach conventionality

- grow plausibility

- make space for loads of conversations

Sliding scales

Examples of events

Some key things to remember

CONVERSION ENGINE DEVELOPMENT

The conversion engine work so powerfully for four key reasons:

1. Because it is designed specifically for the purpose of evangelising non-Christians and establishing them in the faith.

2. Because it allows non-Christians and new Christians the time they need.

3.Because it uses the gifts of God's people, which brings expertise in different areas.

4. Because of the momentum you get when all church together is on board.

Developing a conversion engine

What to run?

How will it run?

Some more things to consider for an evangelistic course

1. How many times will we run it in a year?

2. What things we do to make the event warm and accessible to enquiries.

3. Table leaders

4. Question time and Interviews

People work

One step forward:
What does your mission calendar look like next year?

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE?

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