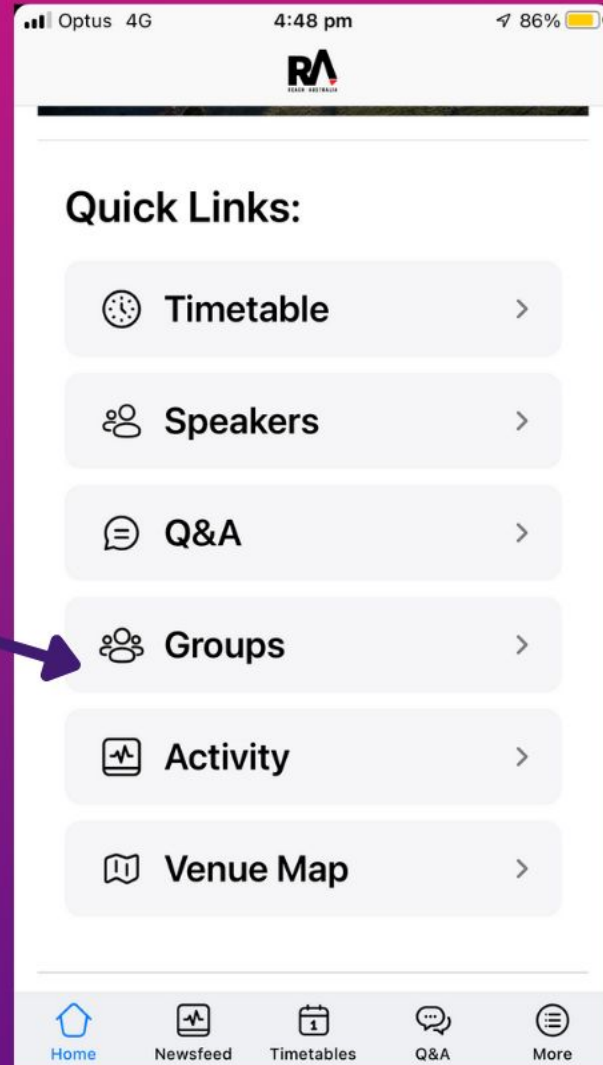


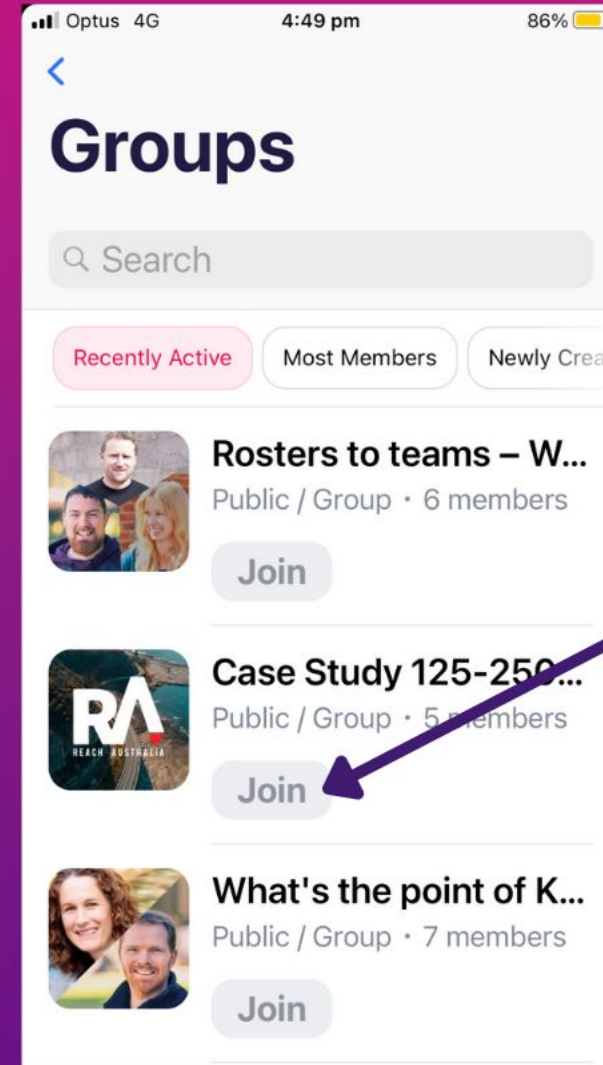


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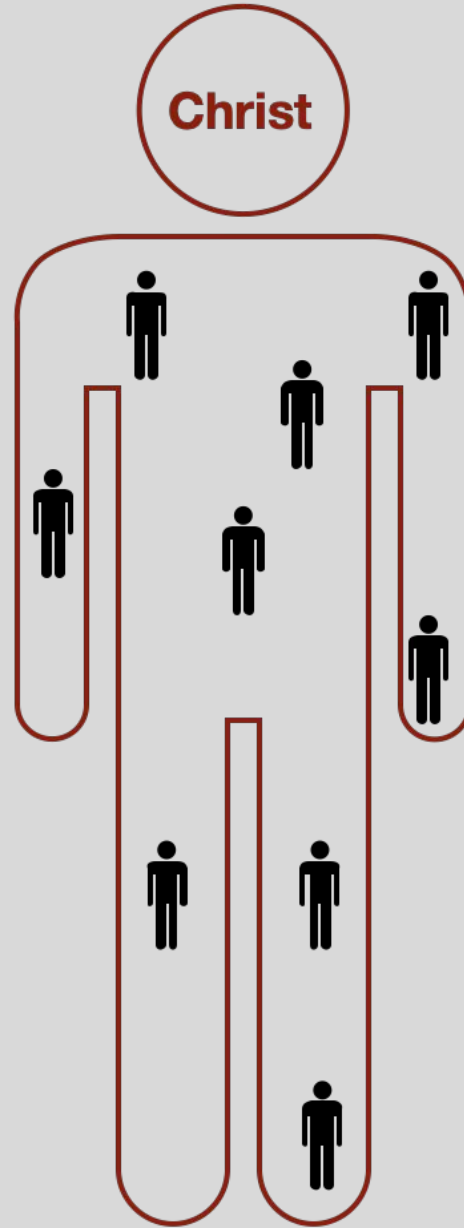
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2. Communing in a common love
3. Belonging together to one Lord

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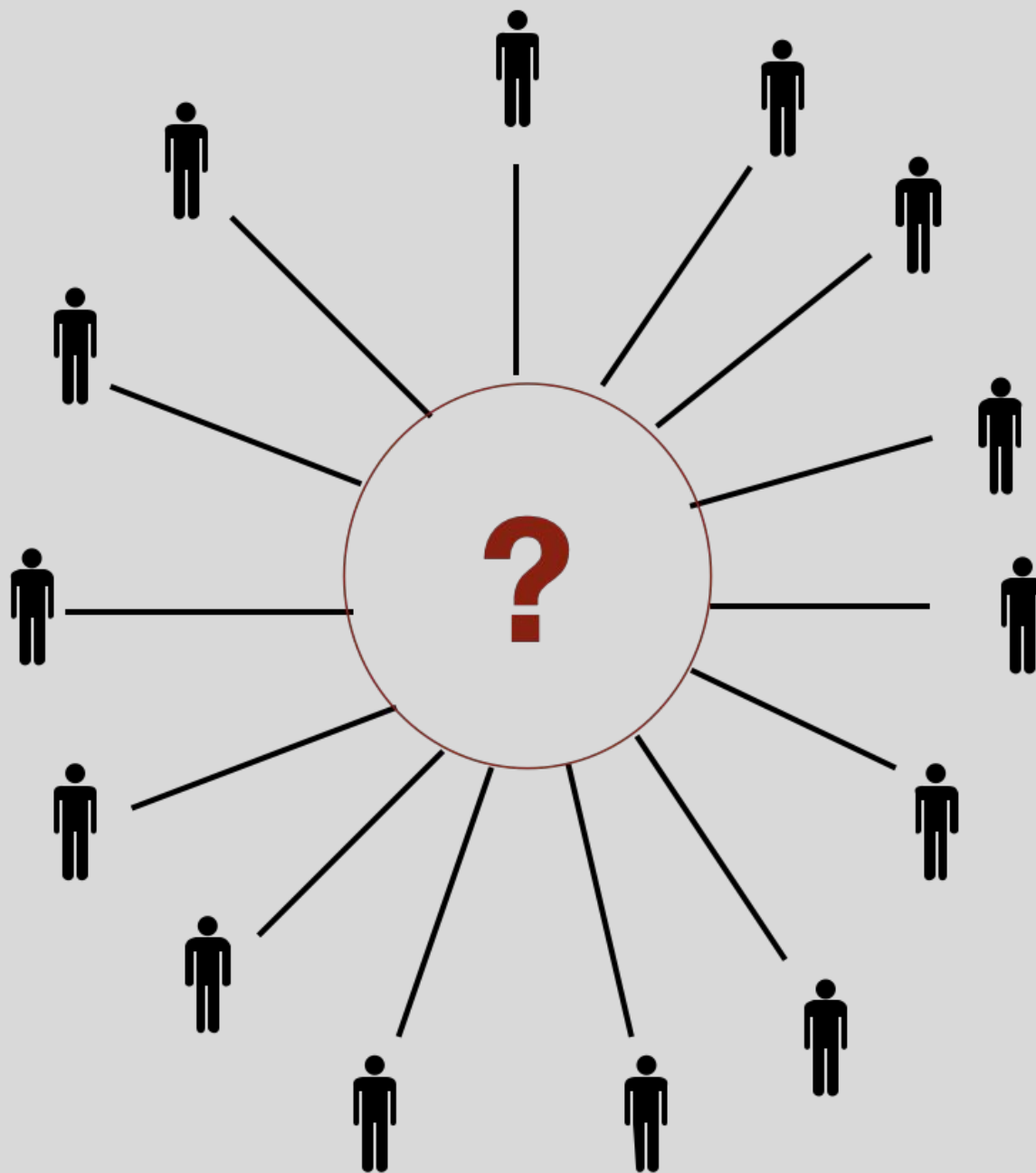
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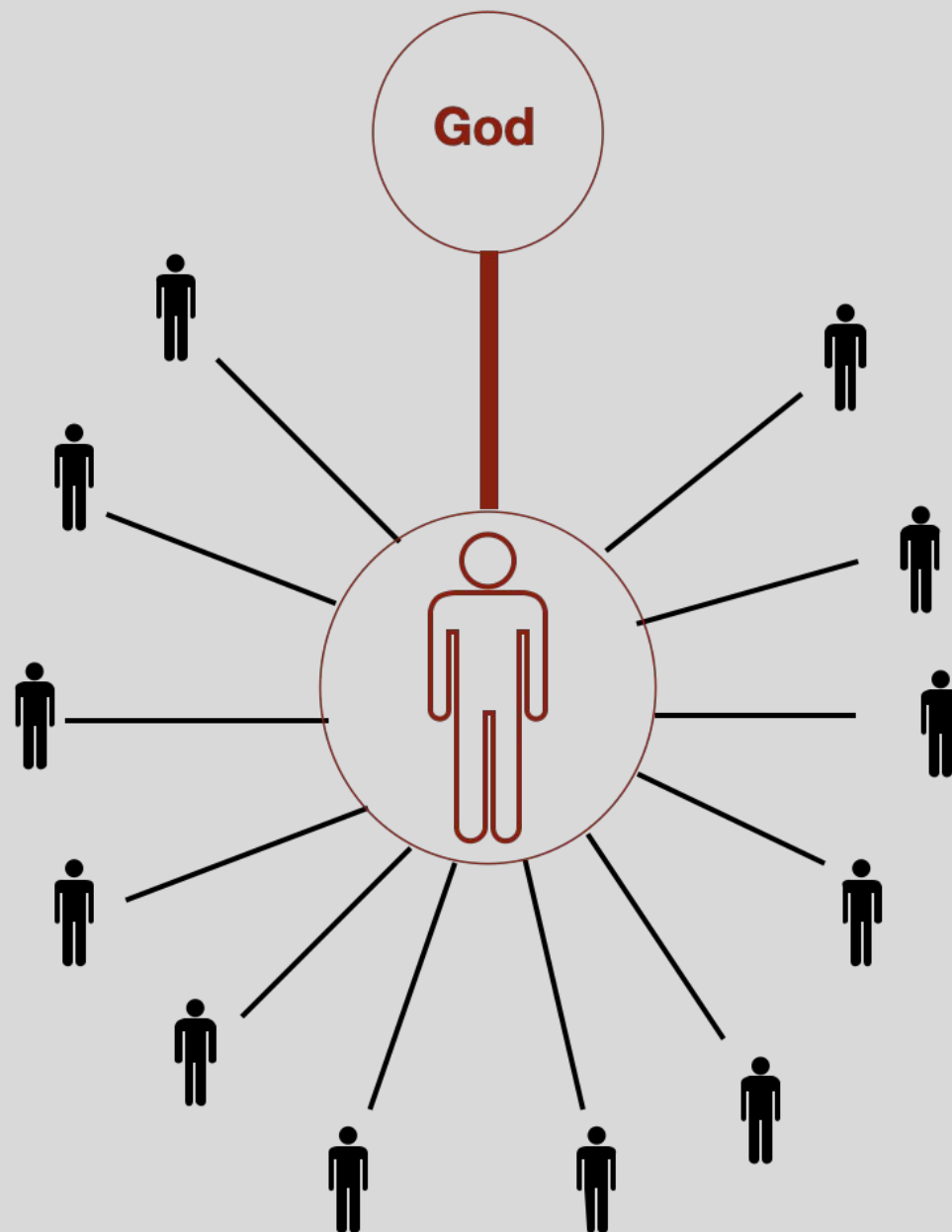
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2. COMMUNITY

**Community =
sharing in a
common
object of
love**




Christ as the common object of our love



Soulish or fleshly community



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Therefore, the Christian needs Christians, who speak to him the word of God; he needs them again and again, when he becomes uncertain and fails, because from himself he cannot find help, without cheating himself of the truth. He needs the brother as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs the brother solely for the sake of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of the brother; the one is uncertain, the other is certain. Therefore, the goal of all Christian community is clear: to encounter each other as bringers of the message of salvation. ***Bonhoeffer, Life Together***

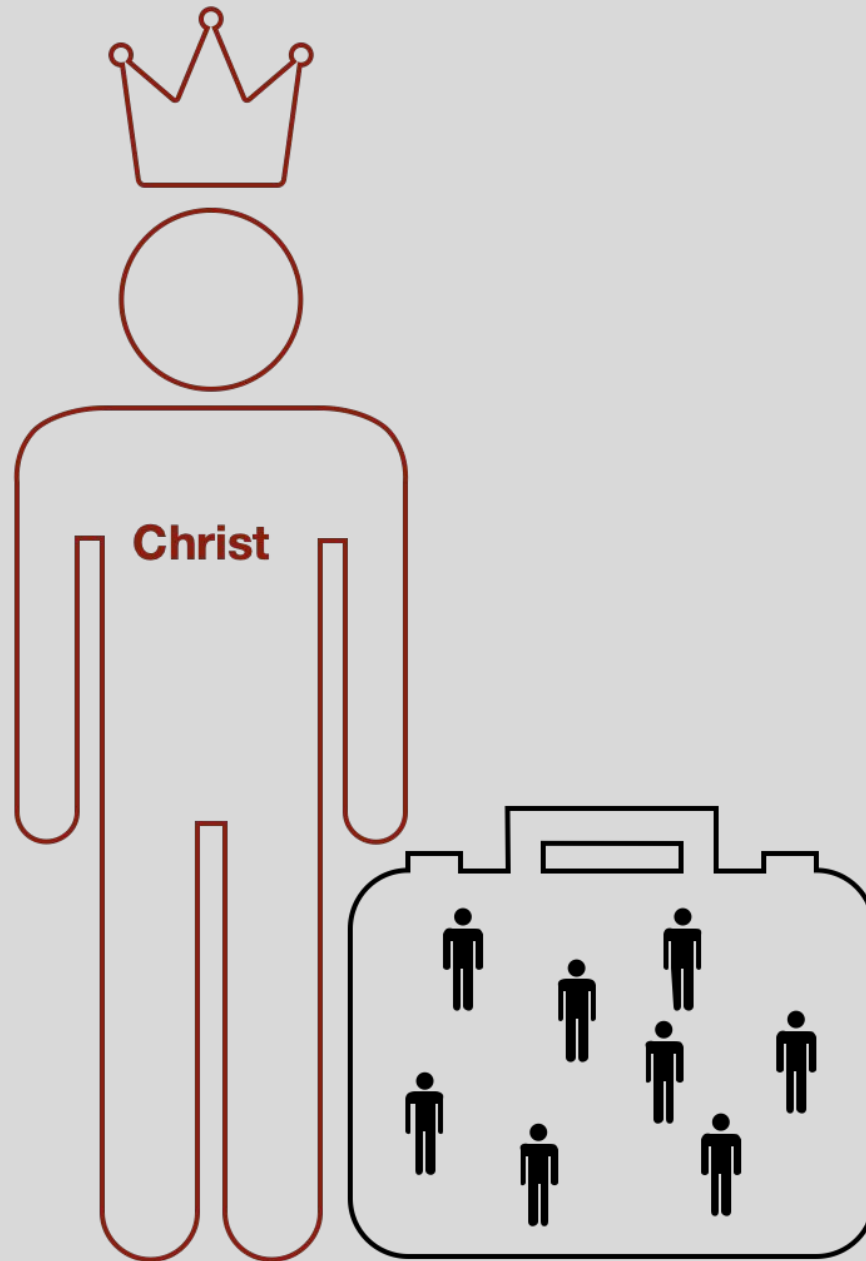
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3. BELONGING

And those who are **of Christ Jesus** have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Gal 5:24

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are **of the Lord**. Rom 14:8

Belonging to the Lord together





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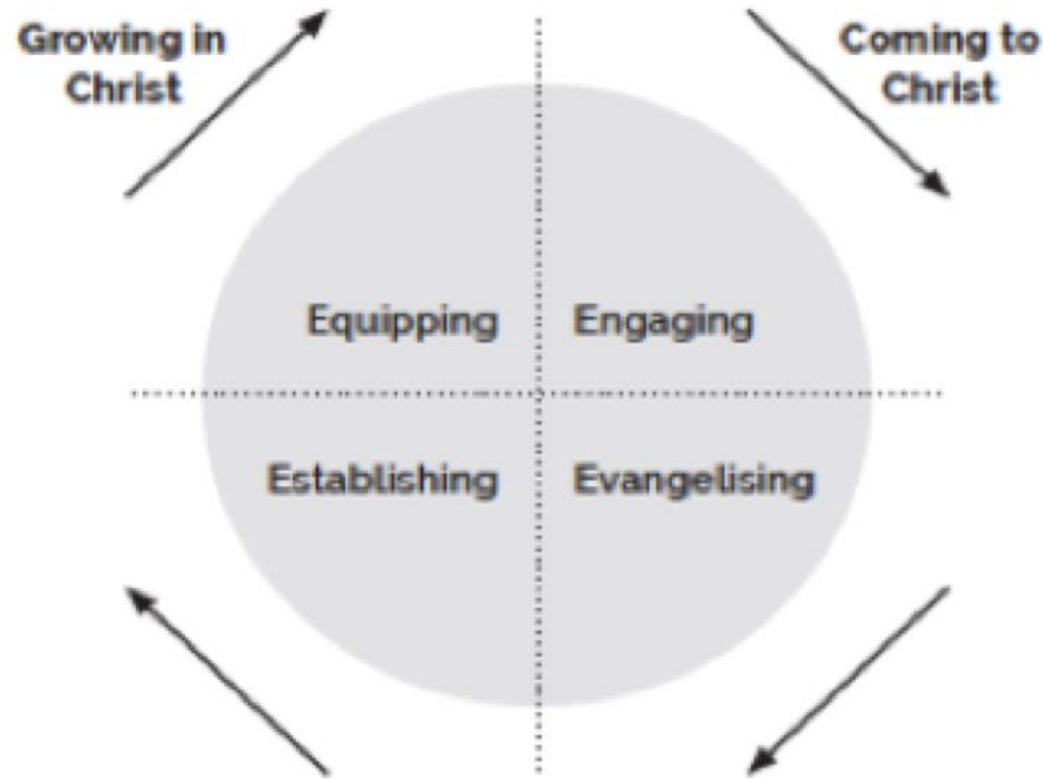
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1. MEMBERS



Colossians 1:28

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."



Colossians 1:13-14

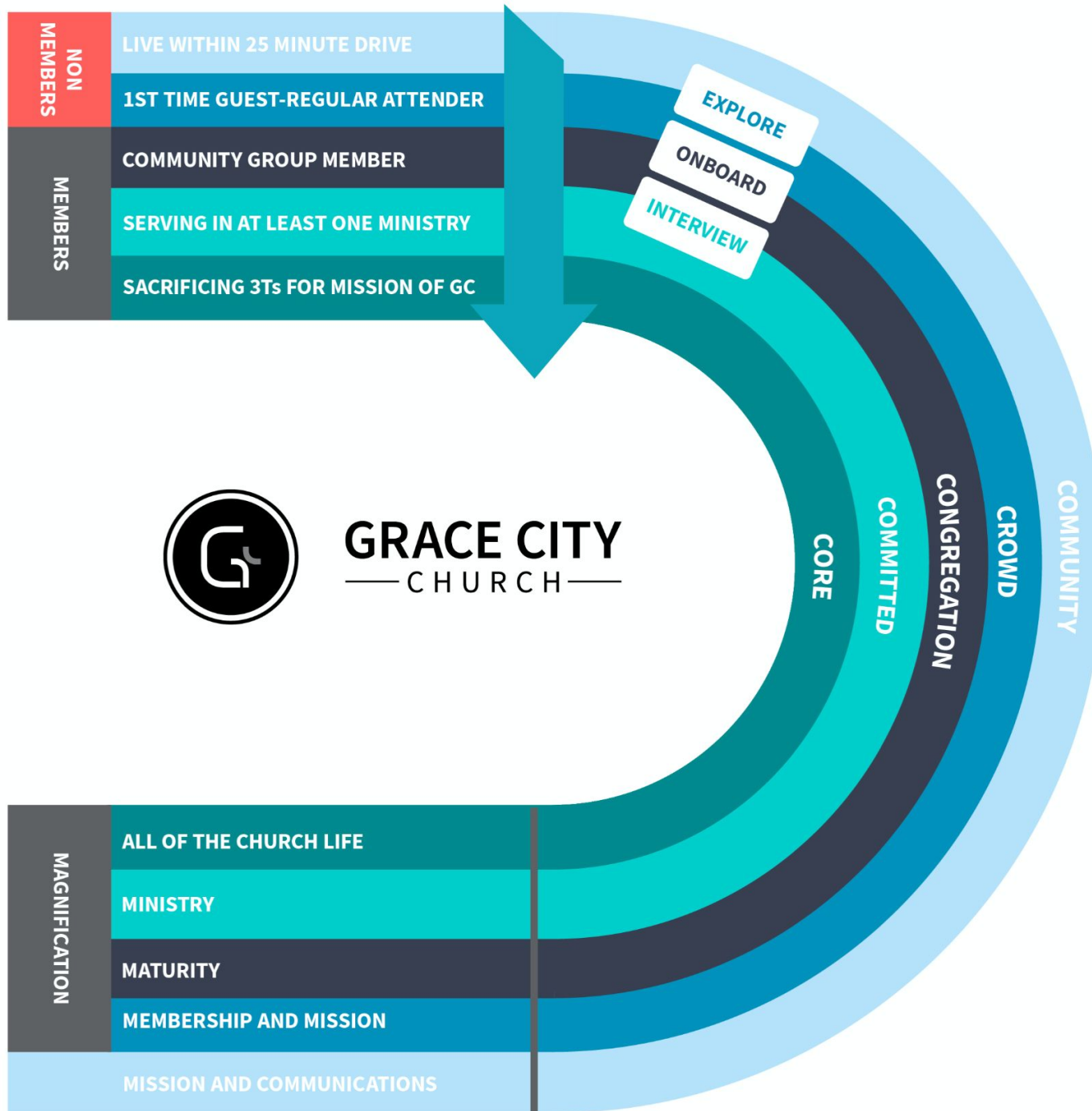
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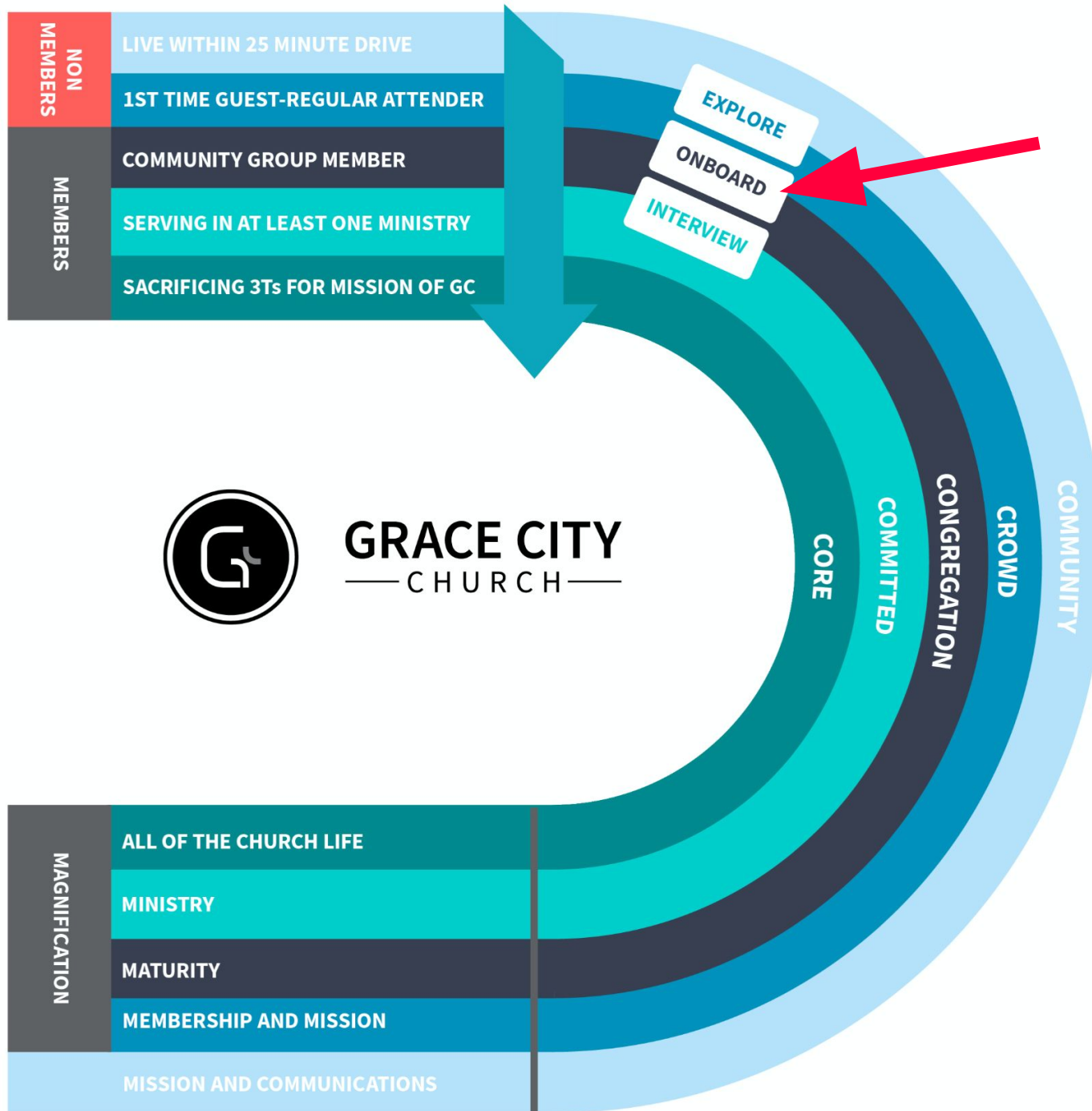


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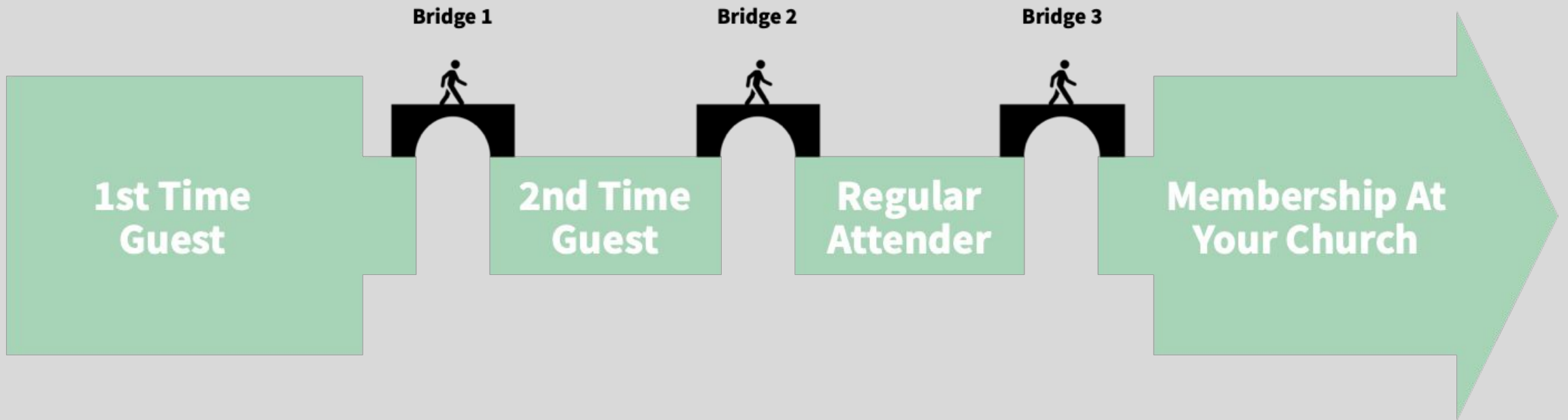




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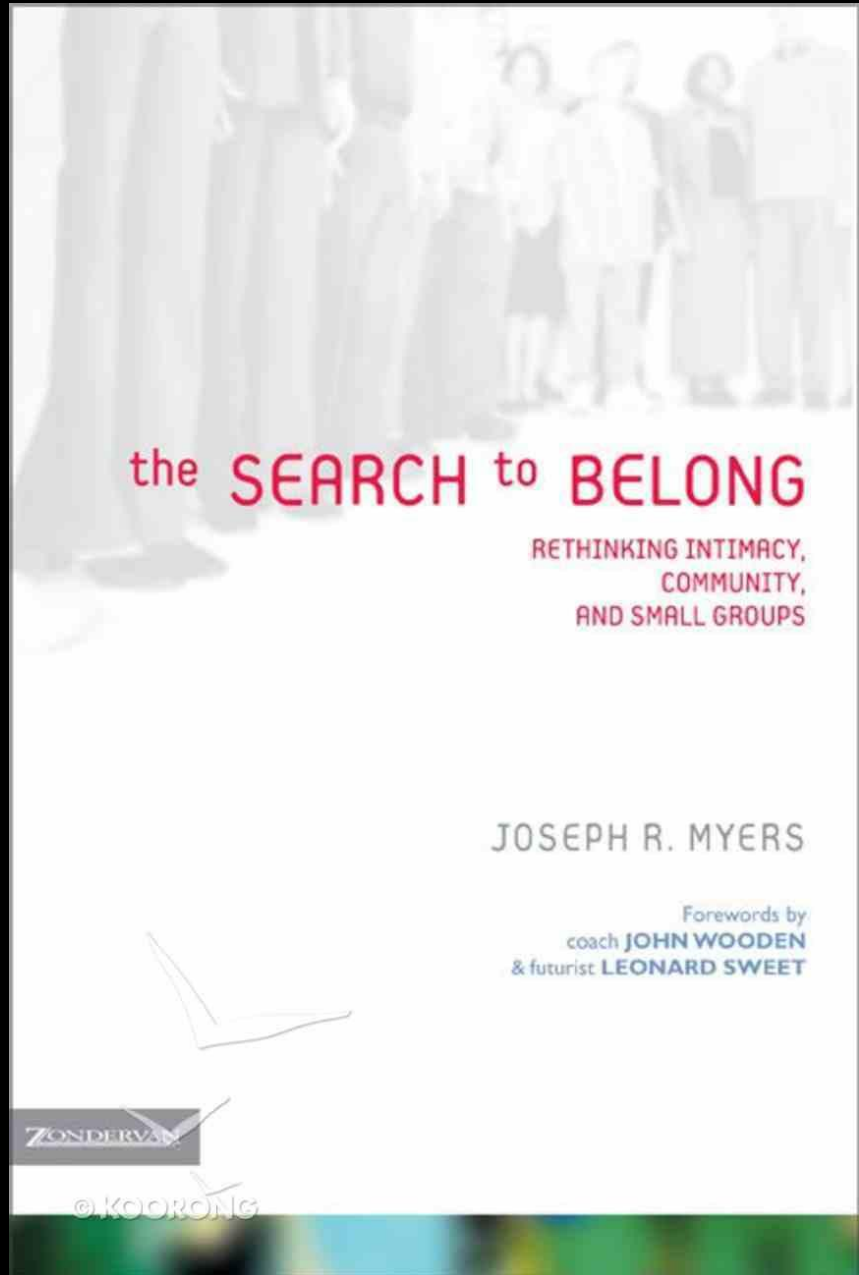
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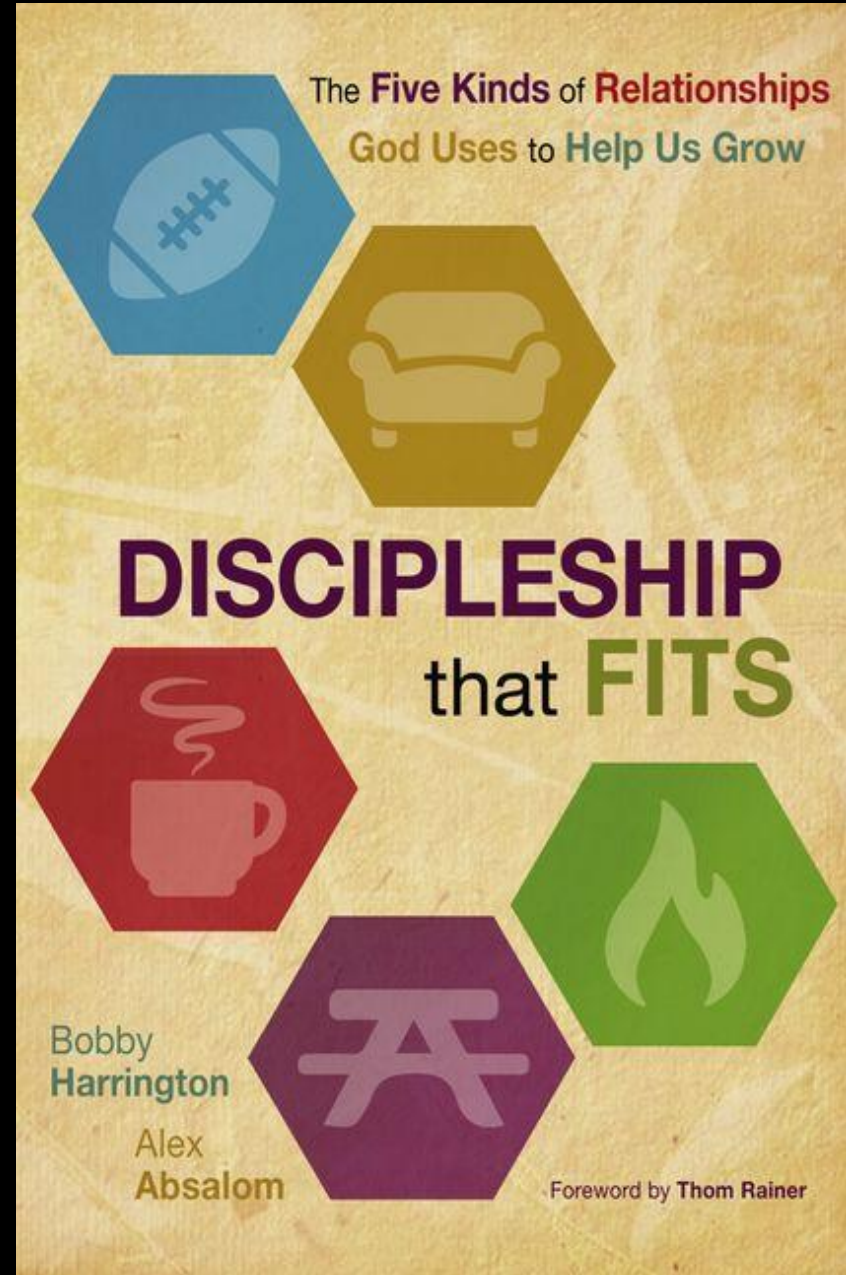
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3. BELONGING

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Have a strong sense of belonging



Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church





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