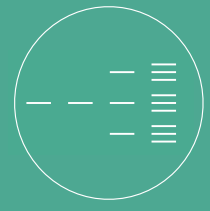


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We will DEPEND on...	We will UTILIZE	but NOT DEPEND on...
God's Word		Buildings
Prayer		Programs
The Holy Spirit		Paid Staff
Relationships		Worship Services

When we get to moments of deep disorientation, we often try to reorient around old ways of doing things.

We go back to what we know how to do.

We keep canoeing even though there is no river. p. 92 CtM

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1 Thes. 2:1-8



Church: Brethren Beloved By God

Equipping: Example Imitator

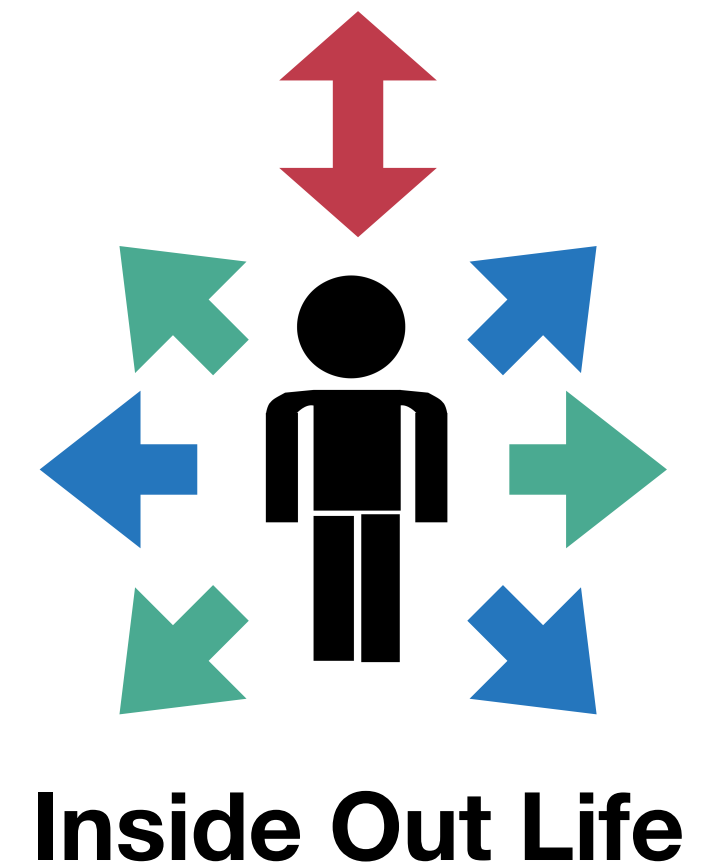
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We intentionally move toward people. v. 1-2

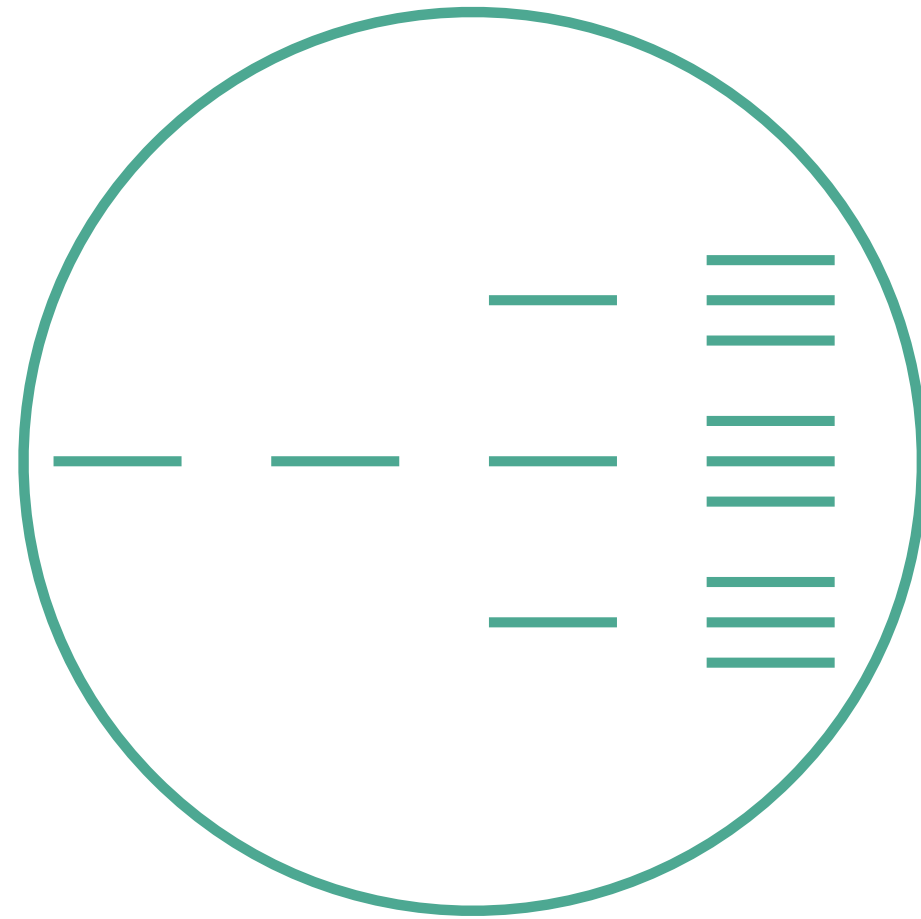
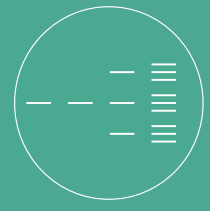
We **share the gospel** for God's glory. v. 3-4

We are ALL **called to please God**. v. 5-6

We **share our lives** and **care for one another**. v. 7-8



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A Body of Believers

intentionally

**Following the Holy Spirit &
Proclaiming Christ to ALL People**

RELATIONSHIPS: We Em**BODY** Jesus' **HEART** for relationships.

PRAYER: We **DEVOTE** ourselves to prayer & dependency.

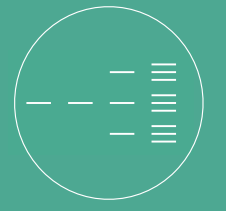
THE BIBLE: We **PROCLAIM** the truth of God's Word urgently.

RADICAL OBEDIENCE: We **WORSHIP** thru radical obedience.

GLOBAL MISSIONS: We **SERVE** people locally & globally.

DISCIPLEMAKING: We **MATURE** while we **MULTIPLY**.

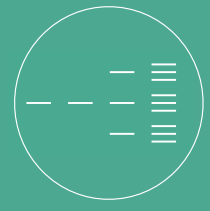
Church: Brethren Beloved By God



1 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul and Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy,
To the **church** of the Thessalonians in God the **Father** and the
Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and **peace**.

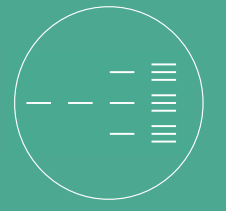
2 We give thanks to God always for **all of you**, making mention of
you in our **prayers**; 3 **constantly bearing in mind** your work
of **faith** and labor of **love** and steadfastness of **hope** in our **Lord**
Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and **Father**, 4 knowing,
brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; 5 for our **gospel**
did not come to you in word only, but also in **power** and in **the**
Holy Spirit and with **full conviction**; just as you know what kind
of men we **proved to be** among you for your sake.

Equipping: Example Imitator



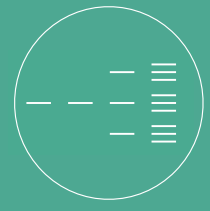
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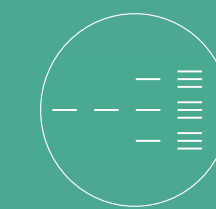
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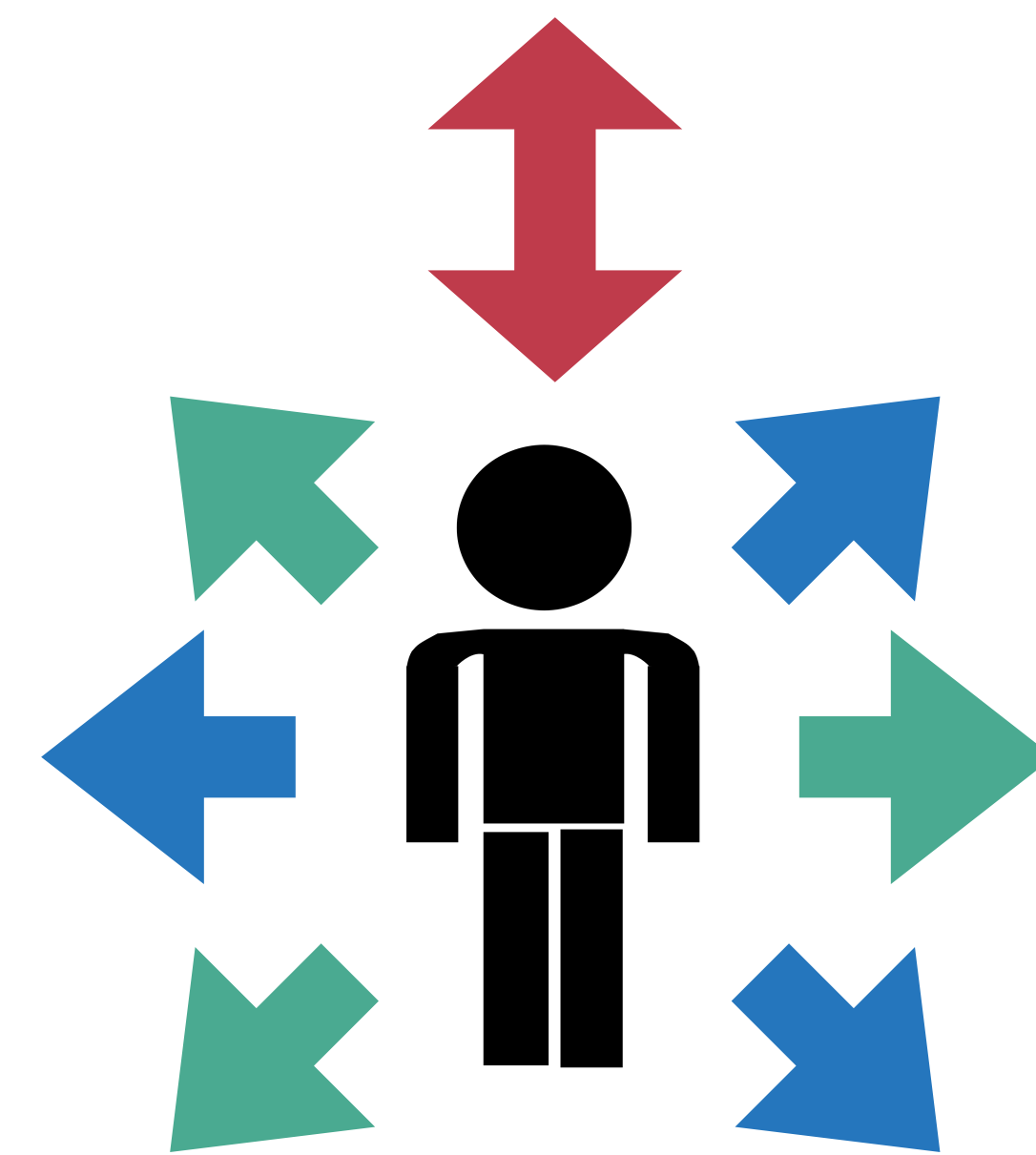


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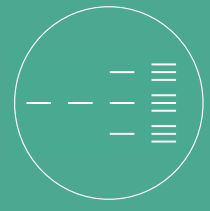
Real Church Growth is Powered by the **Gospel**,
NOT relevance. Future Church

We are a **church family on mission...**
mobilized members.



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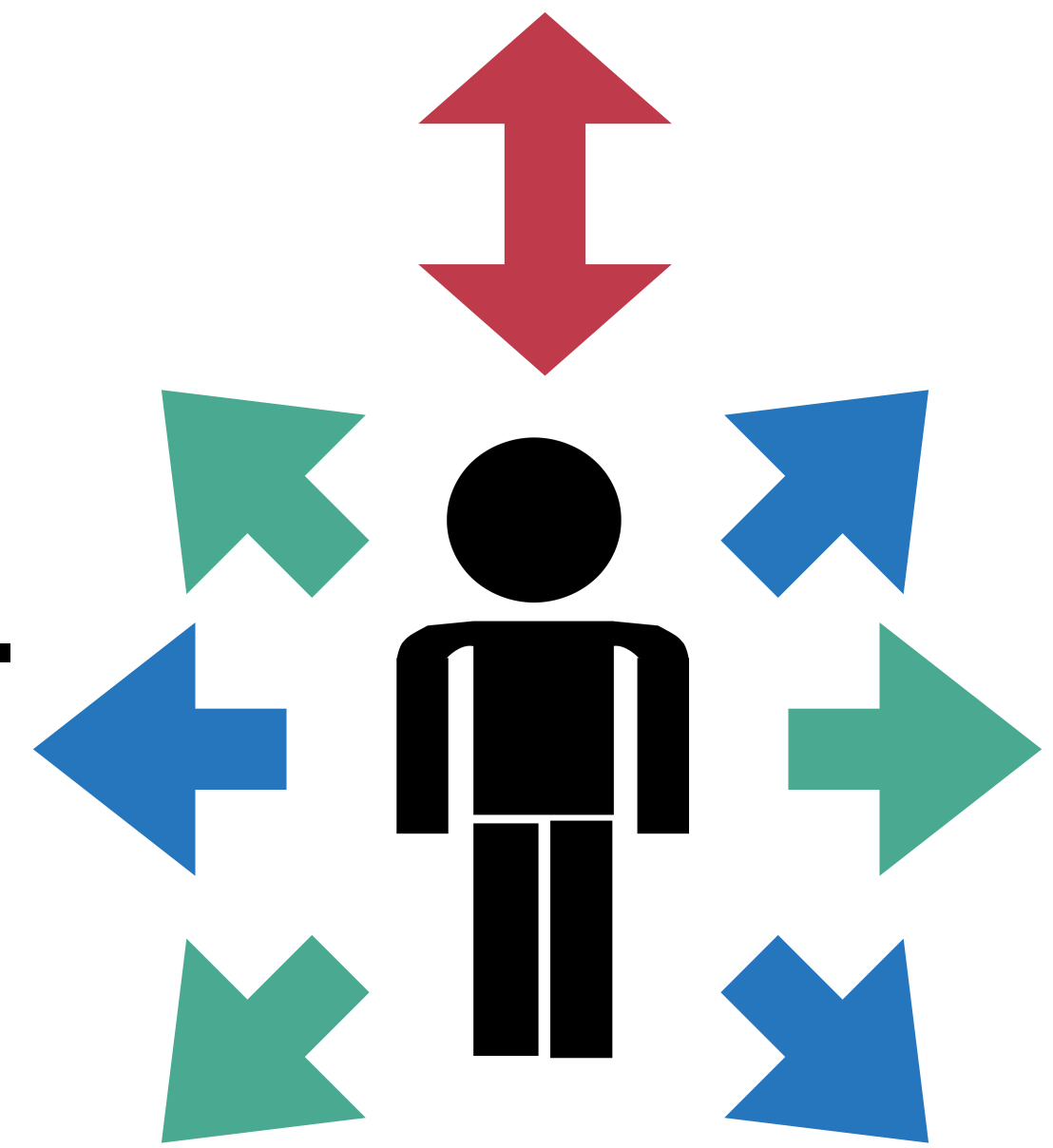
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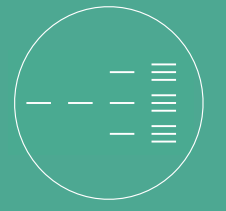
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Missions is making disciples where there are no or few disciples...(to the ends of the earth).



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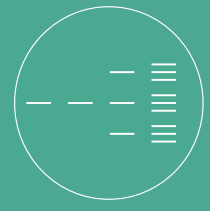
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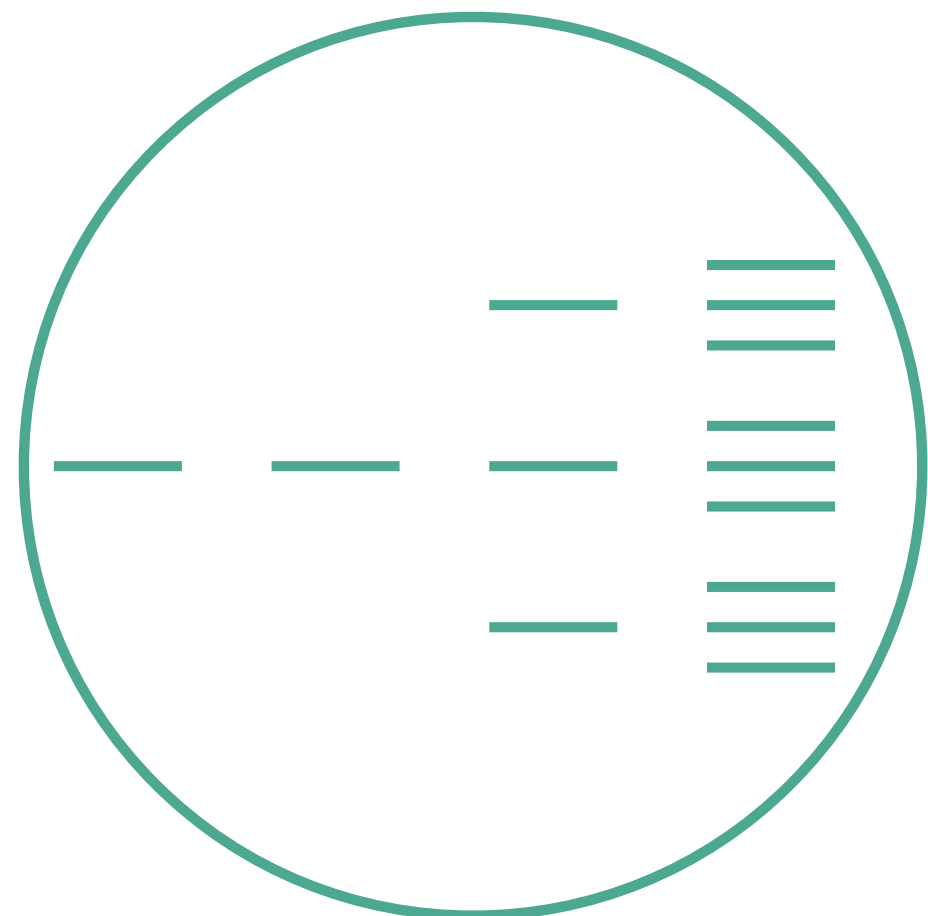
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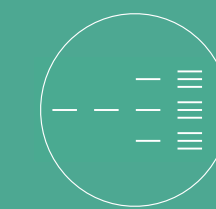
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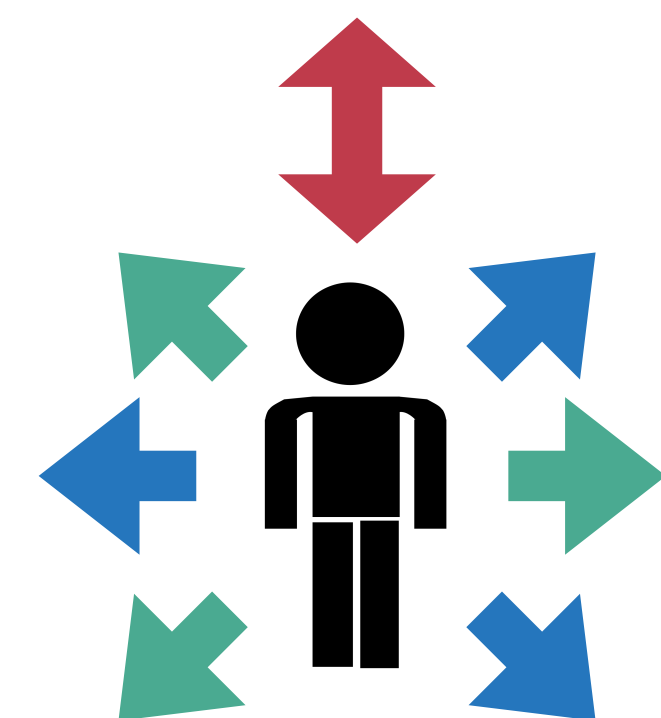
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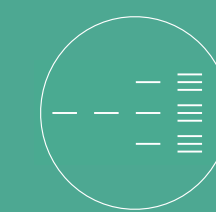
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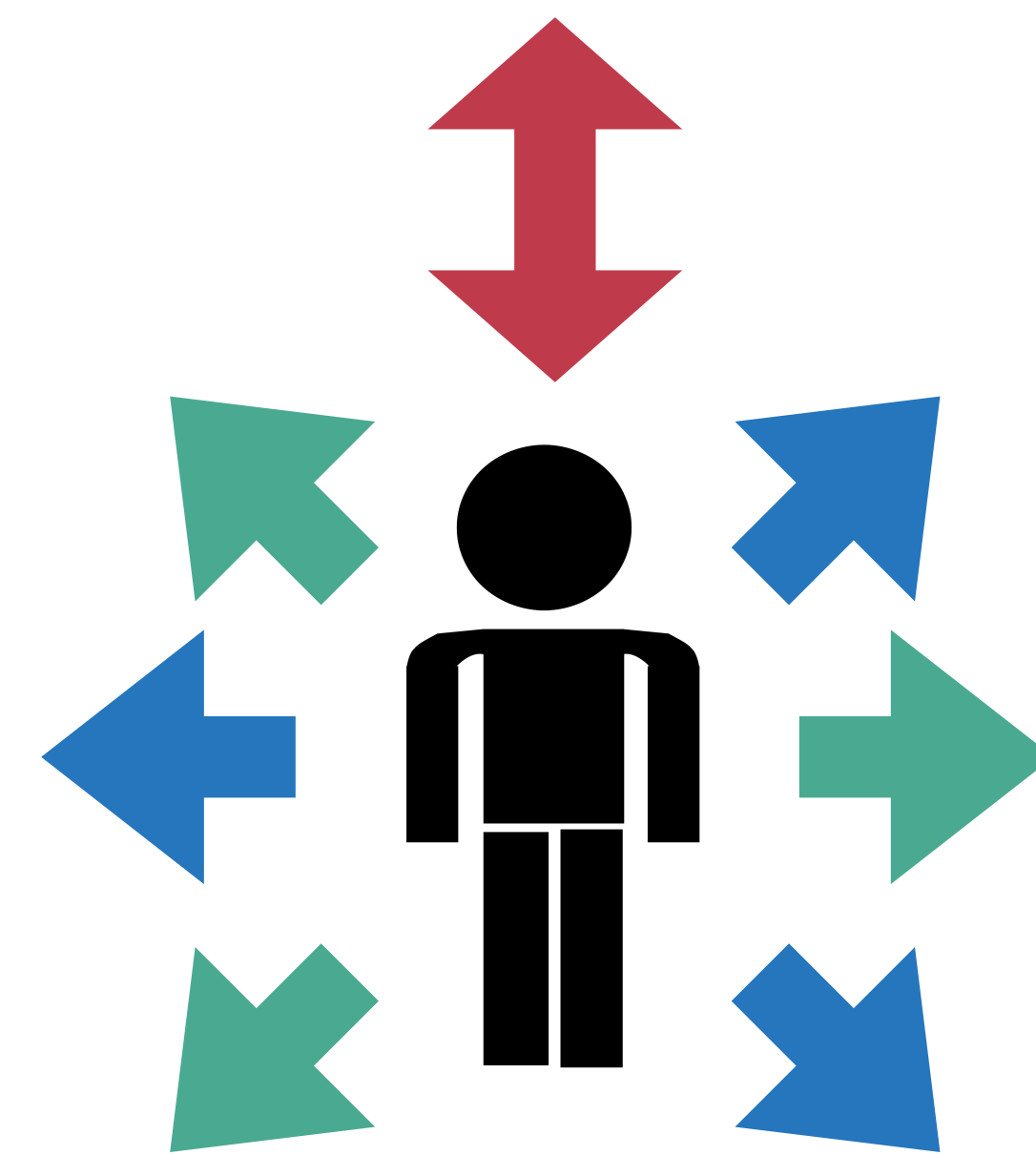


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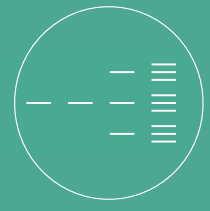
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Once we have been **entrusted with the gospel**, we **share our lives** and **care for one another**.

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I will do my best to:



**ROYAL
AMBASSADORS**

- Become a **well-informed, responsible follower of Christ**
- Have a Christ-like concern for all people
- Learn how to carry the message of Christ around the world
- Work with others in sharing Christ
- Keep myself clean and healthy in mind and body

Modeling – Practice – Evaluation – Accountability