

# Imagine a better future as you are **BECOMING** one who **Equips Kingdom Citizens**

Satan (The Tempter) loves to separate us...

from our ...work of **faith**

from our ...labor of **love**

from our ...steadfastness of **hope**

*Surrendering*

*Abiding*

*Worshiping*

*Gathering*

*Equipping*

*Loving*

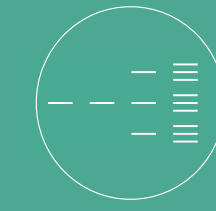
*Living Sent*

*Inviting Along*

*Proclaiming Christ*



# God's: Fellow Workers



The value of a church is not in its longevity but in its love.  
The success of a church is not in its size but in its service  
to the people and the community.

We are a people founded by a person who never established  
a church or built a building or led a finance campaign  
to build impressive buildings.

Our leader just came and served and then died for the good  
of others.

I suppose that would be a pretty good mission statement  
for a church, but one I am not likely to see:

“We exist to serve others and then die, just like our Founder.”

James Bryan Smith, The Good and Beautiful Community

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1 Thes. 3:1-5



Charged: To Walk Worthy

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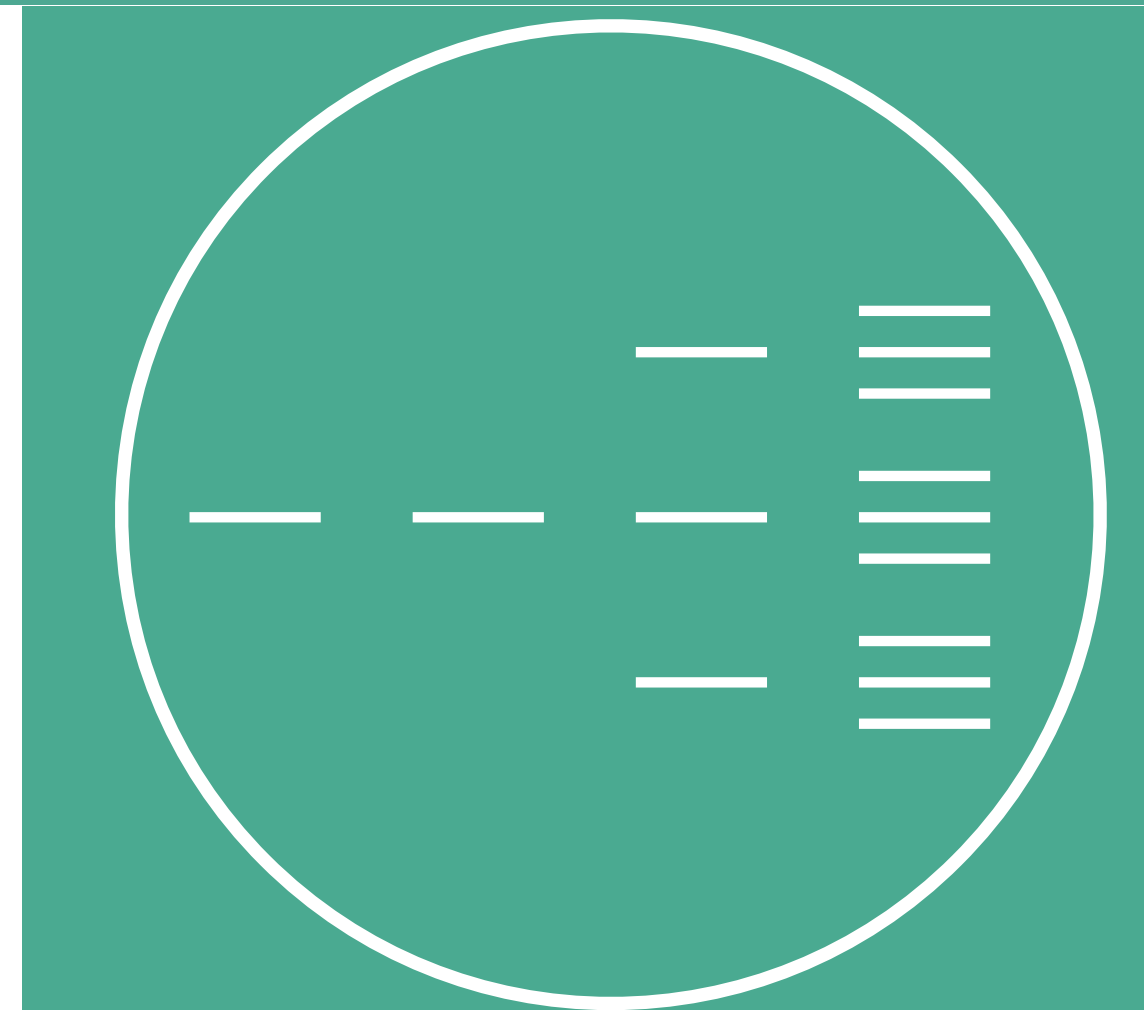
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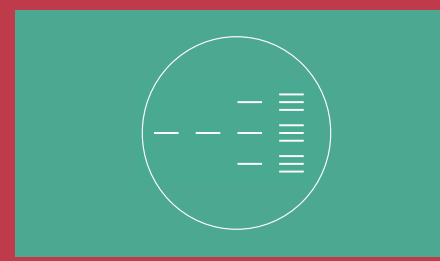
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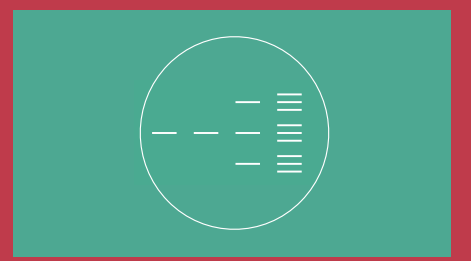


# Charged: To Walk Worthy



1 Thessalonians 2:9 For you recall, **brethren**, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. **10** You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you **believers**; **11** just as you know how we were **exhorting** and **encouraging** and **imploring** each one of you as a father would his own **children**, **12** so that you would **walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you** into His own kingdom and glory.

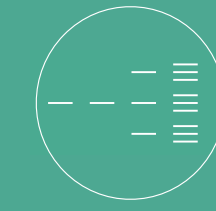
# The Word of God: at work in you



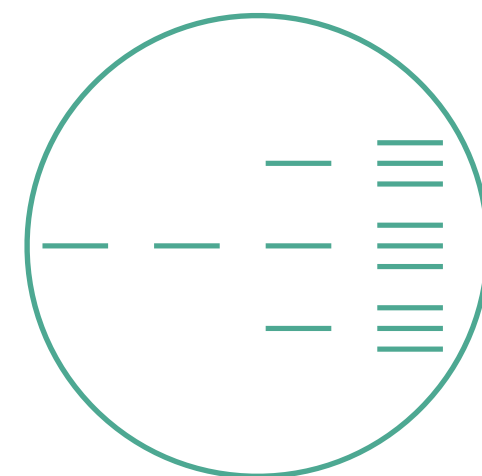
1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when **you received the word of God** which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the word of God, which also performs its work in you** who believe.

**14** For **you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God** in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for **you also endured the same sufferings** at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, **15** who both **killed** the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but **hostile** to all men, **16** hindering us from **speaking to the Gentiles** so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But **wrath** has come upon them to the utmost.

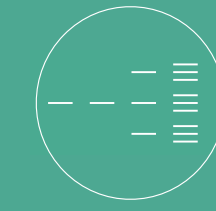
# Brethren: you are our joy



1 Thessalonians 2:17 But we, **brethren**, having been taken away from you for a short while—in person, not in spirit—were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. 18 For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet Satan hindered us. 19 For **who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation?** Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20 For **you are our glory and joy.**



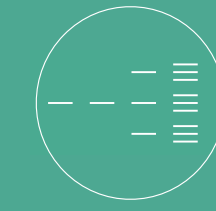
# God's: Fellow Workers



1 Thes. **3:1** Therefore **when we could endure *it* no longer**, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, **2** and we sent Timothy, our **brother** and **God's fellow worker** in the gospel of Christ, to **strengthen** and **encourage** you as to **your faith**, **3** so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. **4** For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know. **5** For this reason, **when I could endure *it* no longer**, I also sent to find out about **your faith**, for fear that **the tempter** might have tempted you, and our **labor** would be in vain.



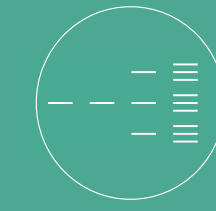
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A different time Timothy was sent (to Corinth):

1 Corinthians 4:14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to **admonish** you as **my beloved children**. 15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, **for in Christ Jesus I became your father** through the gospel. 16 Therefore I **exhort** you, **be imitators of me**. 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is **my beloved and faithful child** in the Lord, and **he will remind you of my ways** which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every **church**.

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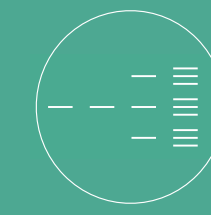


1 Thes. 3:2 and we sent Timothy, our **brother** and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to **strengthen** and **encourage** you as to **your faith**,

Philippians 4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in **harmony** in the Lord. 3 Indeed, **true companion**, I ask you also to help these women who have **shared** my struggle in the cause of the gospel, **together** with Clement also and the rest of my **fellow workers**, whose names are in the book of life.

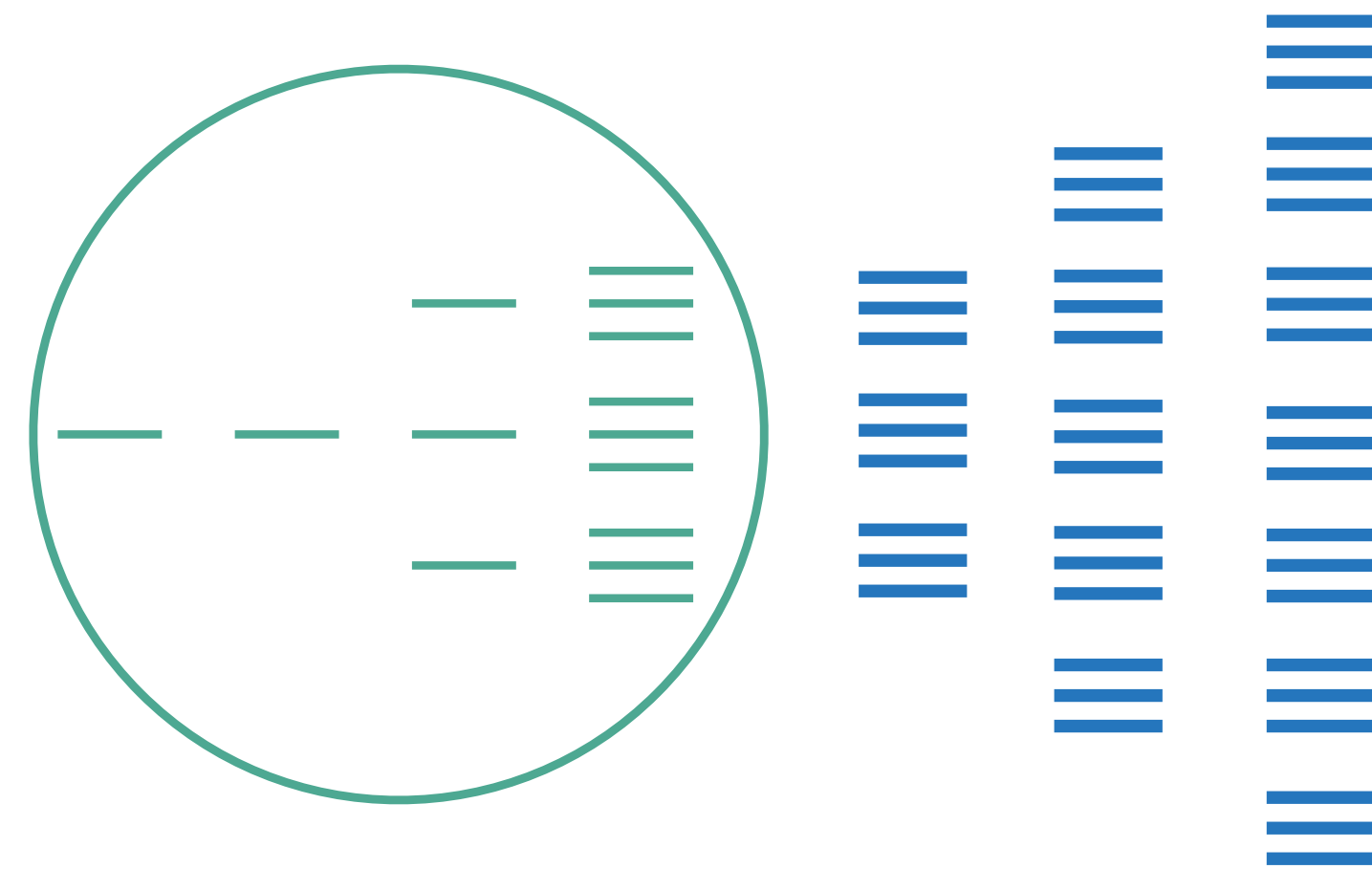
Fellow Workers (**Synergy**: cooperation of two or more people/organizations to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects)

# God's: Fellow Workers



ReFocus Vision Team → Equips Fellow Workers so that CCBC Fellow Workers → Equip Kingdom Citizens

In 2020, join me in praying that we “Remove the Mission Fog” so that as “Fellow Workers” we can build on unity and see “organizational clarity.”



Stages of Alignment (Will Mancini)

Confusion → Communication → Coordination → Collaboration

# Imagine a better future as you are **BECOMING** one who **Equips Kingdom Citizens**

Be one who  
**Works and Labors to**  
**Strengthen and Encourage,**  
**Concerned for Others' Faith**

Don't be one who is  
**Unwilling or Misdirected or**  
**Separated from God's Plan for Us**

Serve Others (and then die)

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