

grow together



A Community Becoming Like Jesus

Fellowship Mosaic

All Are Broken
All Matter
One Gets The Glory



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Purpose | To Glorify God

 *A Community Becoming Like Jesus*



Vision

To change the heart and soul of
Northwest Arkansas and the world



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Mission

To produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world



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grow
together

learn *together*
worship *together*
gather *together*
serve *together*
make disciples *together*



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grow + make disciples *together*



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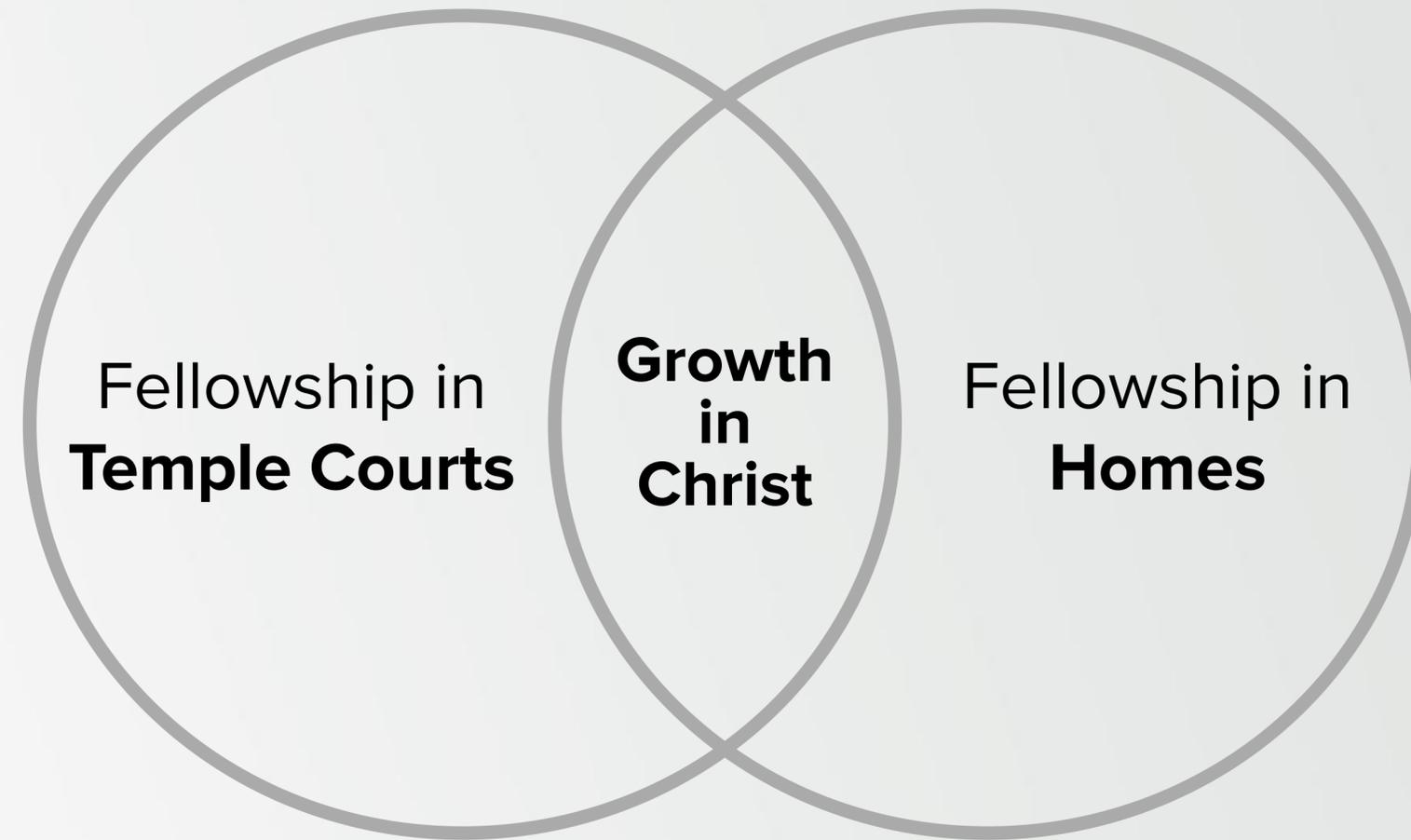
Growth in the Early Church

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV



Early Church Pattern for Christlikeness



**Has this been your
experience of the Church?**



How did we get here?

consumerism: a focus on meeting all my wants and preferences

individualism: a focus on “me and God” not “we and God”

evangelism: a focus on producing converts, not disciples



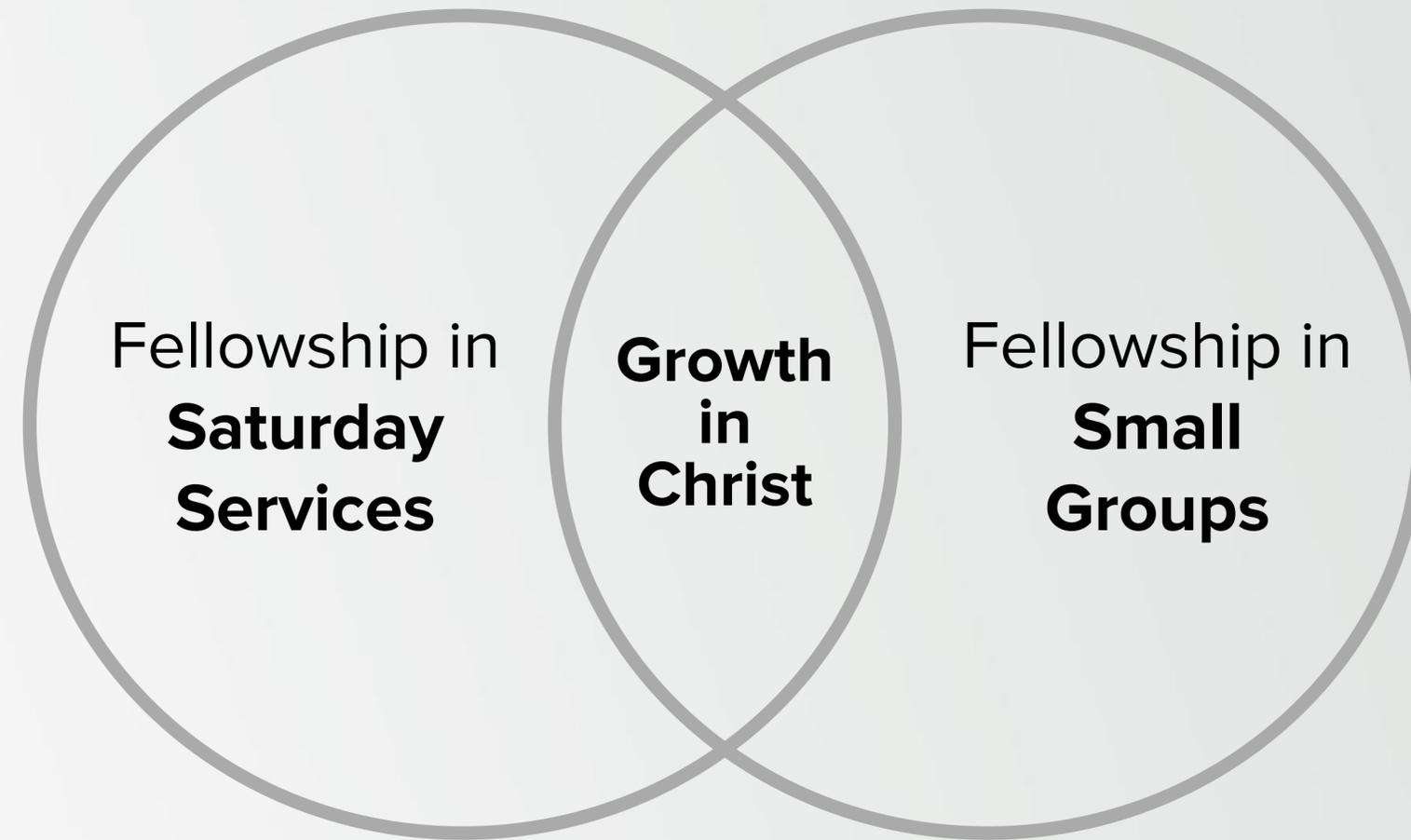
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I have come to feel that the primary reality of which we have to take account in seeking for a Christian impact on public life is the Christian congregation... I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.

LESSLIE NEWBIGIN | *THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALIST SOCIETY*



Fellowship Mosaic Patterns for Christlikeness



spiritual leader:
a maturing **disciple**
with a ministry focus

disciple (*mathetes*):

noun: a follower/learner/apprentice of Jesus

verb: being with and becoming like Jesus
being with other followers of Jesus

inviting every tribe, tongue, and nation to join in following Jesus



Vision for Small Groups: Discipleship

CONNECTION

Holy Friendship Huddle

high connection
low mission

Disciple-Making Community

high connection
high mission

Sunday School Class

low connection
low mission

Isolated Lonely Evangelist

low connection
high mission

MISSION



disciple- making communities

connection: relationship with God and one another based on Gospel

conviction: devoted to growing in and living by God's Word

commitment: to live life with and for one another on the journey with God

commission: to be a blessing to our neighborhoods, work places, cities, and world



Grow Together: Spiritual Leaders in Small Groups

**Christlike
Spiritual
Leaders**

+

**People
Longing to
Become
Christlike**

=

**Disciple-Making
Community**
connection, conviction,
commitment, commission



“ The gospel call invites us to apprentice ourselves to Jesus, become pilgrims along the compassionate way, and journey deeper together into the heart and life of God. In our contemporary setting, however, Christians often look more like bustling tourists than faithful pilgrims patiently engaged upon an eternal pilgrimage into Divine Love. Countless people today make periodic excursions into the spiritual supermarket in pursuit of a novel offer, but few seem willing to sign up as pilgrims in the lifelong adventure of discipleship.

TREVOR HUDSON | *A MILE IN MY SHOES*



“One Another”
communal practices of
becoming like Jesus

be devoted to one another Romans 12:10

have mutual concern for one another 1 Corinthians 12:25

serve one another Galatians 5:13

carry the burdens of one another Galatians 6:2

honor one another Romans 12:10

encourage one another 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:13

bear patiently with one another Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13

be kind and compassionate to one another Ephesians 4:32

confess sins to one another James 5:16



“One Another”
communal practices of
becoming like Jesus

forgive one another Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

show hospitality to one another 1 Peter 4:9

accept/receive one another Romans 15:7

submit to one another Ephesians 5:21

treat one another as more important than one's self Philippians 2:3

spur on one another to love and good works Hebrews 10:24

instruct and exhort one another Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16

love one another John 13:34; 15:12,17; Romans 13:8; 1 Peter 1:22;
1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11:2; John 15:2



“One Another”
communal practices of
becoming like Jesus

wait for one another in worship 1 Corinthians 11:33

show humility toward one another 1 Peter 5:5

pursue what is good for one another 1 Thessalonians 5:15

build up one another Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

live in harmony and unity with one another Romans 12:16; 15:5

follow Jesus' example of “washing the feet” of one another John 13:14

speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

warmly greet one another Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2

Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14



Holy Covenant Fellowship with God and Each Other

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may **have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**

1 John 1:1-3 NIV

