

PRAYER of LAMENT

Lord, you who bring all our endings to a good end,
we grieve with those who grieve this year,
with all its irreparable losses, traumatic memories,
unfair outcomes, and many deaths, and we ask that you
would console them with your healing presence,
so that they might not be afraid or alone in their hour of need.
We pray this in the name of the Comforter.
Amen.

- David O. Taylor

PRAYER of PRAISE

Lord, you who bring all things to a good end,
we rejoice with all who rejoice: for the babies born,
the projects completed, the things discovered, the creativity
unleashed, the beauty shared, the relationships mended,
the bodies healed, the dangers faced, the milestones achieved,
and we thank you for your faithful provision.
We pray this in the name of the Good Giver.

Amen.

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Behind & Ahead



**How have we grown
together?**

**How will we grow
together?**



grow
together

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

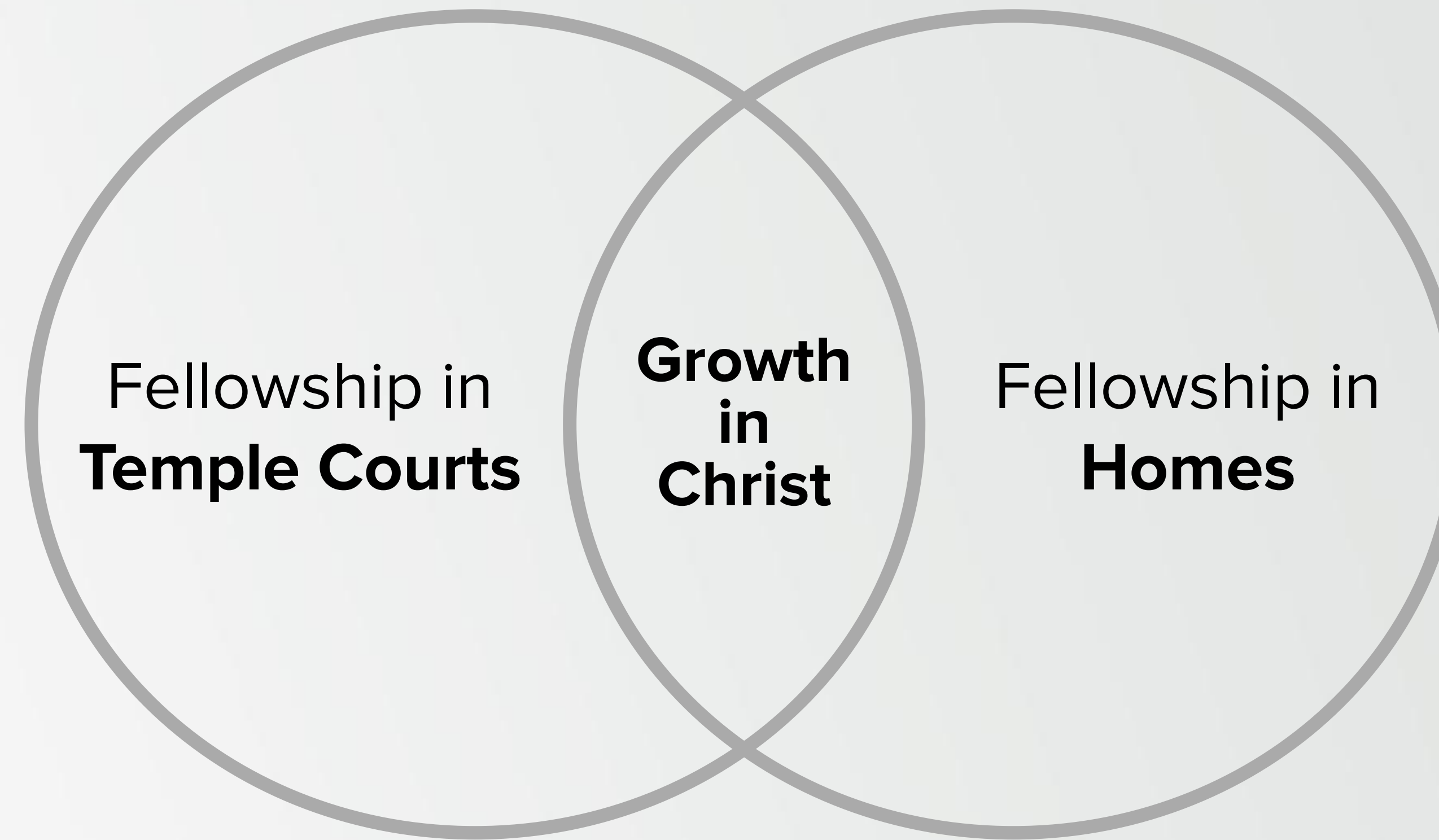


Acts 2:42-47 NIV

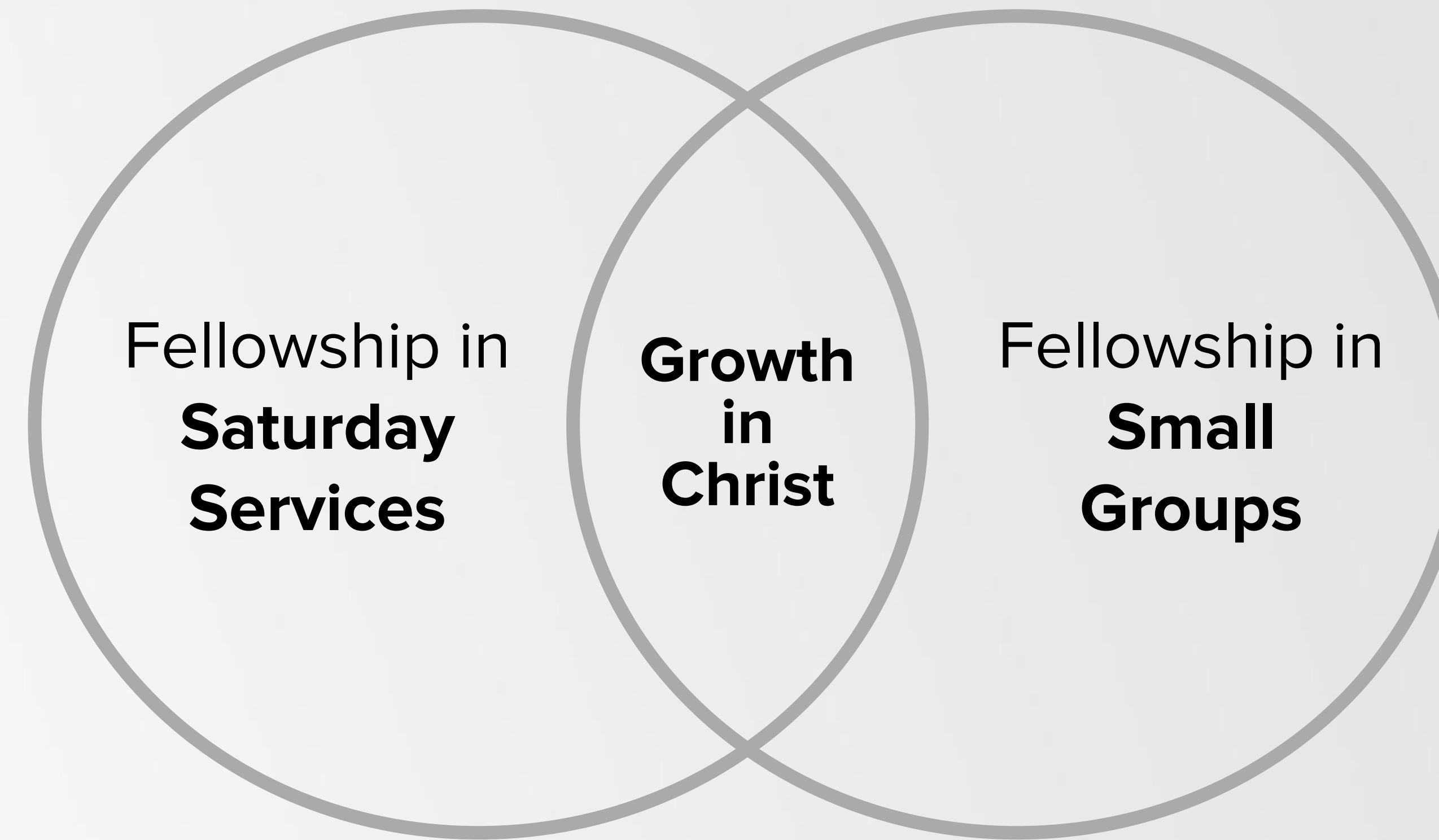
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions 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.



Early Church Pattern



Fellowship Mosaic Pattern



JONAH



RUTH



JOHN



John 20:30-31 NIV

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



A Study of

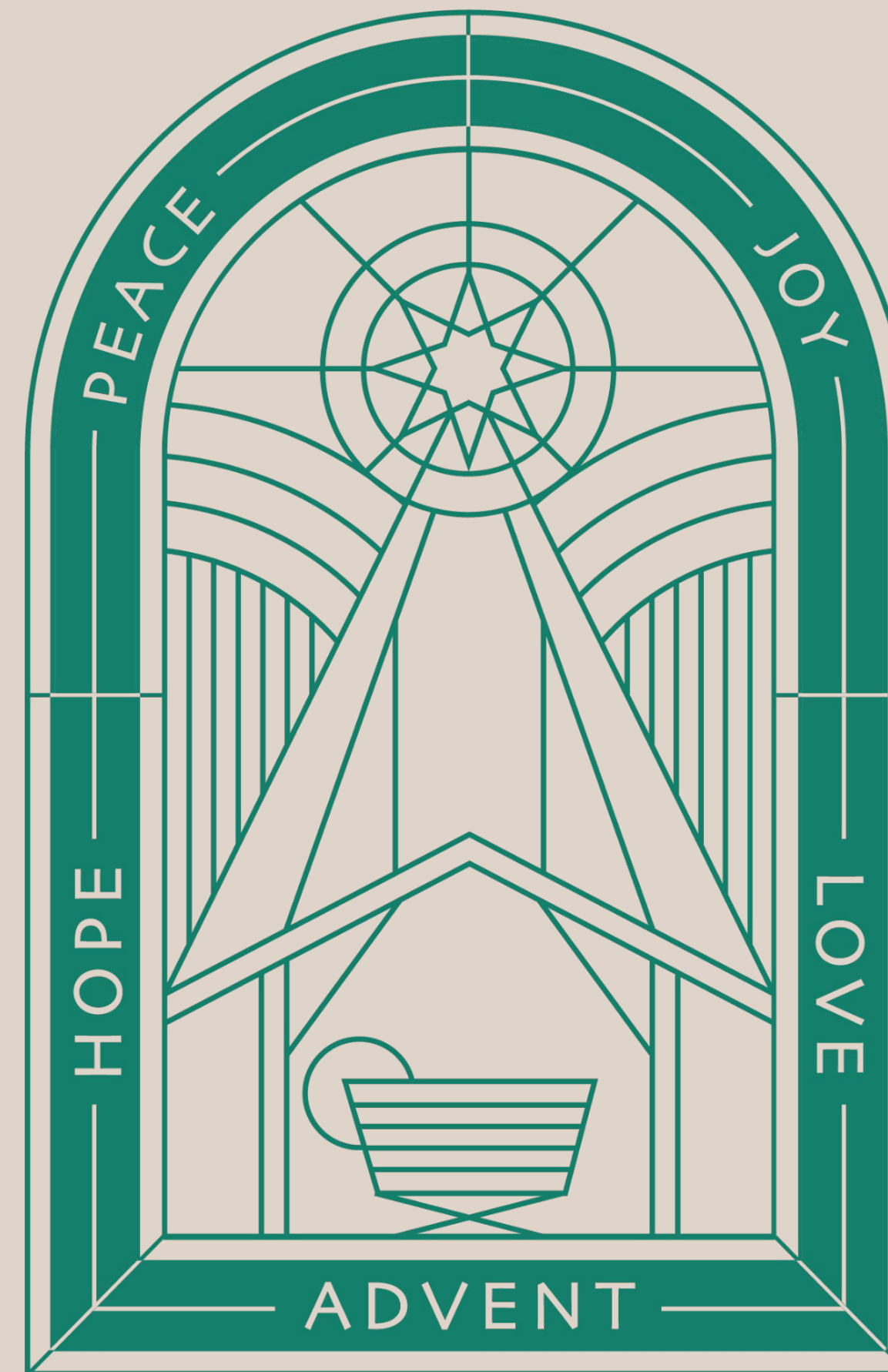
Ephesians

God's New Humanity

¹⁻³ The **Heavenly Calling** of the Church

⁴⁻⁶ The **Earthly Conduct** of the Church





2023

How We Will Grow Together

Jan-Mar	Apr-May	May-Jul	Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec
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**5 characteristics
predictive of spiritual
health in adult children**

“Nothing Less”, Jana Magruder

read the bible
time in prayer
serve in church
listen to Christian music
cross-cultural missions



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Fellowship Mosaic

All Are Broken
All Matter
One Gets The Glory



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When we practice many of the spiritual disciplines or practices we are choosing weakness over strength. When we fast, or observe Sabbath, or tithe, or simplify our lives, we are intentionally diminishing ourselves and our resources to lead us into greater dependence on and faith in God. We believe that God can do more with 90% of my money than I can with 100%. We believe God can accomplish more in 6 days than I can in 7. We believe we can find more strength in depriving ourselves of food and filling ourselves with Christ than we can by eating. We are choosing to believe and act in faith on God's promise that “My strength is made perfect in [your] weakness.”

- James Forelines

