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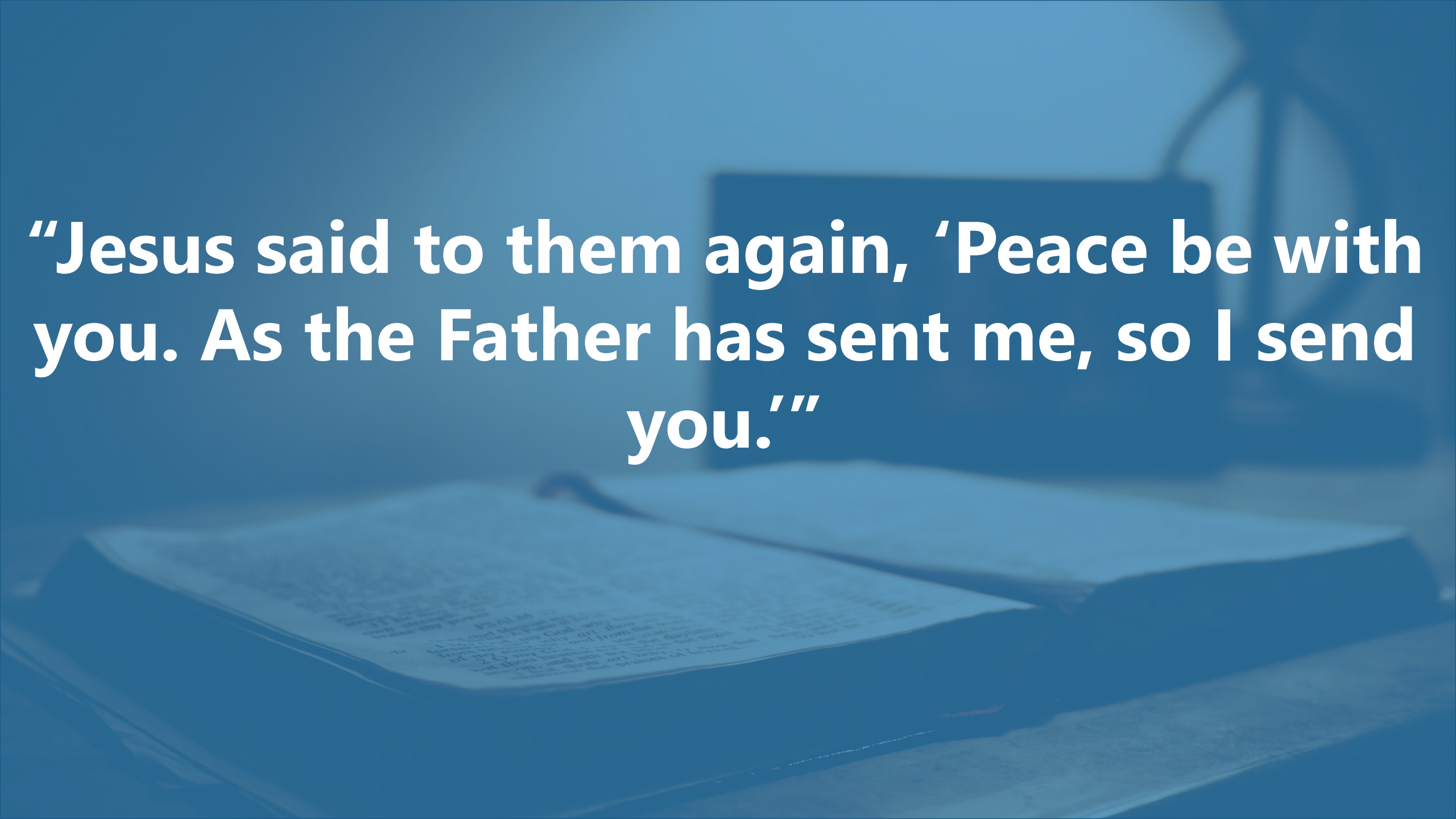


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comments:**

1. Name/where you're from/
2. 1 thing you hope to leave with

# John 20:21 (NRSV)



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**“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”**

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# Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and **SENT** them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way.

**Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)**

See, I am **SENDING** you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

**Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)**

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

**Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)**





**If all we are doing is what we do now,  
even if we do it well...**

**WHO WILL WE MISS?**





*The first task of a leader is to paint an accurate picture of reality.*



2005



2013



*2019: iPhone Xs Max*



*2007: Apple iPhone*

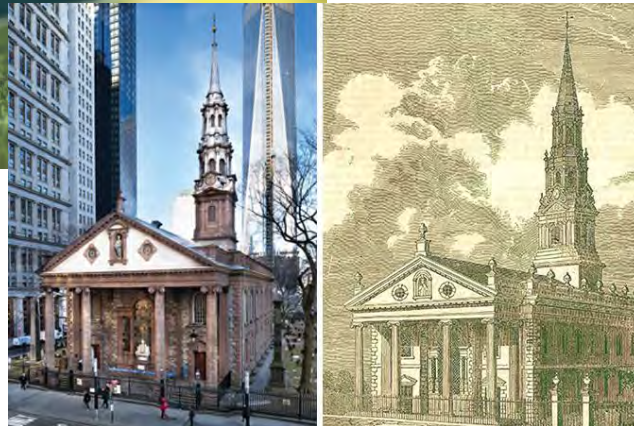


**Being perfectly  
prepared for a world  
that no longer exists?**



**Kind Learning Environments:** Patterns repeat consistently, feedback is accurate and rapid.

(Deliberative practice, instinctive pattern recognition, narrow, repetitive experience... needed for mastery)



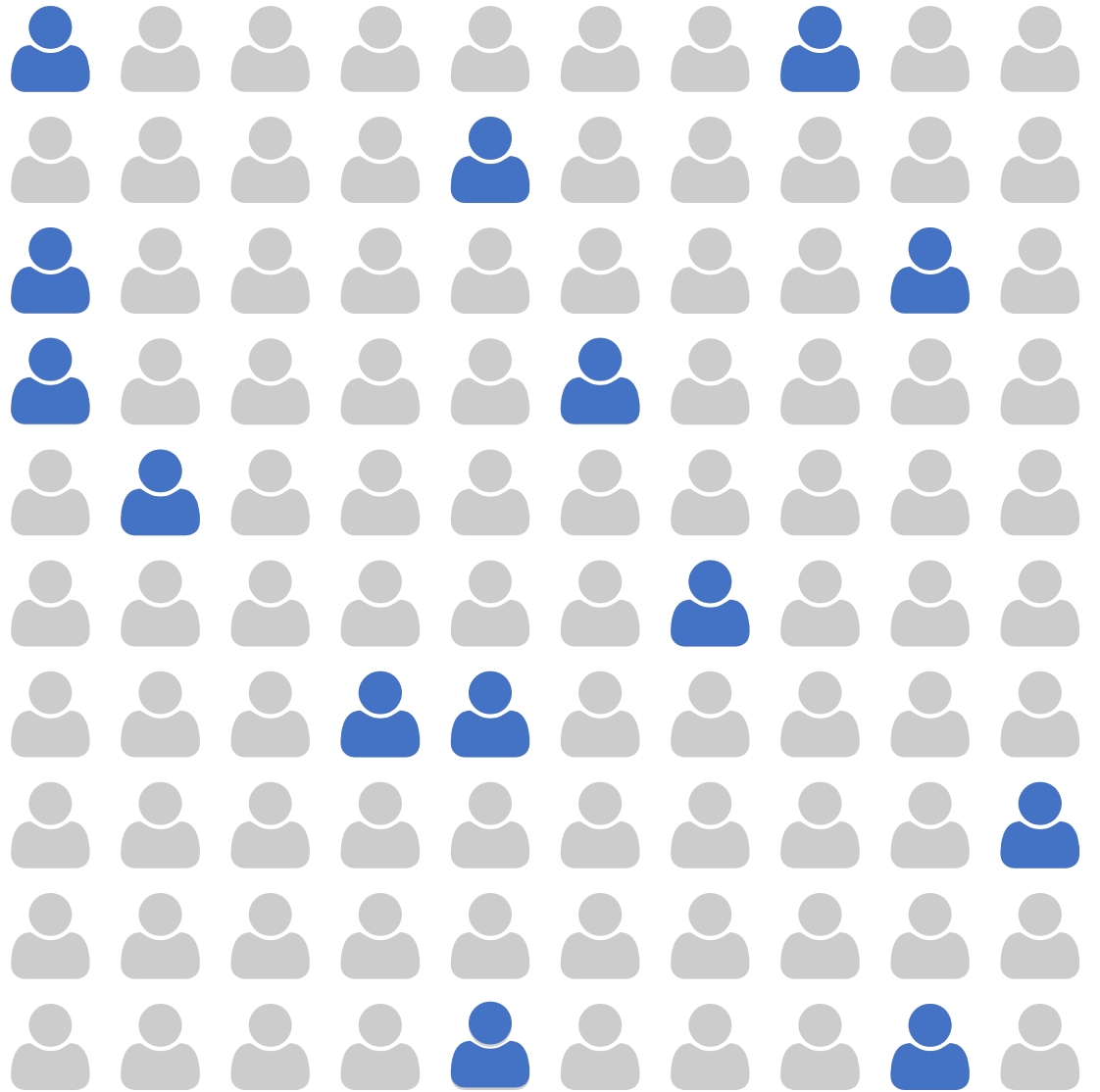
**Wicked Learning Environments:** May not include repetitive patterns, rules of the game are unclear, status quo changes, feedback is often delayed, inaccurate, or both.

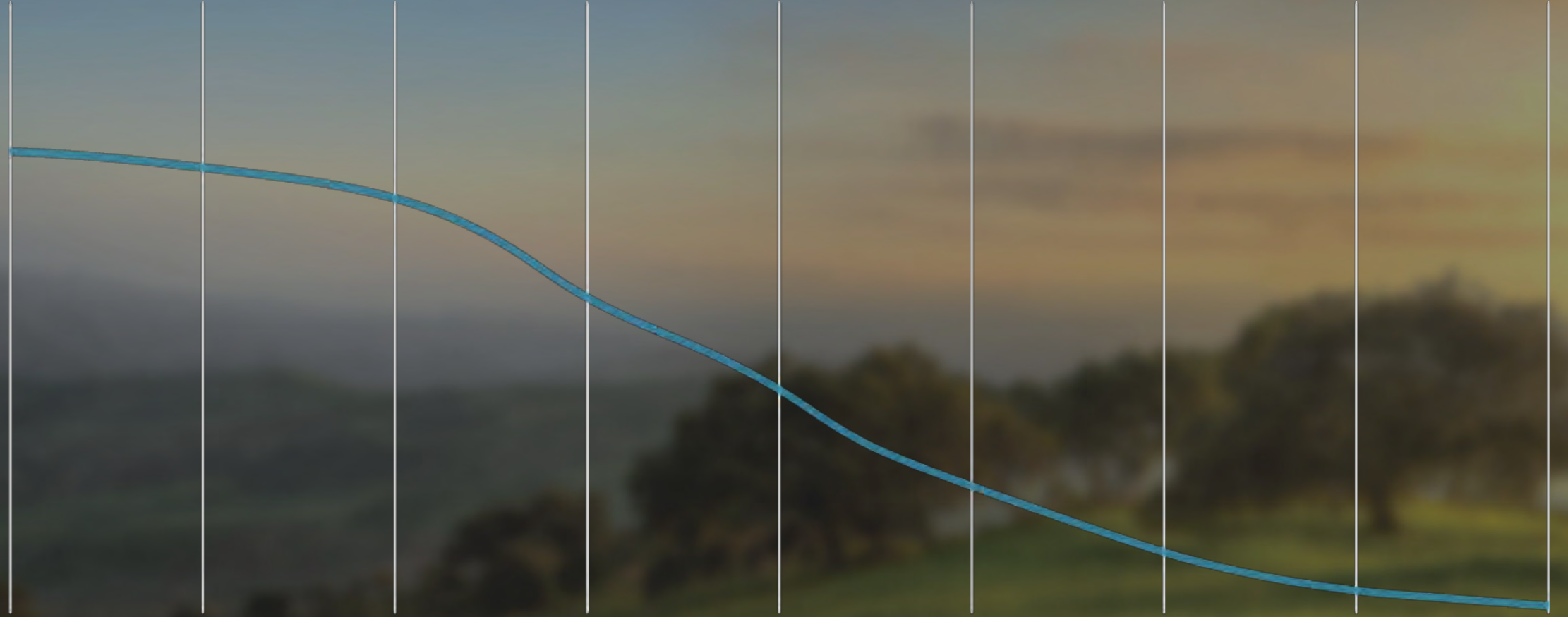
(Range of skills, applying knowledge from one pursuit creatively to another, adaptation, outside experience... needed for mastery)



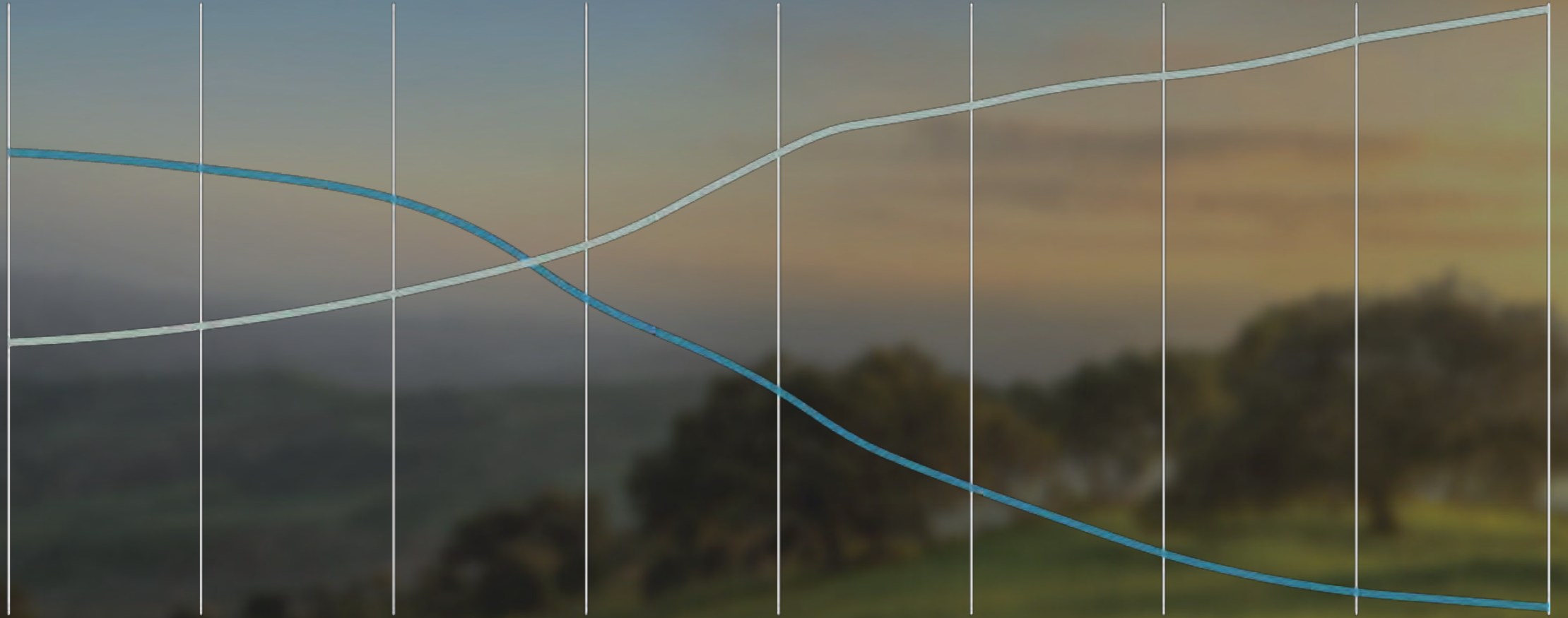


# The 60/40 problem





DECLINE IN AFFILIATION



**DECLINE IN AFFILIATION**  
**RISE IN SPIRITUALITY**





**Desperation:**

**the seedbed of innovation !**

# A FRESH EXPRESSION IS...

A FORM OF CHURCH  
FOR OUR CHANGING  
CULTURE

*established primarily for the  
benefit of people who are not yet  
members of any church.*



# A FRESH EXPRESSION...

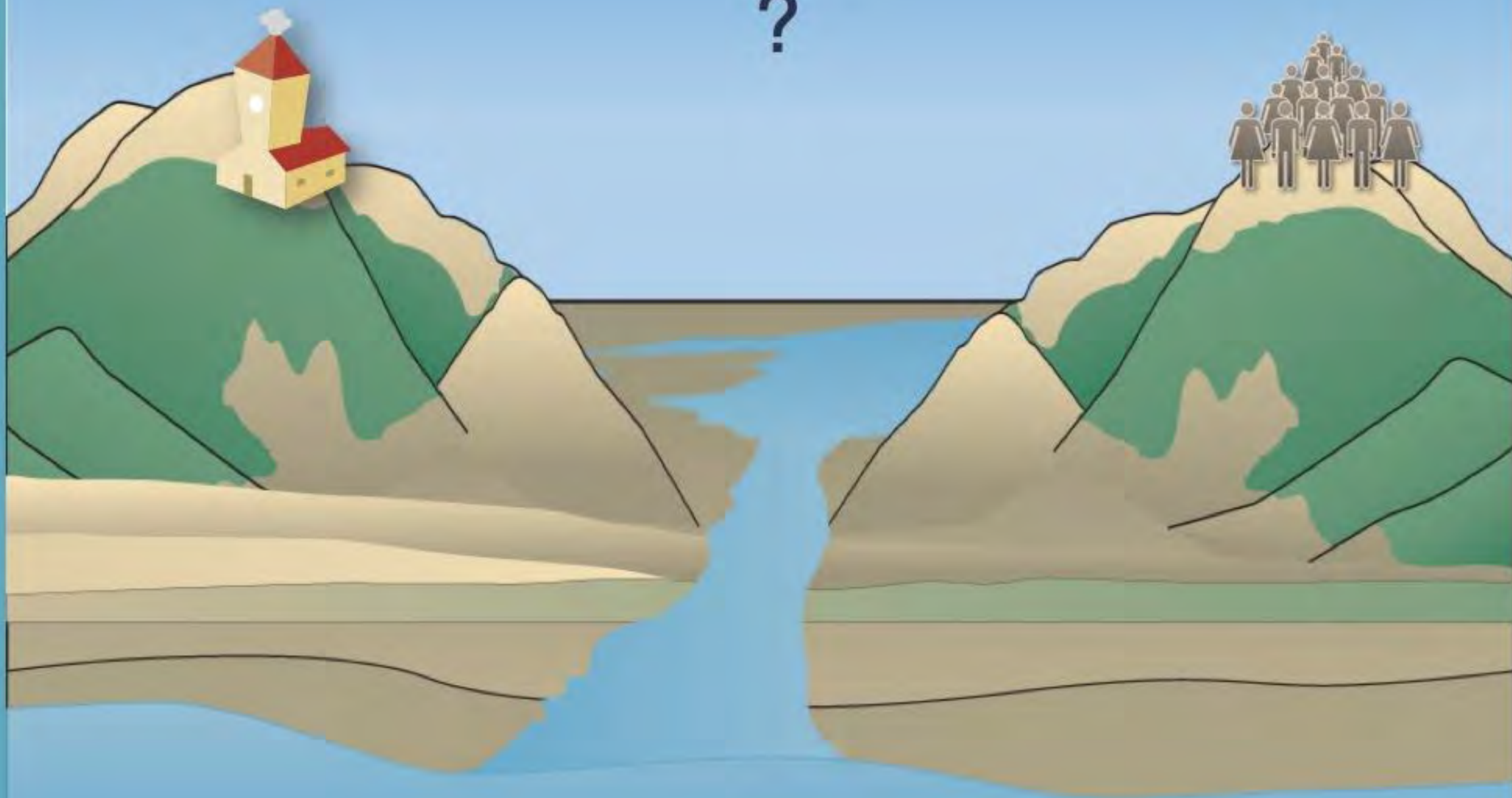
*...will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples.*

*...will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.*

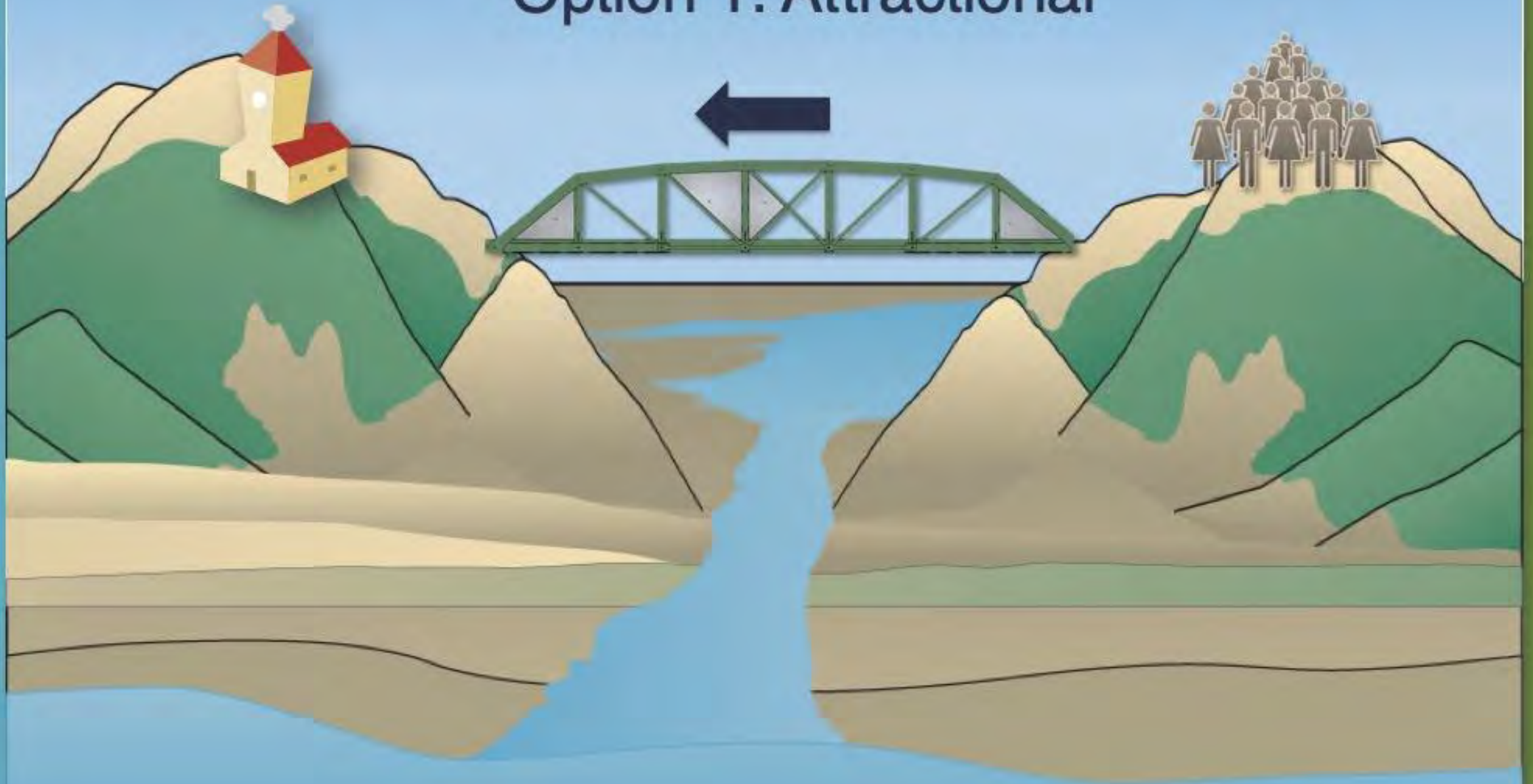




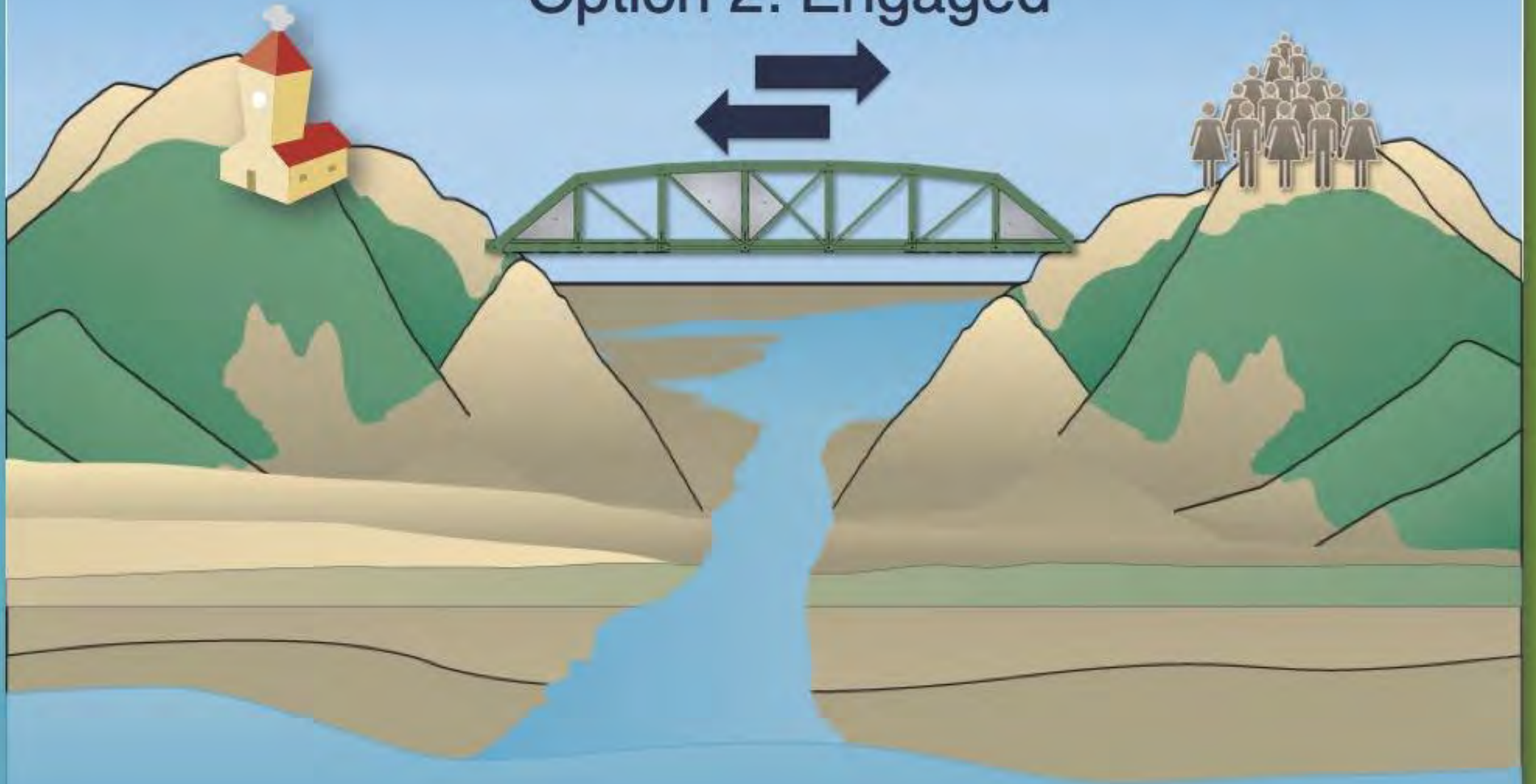
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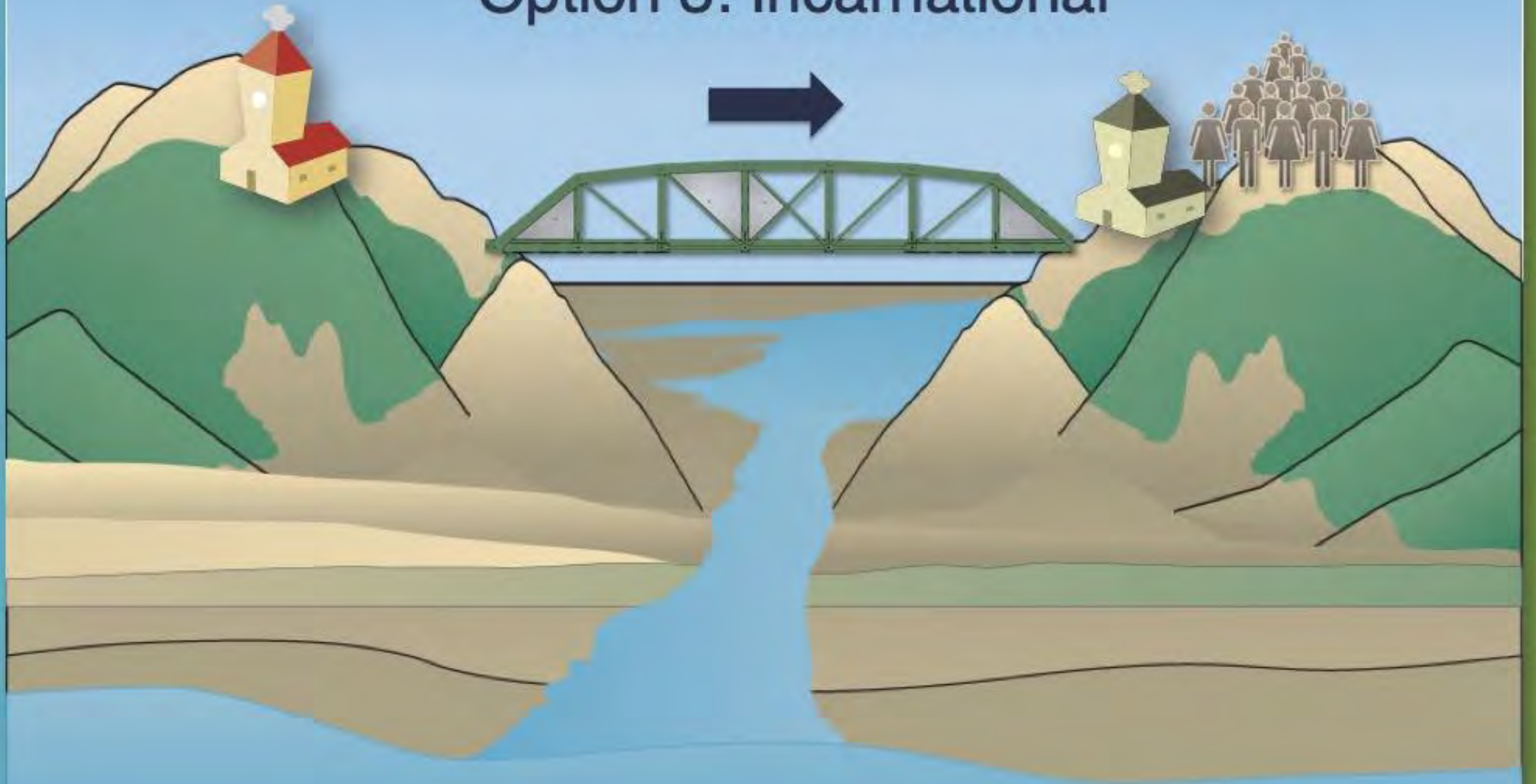
# Option 1: Attractional



## Option 2: Engaged



# Option 3: Incarnational



# ATTRACTIVE



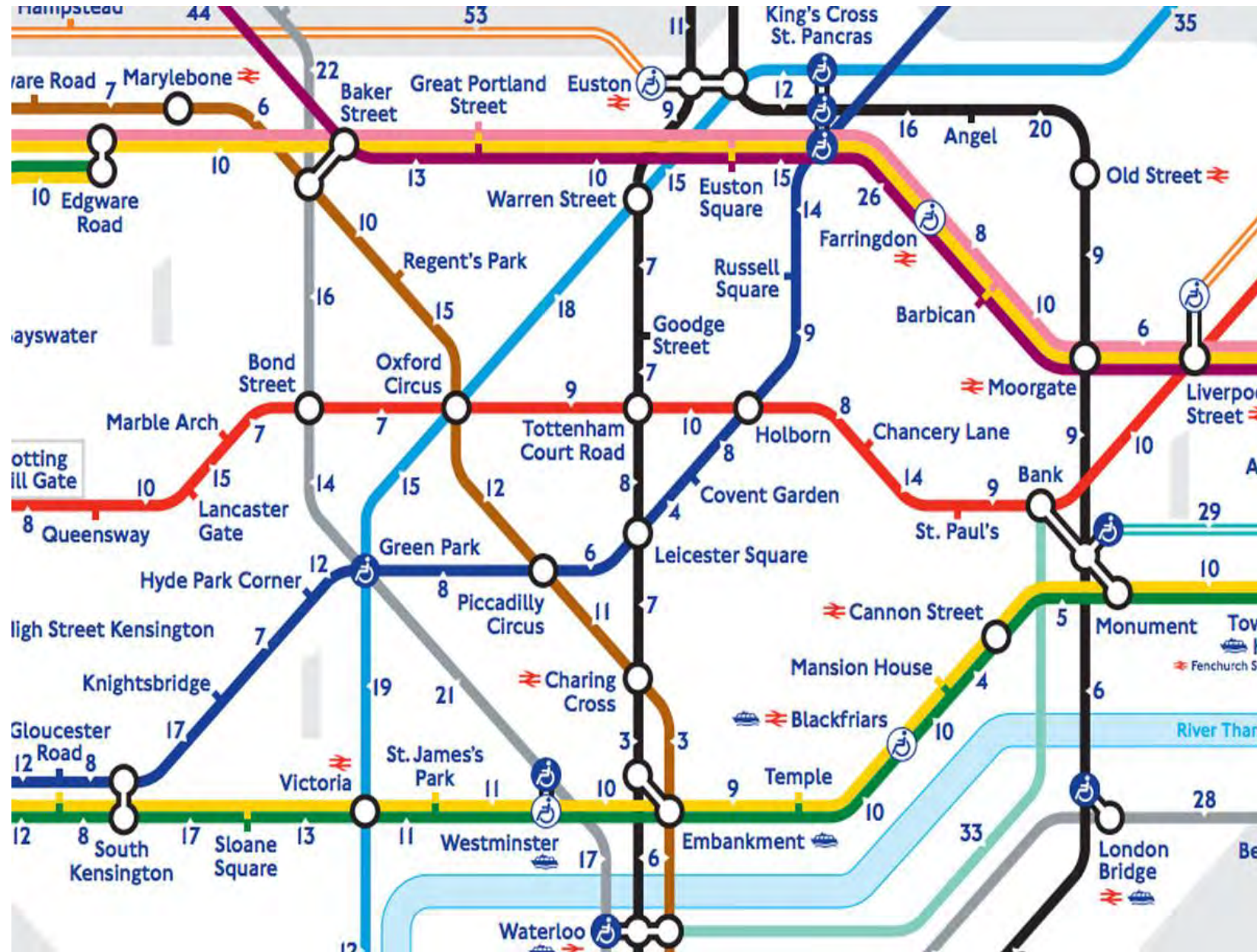
# ENGAGED



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Flows:  
Mobile,  
networked,  
culture

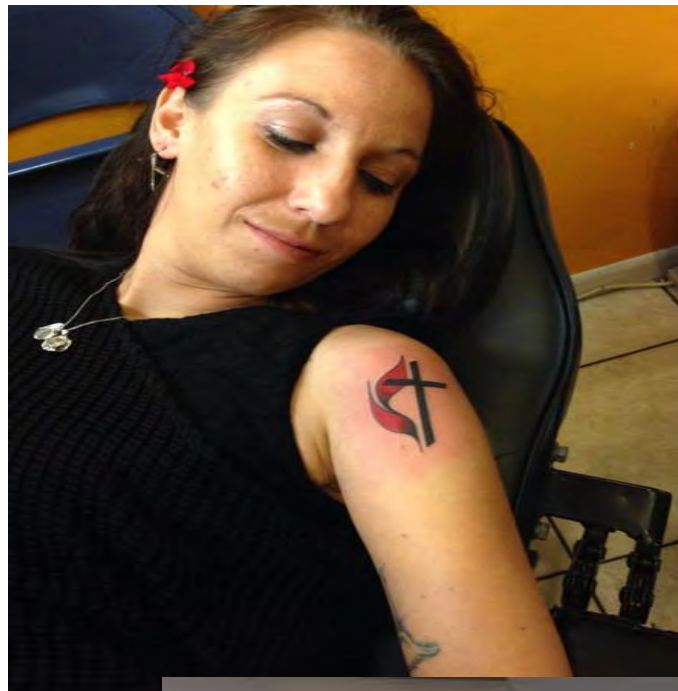


# Connecting in First, Second, and Third Places



# Around practices

Connected by flows





# IMPACT OF FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN UK

**2100**

Fresh Expressions of church in  
the Church of England



**94,000**

Participants

~“The Day of Small Things,” George Lings,  
Church Army Research Unit, 2016

**1077**

Fresh Expressions of church in  
the Methodist Church UK



**38,769**

Participants, of whom 24,424 had no  
recent involvement with any church  
community

~2018 UK Methodist Church Research  
initiative, Graham Horseley



**Wildwood Church**



# *Wildwood*

United Methodist Church



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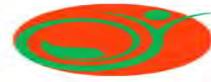


# Mildwood

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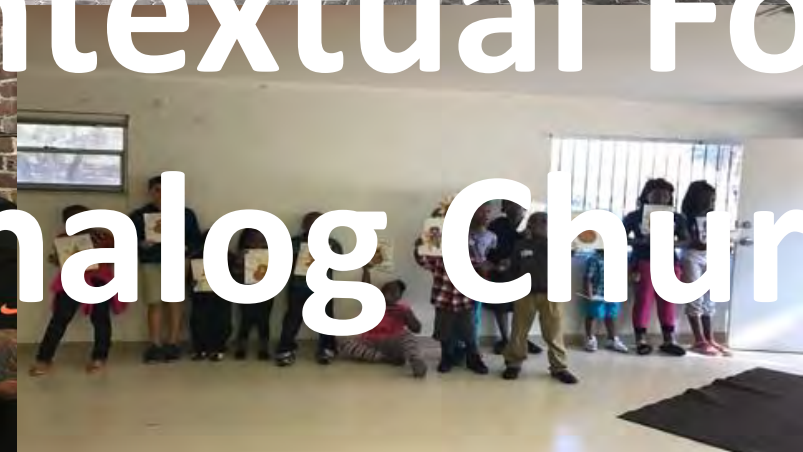


grow



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# 15 Contextual Forms of Analog Church



**Wildwood Umc** is live.  
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This is the early worship service of Wildwood UMC



**Living Room Church**

Watch together with friends or with a group Start

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Tune In  
 Friday 9am  
 Facebook  
 Live and  
 YouTube


**Yoga  
 Church  
 Digital**

Yoga Instructor  
**Karen Hughes!**

Devotional  
**Dr. Michael Beck!**



**Paws of Praise  
 Goes  
 Digital!**



**supper table CHURCH**  
 Taste of Grace goes digital!

1. Prepare your favorite meal
2. Join us by ZOOM or FB Live
3. We will eat and have church together

Wednesdays 7:00 PM




zoom

# Hybrid Fresh Expressions



**UNDERGROUND SEMINARY**

Join us by ZOOM or FB Live

WEDNESDAYS @ 5PM





## DRI-THRU COMMUNITY DINNERS!

**You're Invited to Eat with Us!**

Hungry? Need some time out of the house? Come join us for a drive-thru breakfast and dinner at these two different times and locations!

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**WEDNESDAY JULY 15 (and every Wednesday after)**  
 6pm  
 Wildwood UMC  
 300 Mason Street, Wildwood FL 34785

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 1 (and every first Saturday of the month)**  
 9-11am  
 MLK Jr. Community Center  
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Any questions call the church office at Phone: (352) 748-1275 or Email: [office@wildwoodumc.org](mailto:office@wildwoodumc.org)

**FAMILY FRIENDLY, SAFE & FREE!**

We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks to serve you, your friends, and loved ones a meal on two different occasions and locations. Teams will be on standby for prayer and safety. Bring your meal home, we will provide a link to join us at the digital table for a time of conversation!

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LAKELAKE DEATON  
United Methodist Church



## COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

What are the Greatest Challenges in the Ocala Community?

# Hybrid Fresh Expressions



## Prayer Under the Portico

with Laura Baber

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
 Ocala, Florida  
 Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.  
 July 22 - August 26, 2020

We will gather outside under the covering next to the social hall. Wear your face mask and practice social distancing. Bring your own chair, water, and anything that helps you in prayer (prayer shawl, bible, journal, etc.).



**Yoga Instructor Karen Hughes!**

**Devotional Dr. Michael Beck!**

Chair Yoga Digital

Tune In Friday 10am



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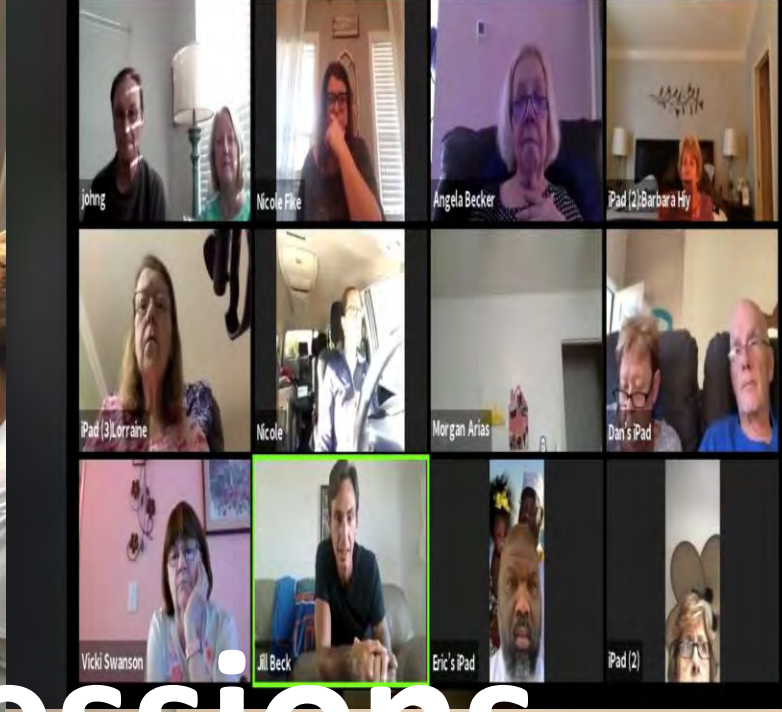
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**table**

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# Digital Fresh Expressions





**CREATE!**

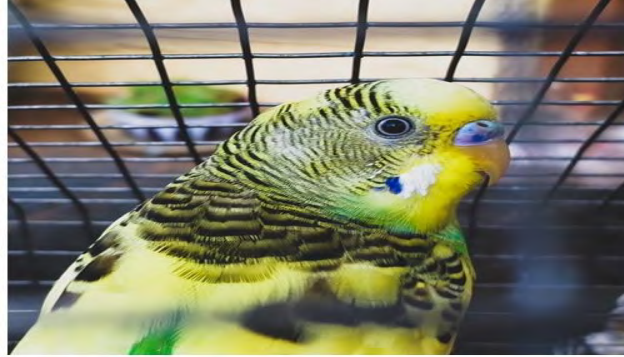


# Digital Fresh Expressions



## **Reflection: September 17, 2020**

In this exercise you are going to make a visual prayer. Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning "circle." Mandalas are visual prayers contained in a circle. You are going to create one...To begin, ask the Creator God to guide you in creating your mandala. Draw a circle with a circumference that takes in almost the entire page. Use a dinner plate or pot lid as a template if you wish. Prayerfully represent your current life circumstance and your reaction to it. How do you feel about your life? Are you happy, struggling, sad, content? How do you think God relates to your life situation? What do you want God to do in your life? Do not try to paint images unless that feels appropriate. Many mandalas consist of only color and pattern. Once again, it is important to stay present to the process. Create as you feel led.





**Yoga  
Instructor  
Karen  
Hughes!**



**Devotional  
Dr. Michael  
Beck!**



*Chair Yoga  
Digital*

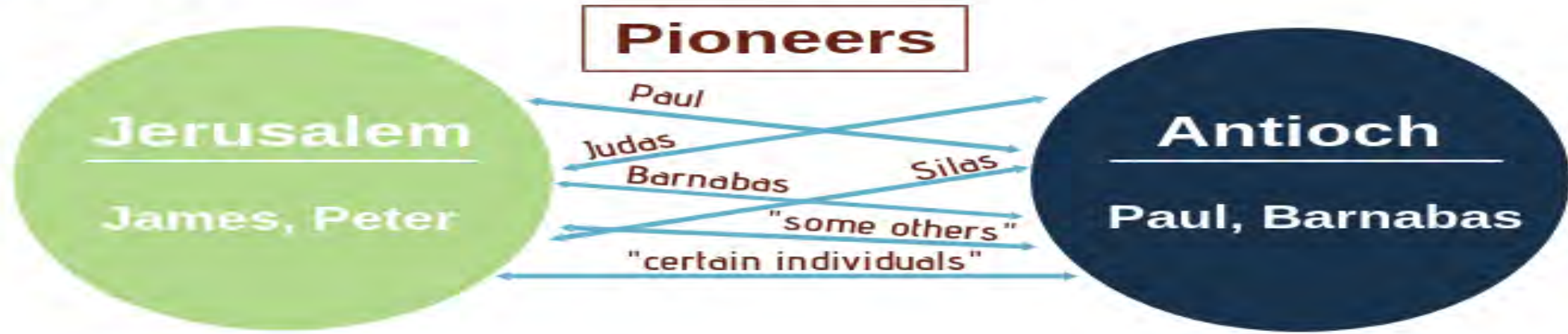
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Friday  
10am**

# Acts 15

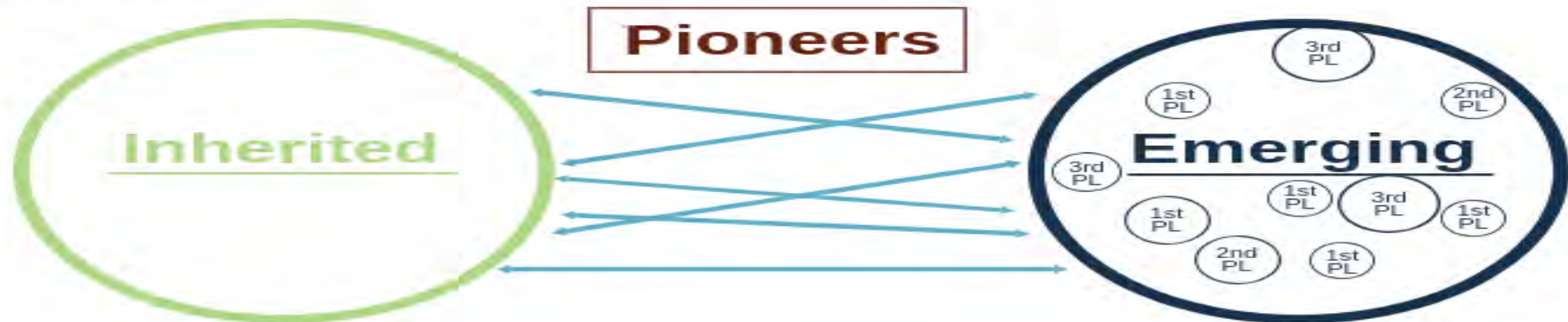


# THE BLENDED ECOLOGY

## Acts 15:



## Modern:



# Romans 11:16-24 (NRSV)





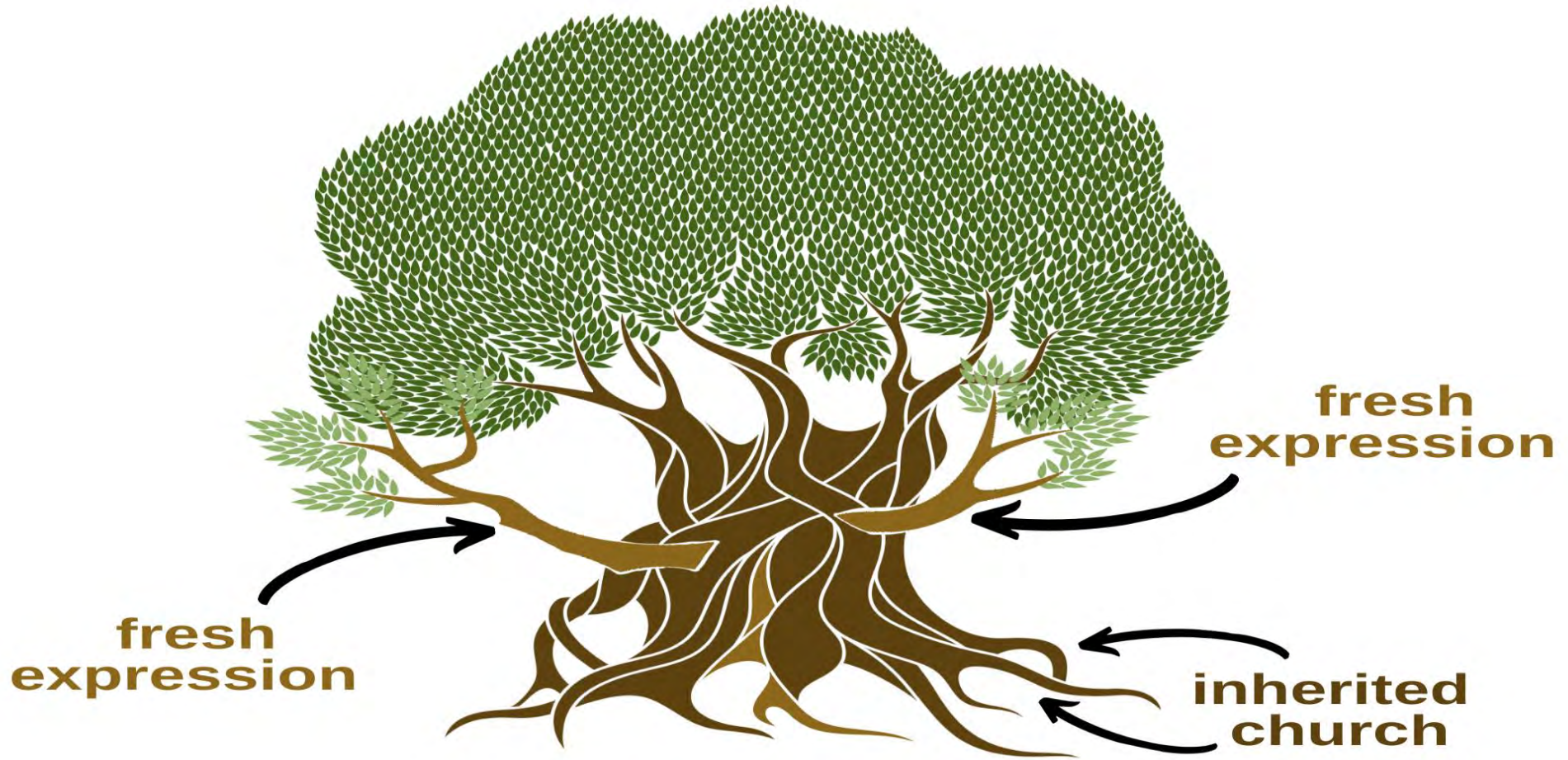
**If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches.**

**For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.**

# “Deep Roots, Wild Branches”



# “Blended Ecology”



When Gathered **AND** Scattered, Analog **AND** Digital are grafted together...

**A BLENDED ECOLOGY CHURCH**



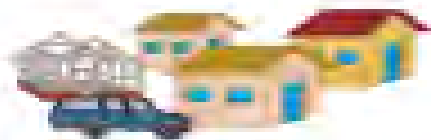
**A midweek all-age after school service**



**Local Congregation**



**A Sunday Evening Association Youth congregation**

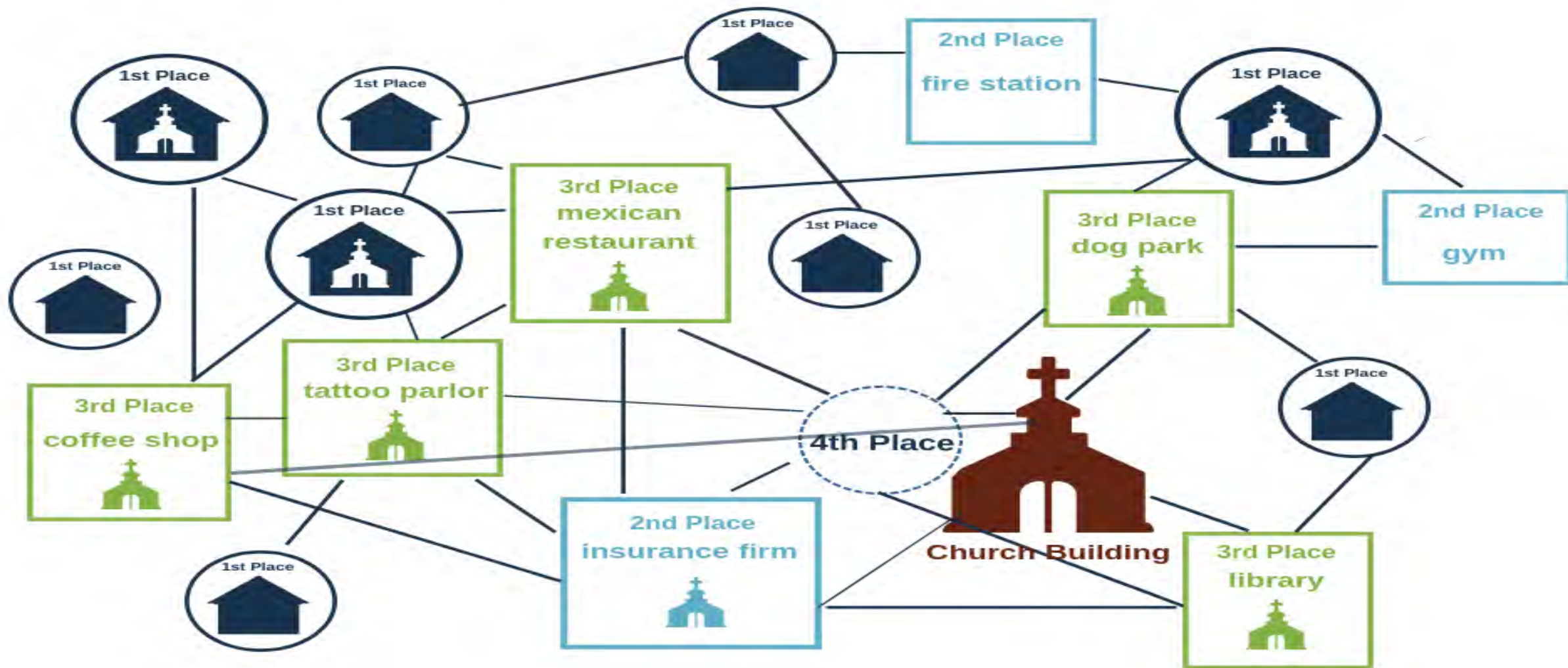


**A small community in a new housing area**

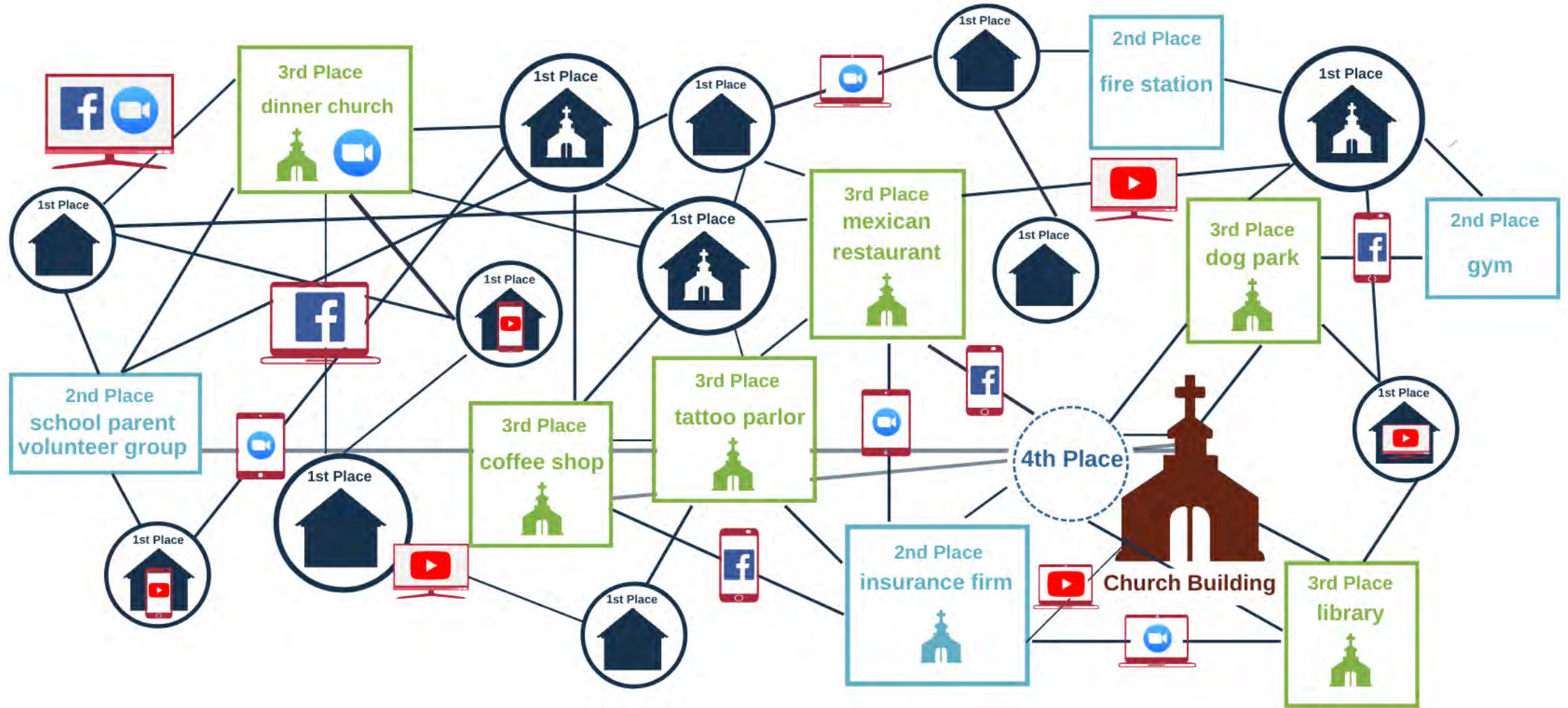


**A network of midweek cafe cells clustering monthly**

# THE BLENDED ECOLOGY ECOSYSTEM



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**Video Discussion:**  
**Listen**  
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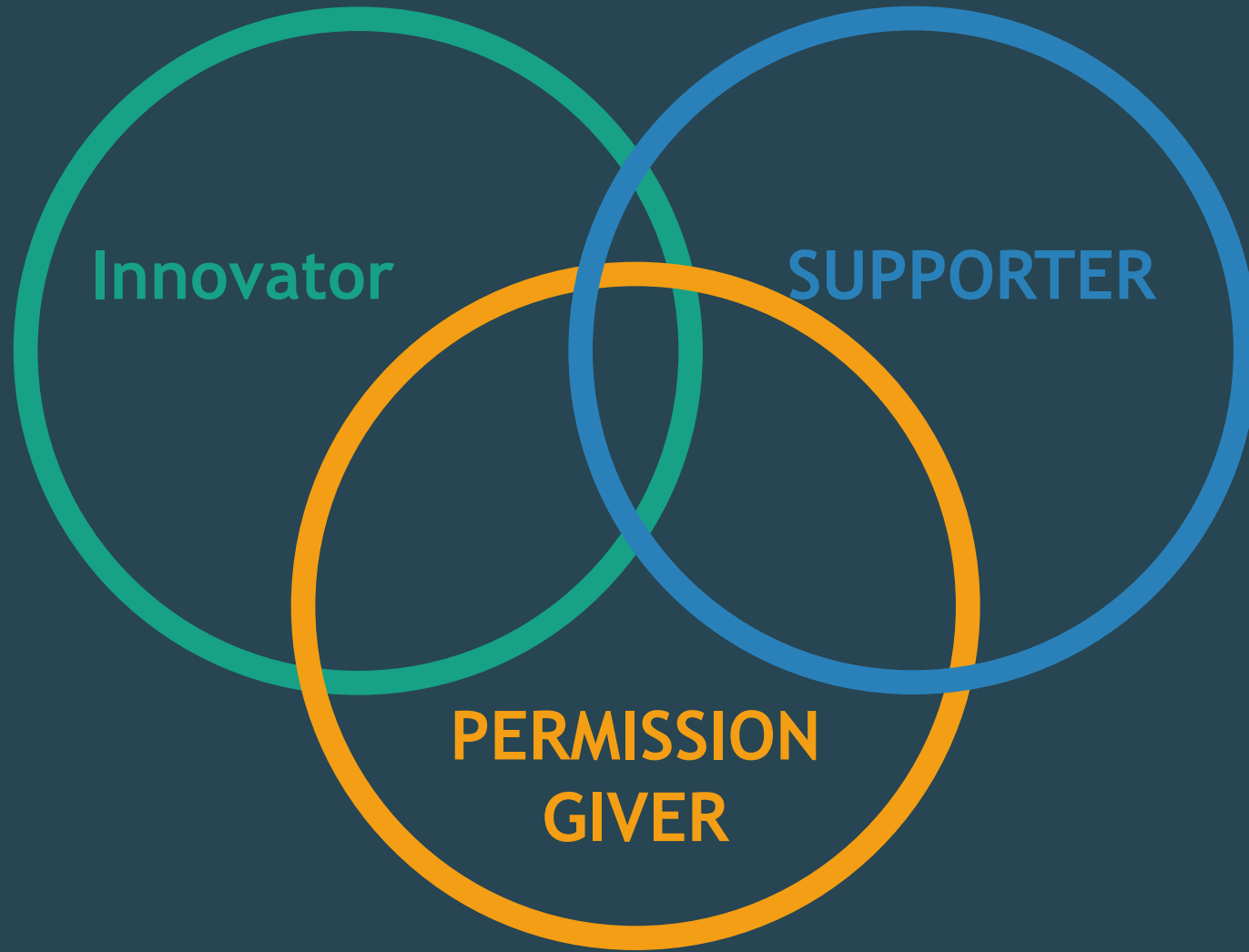




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**Who are we looking for?**



**ALL THREE ARE NEEDED IN THIS MOVEMENT!**

**Innovator:** People who are passionate about mission on the edges.

**Supporters:** People who are passionate about supporting and releasing pioneers.

**Permission Givers:** People who use their role to foster release of pioneers and to influence the system to be more willing to experiment.

# Pioneers=Innovators:

The Church of England defines Pioneers as:  
“people called by God who are the first to see  
and creatively respond to the Holy Spirit's  
initiatives with those outside the church;  
gathering others around them as they seek to  
establish a new contextual Christian  
community.”

# **Fresh Start Innovators: (or edge)**

**These are classic pioneering types who start new things, love firsts, and enjoy working from a blank canvas. They need to be released from many of the expectations of the inherited parish.**

# **Mixed Economy Innovators:**

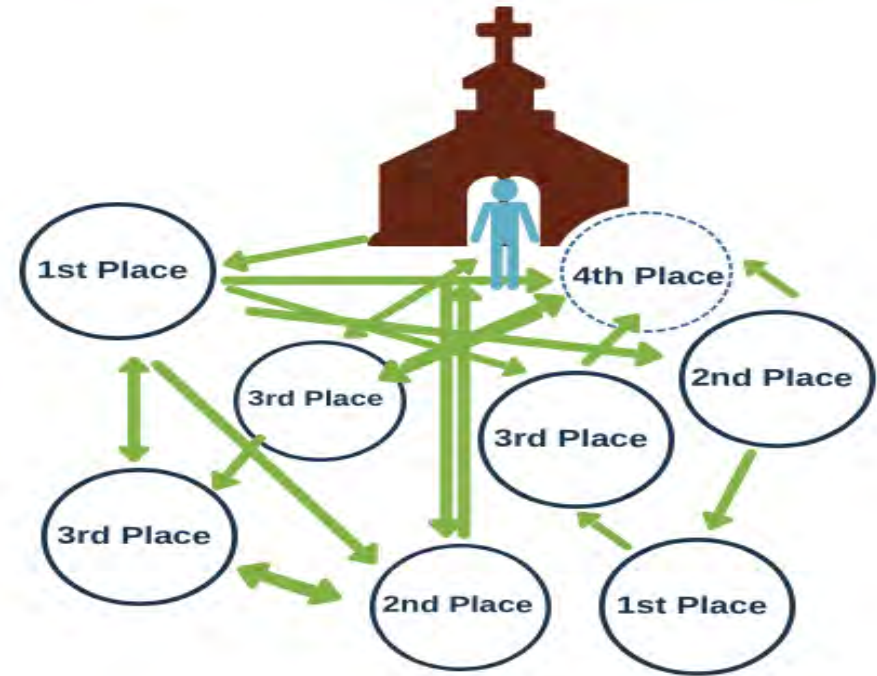
**These pioneers want to work from a parish base but from there develop fresh expressions of church in a mixed economy way expanding the growth and reach of the local church .**



## EDGE PIONEERS



## MIXED ECONOMY PIONEERS





FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

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PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL

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ARE YOU WILLING  
TO JOIN THE  
FRESH  
EXPRESSIONS  
TEAM?

YES

MAYBE

NO

OTHER

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# 5 QUESTION INTEREST SURVEY

PLEASE CIRCLE & FILL IN

## 1. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH FRESH EXPRESSIONS?

- A. Never heard of it
- B. Aware of it but need some more info
- C. Relatively familiar with it
- D. Love it, can't wait to get started!

## 2. WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST LEVEL IN FRESH EXPRESSIONS?

- A. Not interested at all
- B. Interested but timing is wrong
- C. Interested but need some training
- D. Want to be a key leader in this movement

## 3. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES, INTERESTS AND PASSIONS? WHAT DO YOU LOVE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

## 4. WHAT "NETWORKS" OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH? WHAT GROUPS DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

(ex. quilting, golf, fitness, bingo, clubs, civic organizations, communities etc.)

A pioneer is someone capable of taking the church outside the walls and who can relate/interact with the people there.

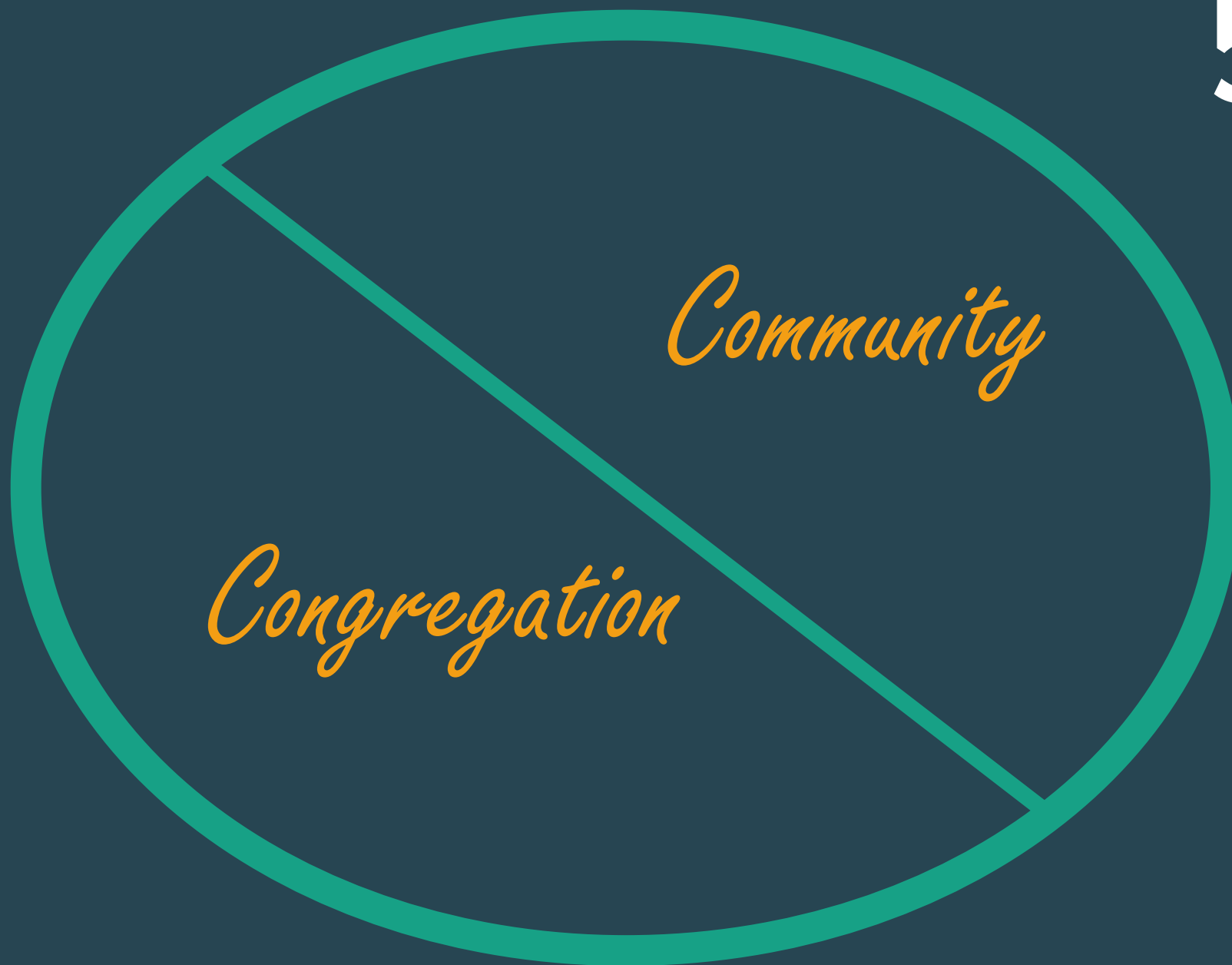
## 5. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A PIONEER? IF SO, ARE YOU WILLING TO DO SOME TRAINING?

YES

NO

MAYBE - I NEED MORE INFO

50/50



# 50-50 PLANNER



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12PM - 5PM

5PM - 9PM

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**PHYSICAL**



**DIGITAL**

**ATTRACTIVE**



**INCARNATIONAL**

START  
HERE

# FRESH EXPRESSIONS START-UP GUIDE

1. Affinity group of interest:

2. Explain the need:

3. Proposed FX: Describe who, what, when, where, how, why this group:

4. Name of person or group responsible:

5. How does this FX align with the anchor church's mission/vision/values?

6. What is needed to get started?(money, leaders, etc.)

7. + / - Consequences if this FX is or is not started:

8. Potential Places to meet up:

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ACTION STEPS

2



3



Who is responsible?

When should it be completed?

Other details:

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Other details:

**Q & A**



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