

The Shape of the Jesus Movement:

Taking Discipleship, Evangelism and Reconciliation Seriously



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“The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”

The Book of Common Prayer



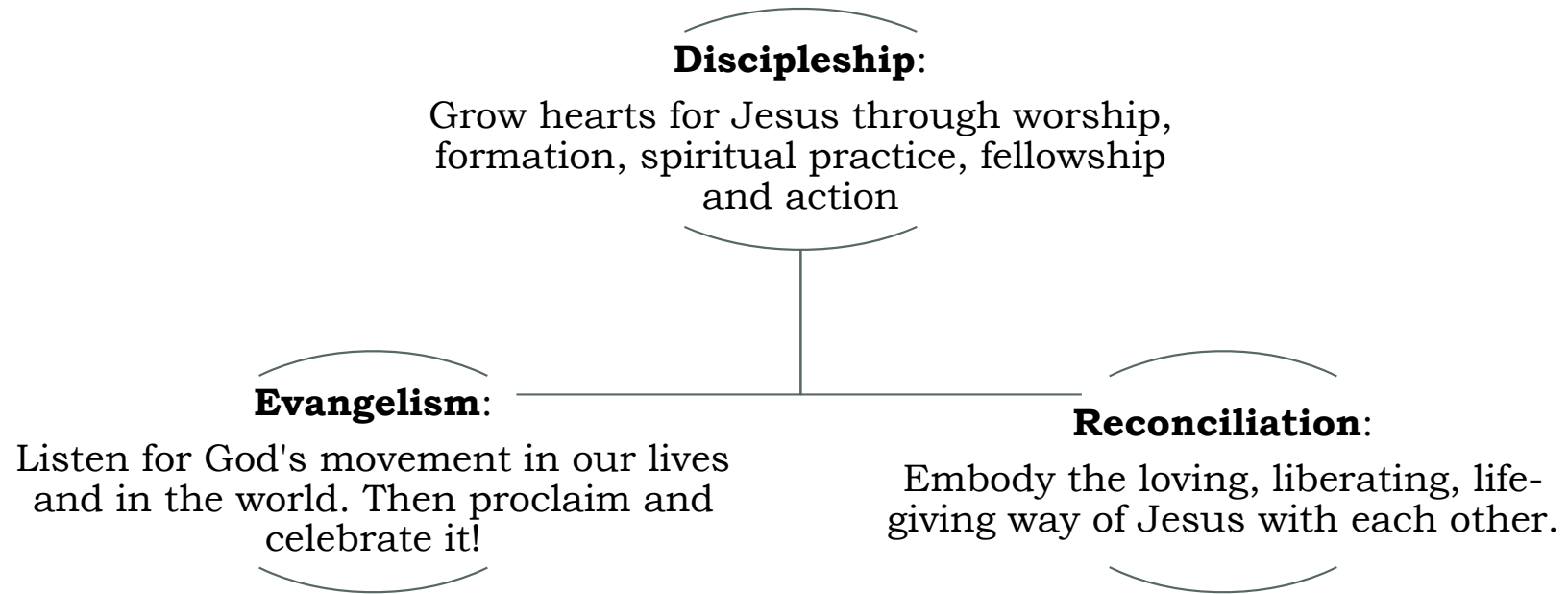
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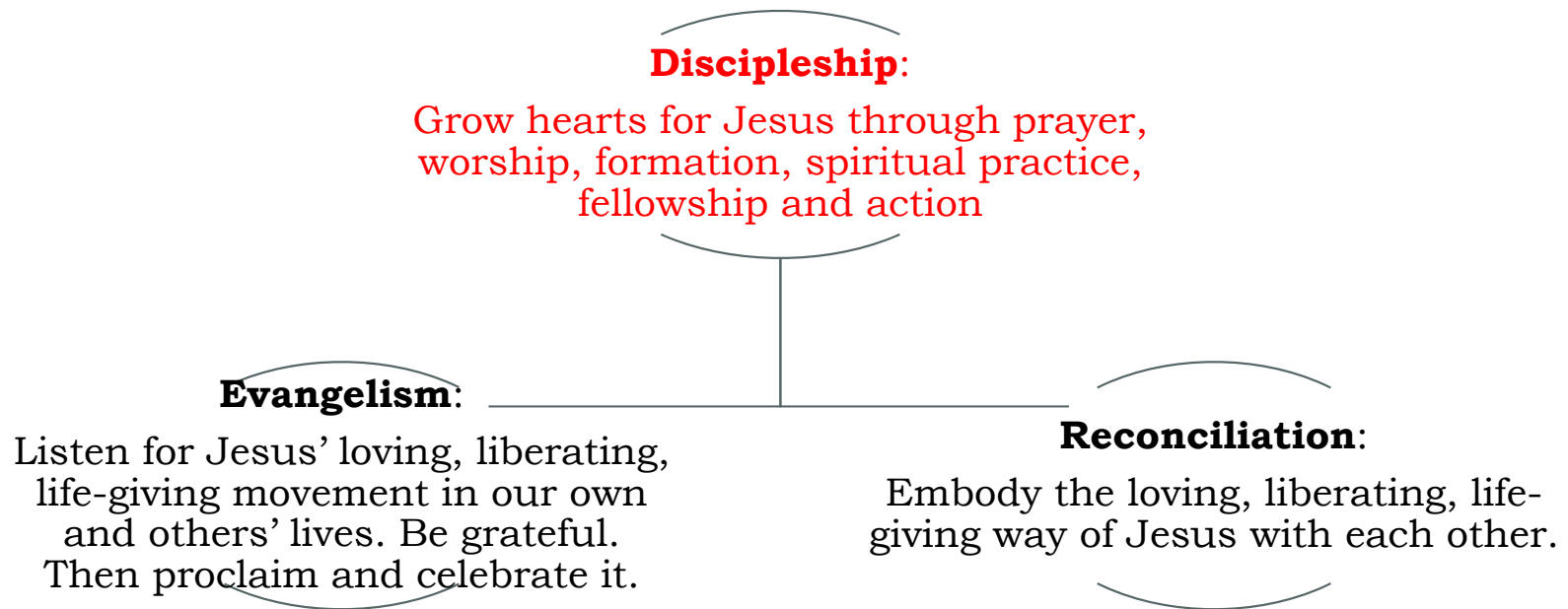
Following Jesus – growing loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God (*evangelism*), with each other (*reconciliation*) and with creation (*environmental stewardship*).



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Discipleship:

What is its place in the Jesus movement? Why are we talking about it at an evangelism conference?

How will we grow hearts for Jesus through worship, formation, spiritual practice, fellowship, and action. Where it all begins!



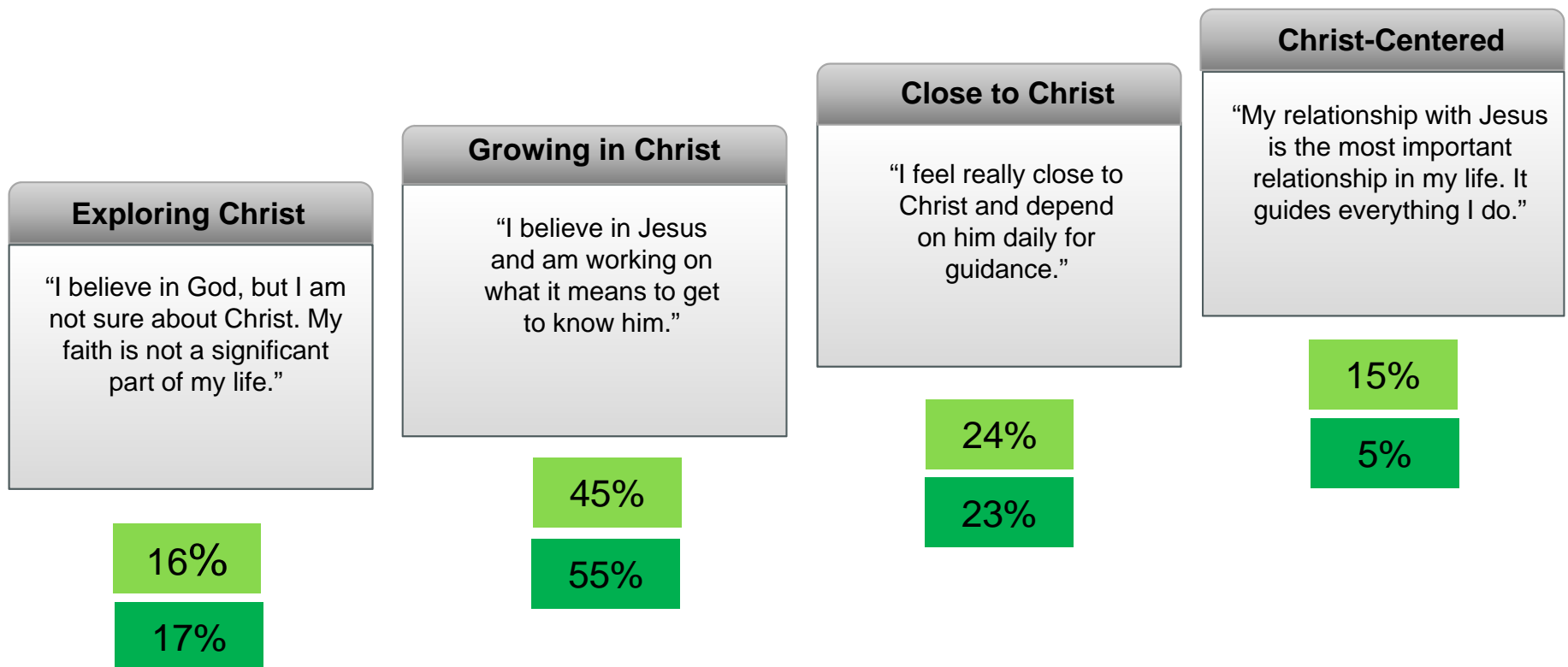
The relational dimension of discipleship

Jesus said: The first commandment is this: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other greater commandment than these.

Mark 12:29-31

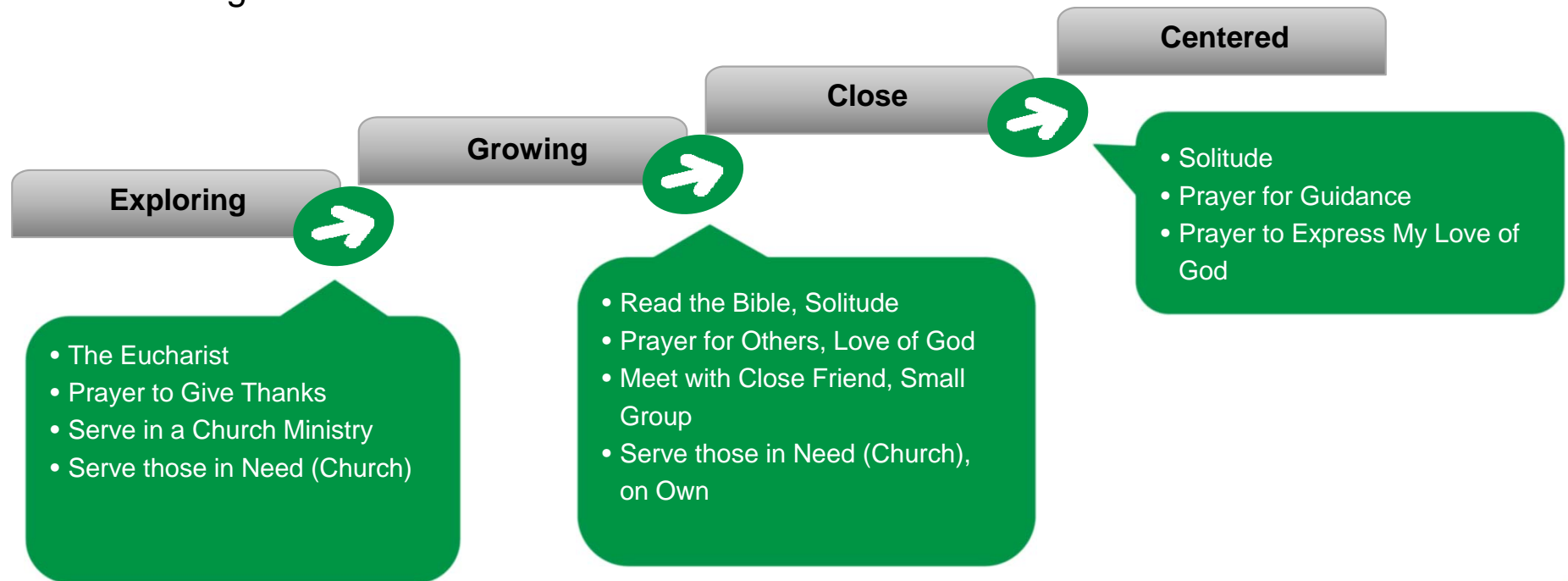


What we're learning: Total and Episcopal Profiles



Episcopal Catalysts: Eucharist, Bible Reading, Prayer

- Practices for growth

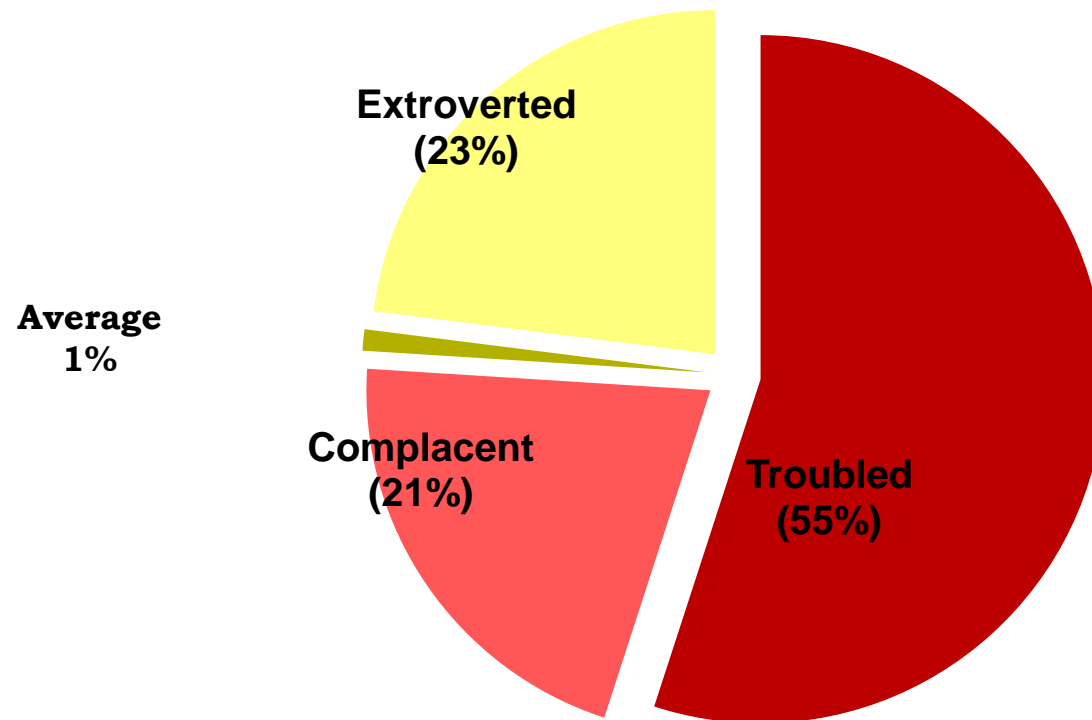


What makes a difference?

- Engagement with scripture
- The transforming power of the eucharist
- A deeper prayer life
- The heart of the leader

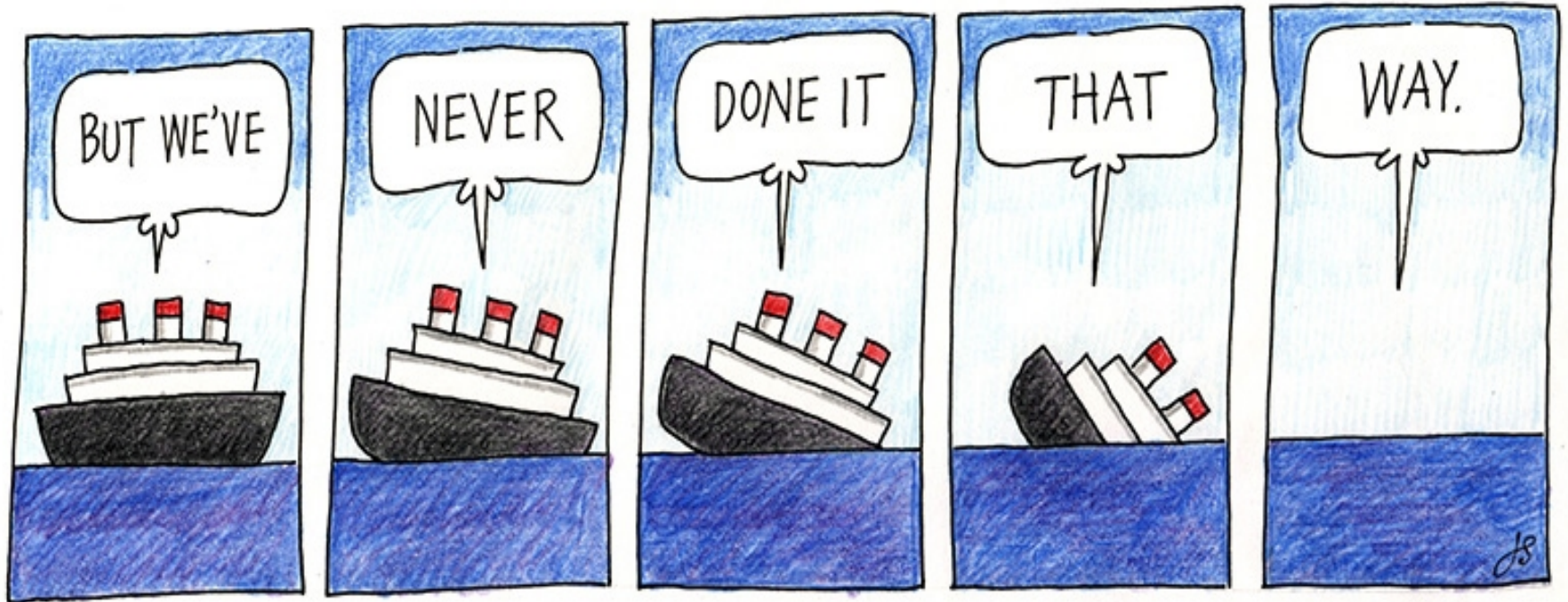


Three primary archetypes define Episcopal Churches.



Why Does This Matter?

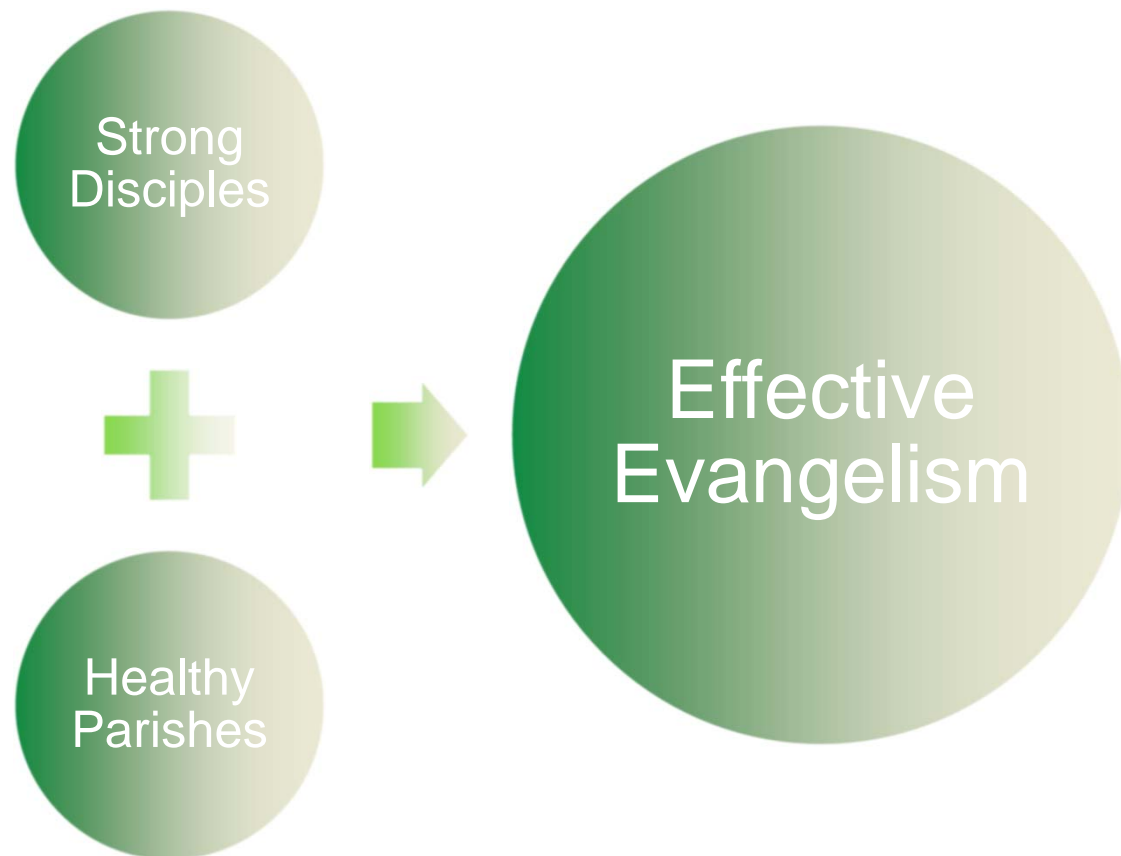
There is an urgent need to recognize that we can't keep doing what we've been doing.



Why Does This Matter?

- If we do not understand our own discipleship – at a deep and resonant level – then we cannot hope to evangelize.
- You can't give what you don't have. You can't share an experience you haven't had.

Discipleship precedes evangelism



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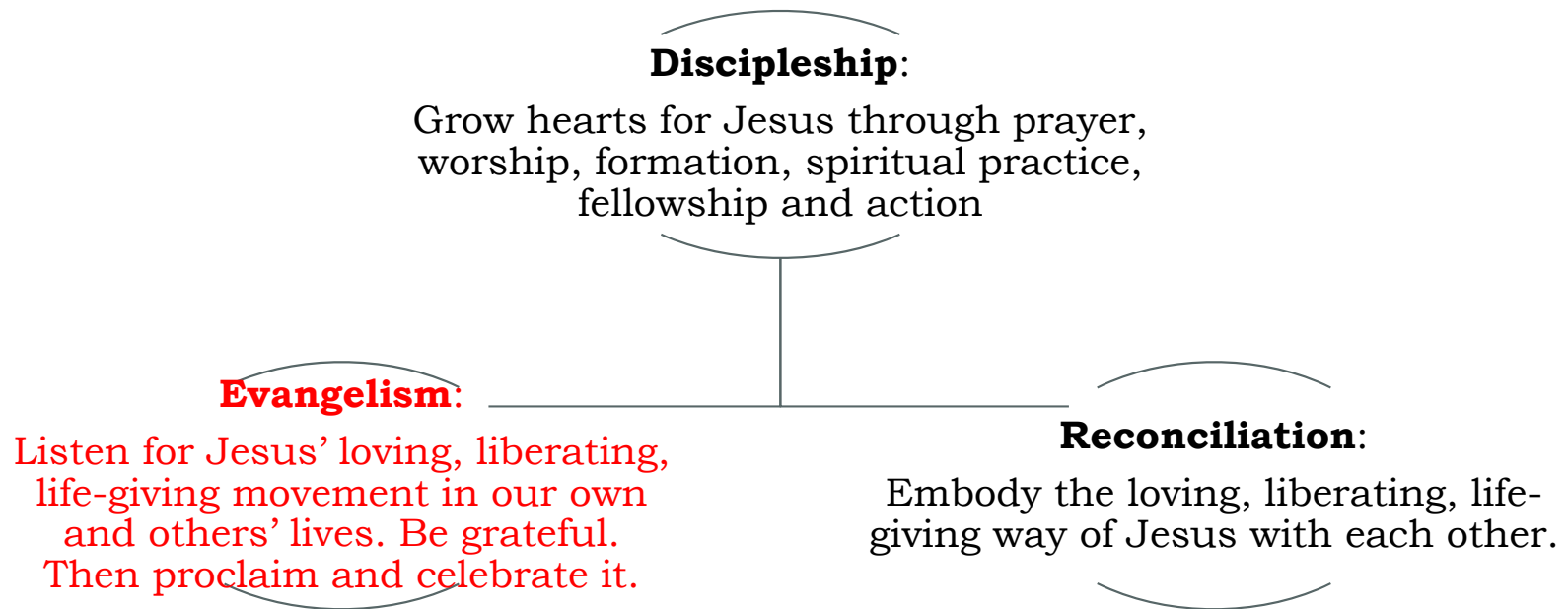
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Share your story ...

Recall a time of spiritual growth in your life. What contributed to that? Tell the story. With words, images, your energy, take your partner there.



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Evangelism ...



... is the spiritual practice of **noticing** Jesus' loving, liberating and life-giving activity in our own lives and in the lives of others, **overflowing** with wonder and gratitude, then **celebrating** and **proclaiming** that good news, so others may **discover** their place in the Jesus Movement.



Proclaim the gospel at all times.
Use words if necessary.

- attr.to St. Francis of Assisi



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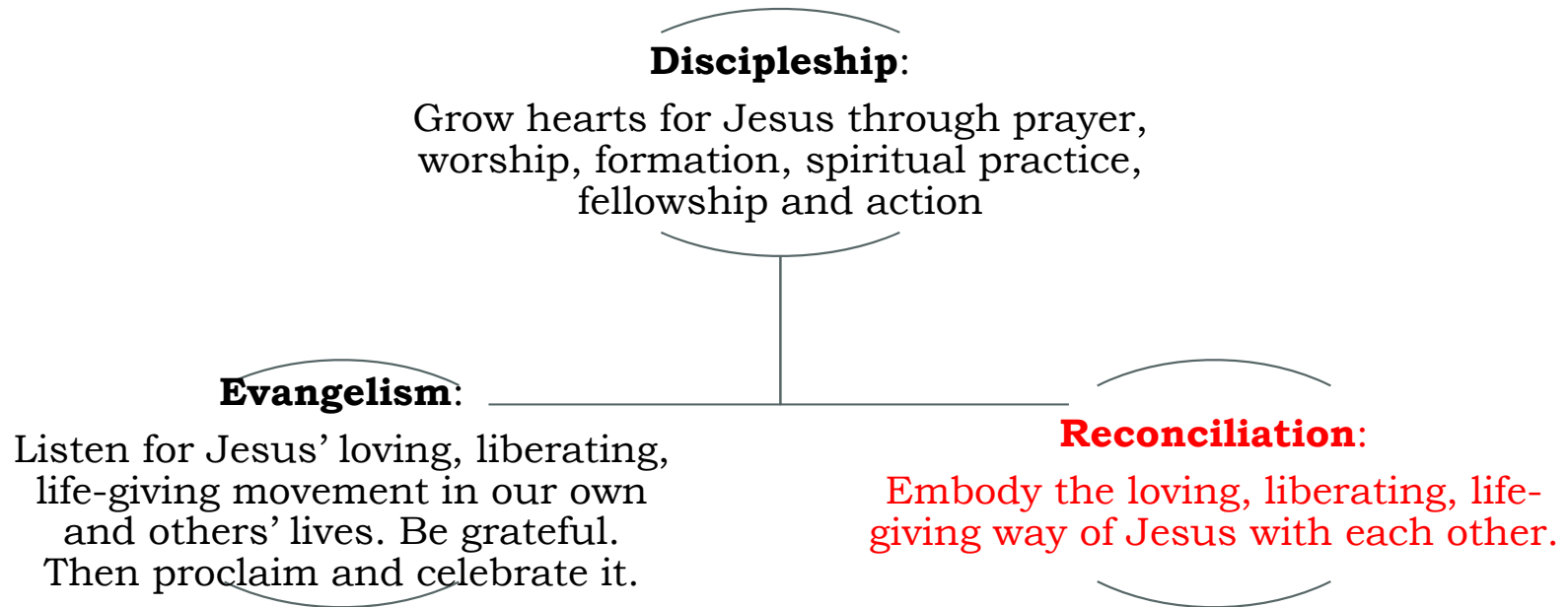
Share your story ...

Picture your neighborhood around your church. Recall one place where you see good news getting lived out, see the Jesus alive, outside of church.

Now imagine you're talking with someone who's part of the community/activity where you see God. What would you tell them? Where do you see Jesus?



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Reconciliation



Embody the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus as we cross and heal historic, systemic divisions.



Brave Listening

- Why is it so hard?
- What have you lost?
- What do you love?
- What do you dream?

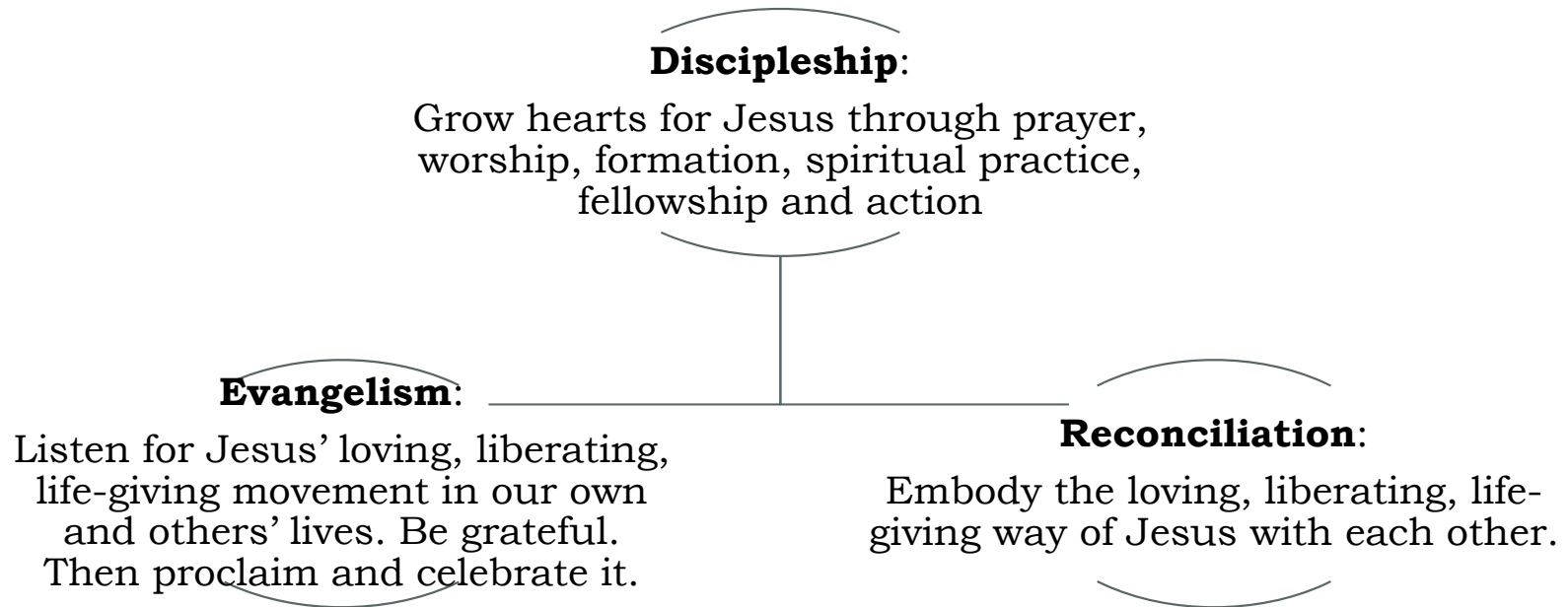


Share your story ...

Have you ever been in an event or community where people shared like that? What was happening? What made that sharing possible? With whom do you long to have a Brave Listening conversation?



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Welcome to the Jesus Movement

