

Anglican Connection
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Making Disciple Making Disciples

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The nature of the challenges we face

The biblical message and application in
ministry

The organisational implications ...

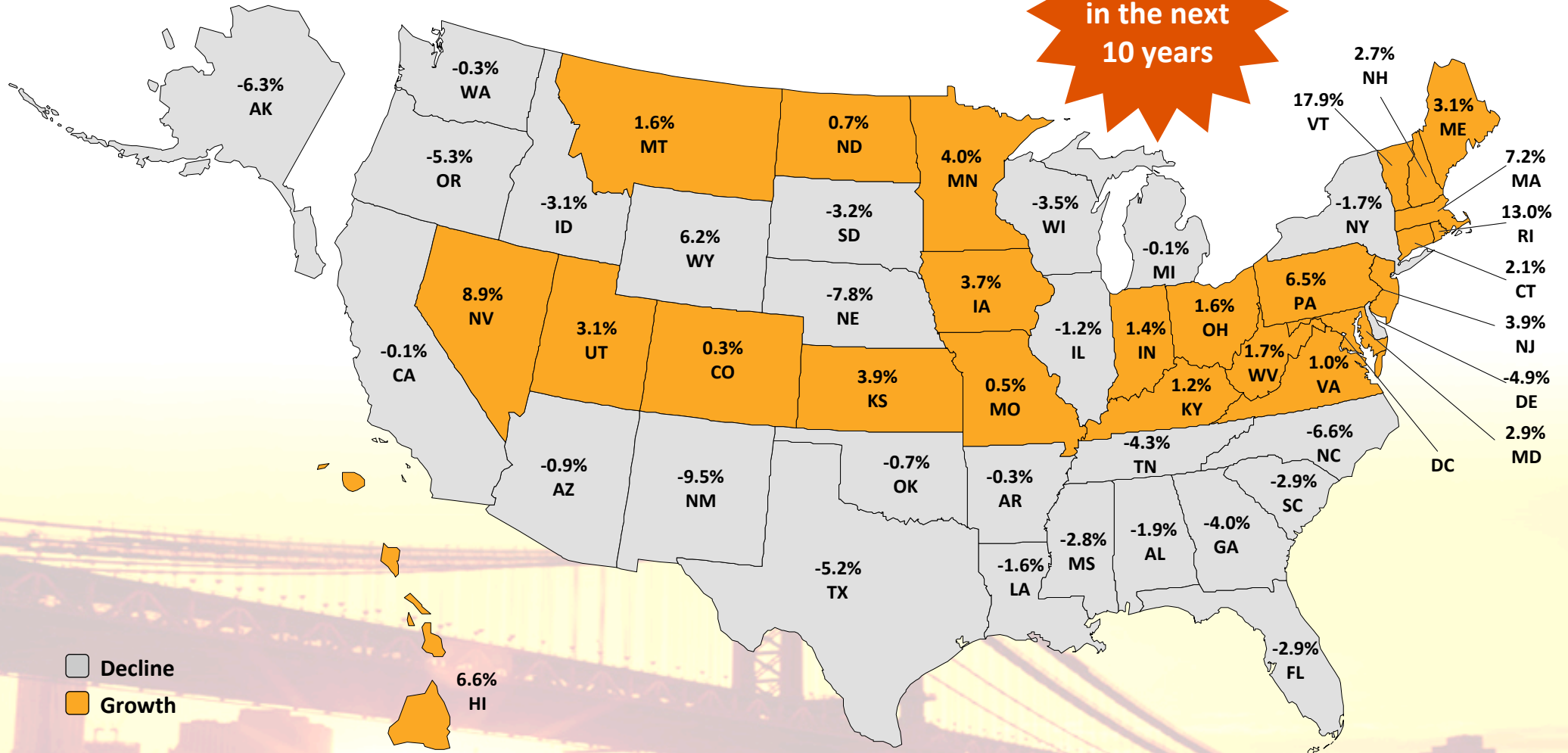


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Attendance Change

2000 - 2007

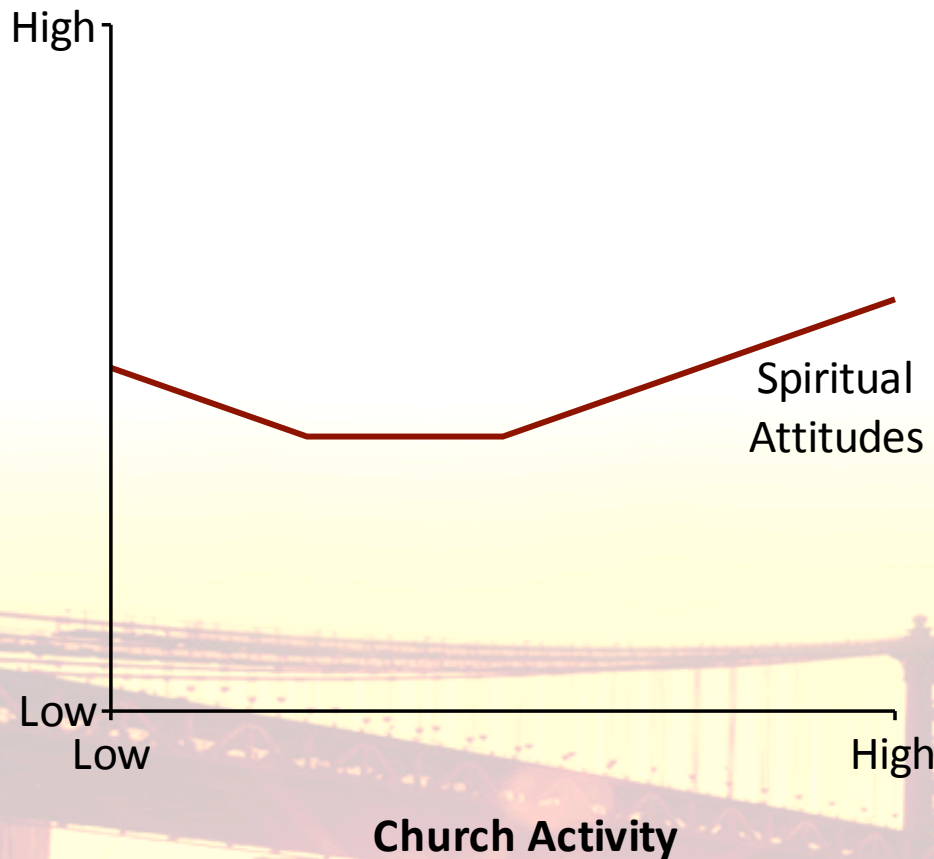
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Decline
Growth

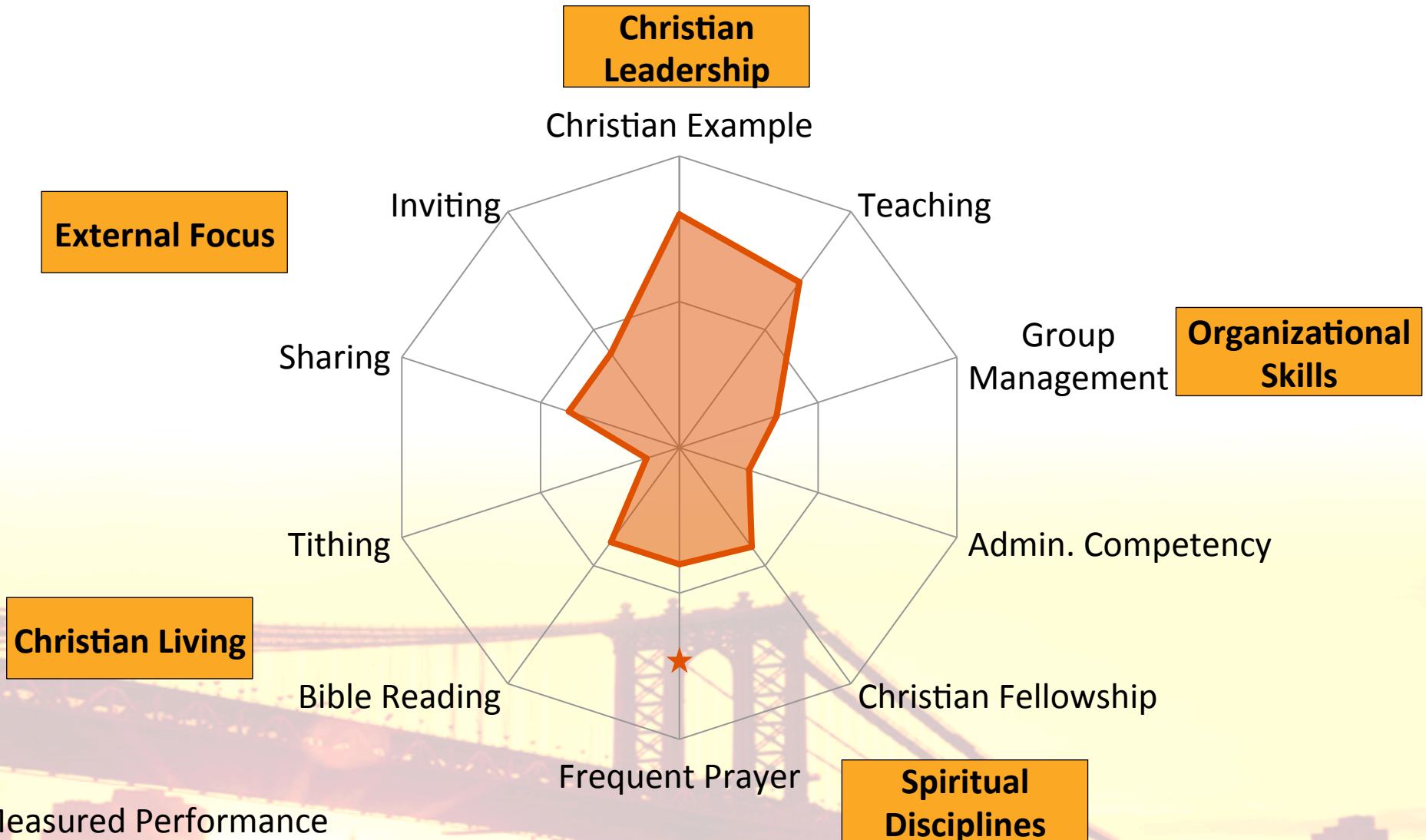
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Spiritual Growth



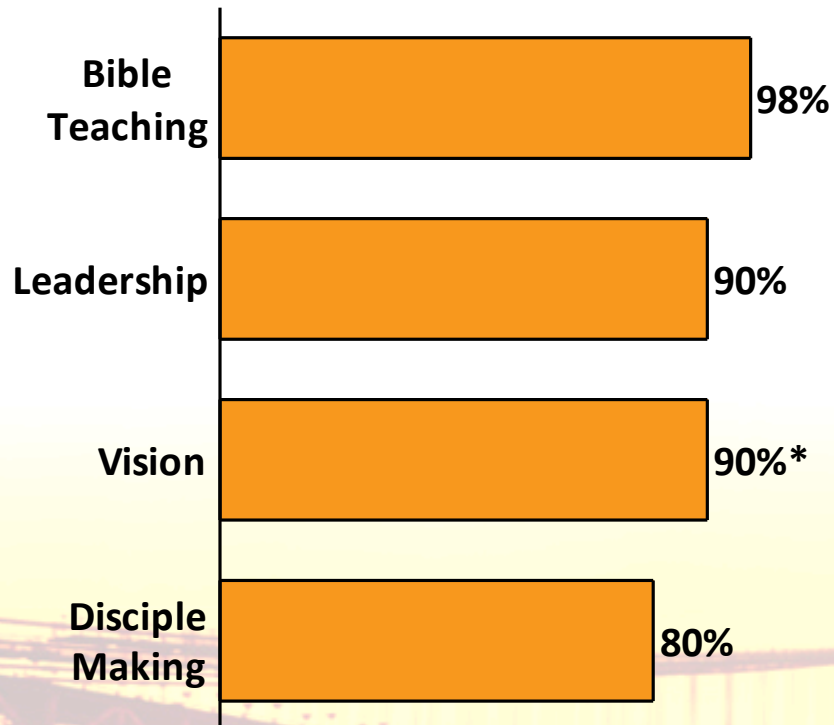
“Nearly one out of every four people at Willow Creek were stalled in their spiritual growth or dissatisfied with the church – many were considering leaving. **When I first heard these results the pain of knowing was almost unbearable ...**”

Bill Hybels, 2007



Measured Performance

Strong Self Perception ...



Disappointing Reality ...

Bible Reading

Sermon only 72%

<1 hour / week 14%

Prayer

1 – 6 hours / week 52%

No time 5%

Disciple Making

No effective program 81%

* Very few can articulate a compelling vision statement

Positive ...

Bible Reading

Weekly or more	59%
Several times a week	26%

Prayer

Pray regularly	70%
Through the day	66%

Openness

People know I am a Christian	72%
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Concerning ...

Disciple Making

Intentional time with Christians	42%
Not help others grow	28%

Praying For Unbelievers

Daily	1%
Weekly	26%

Engagement

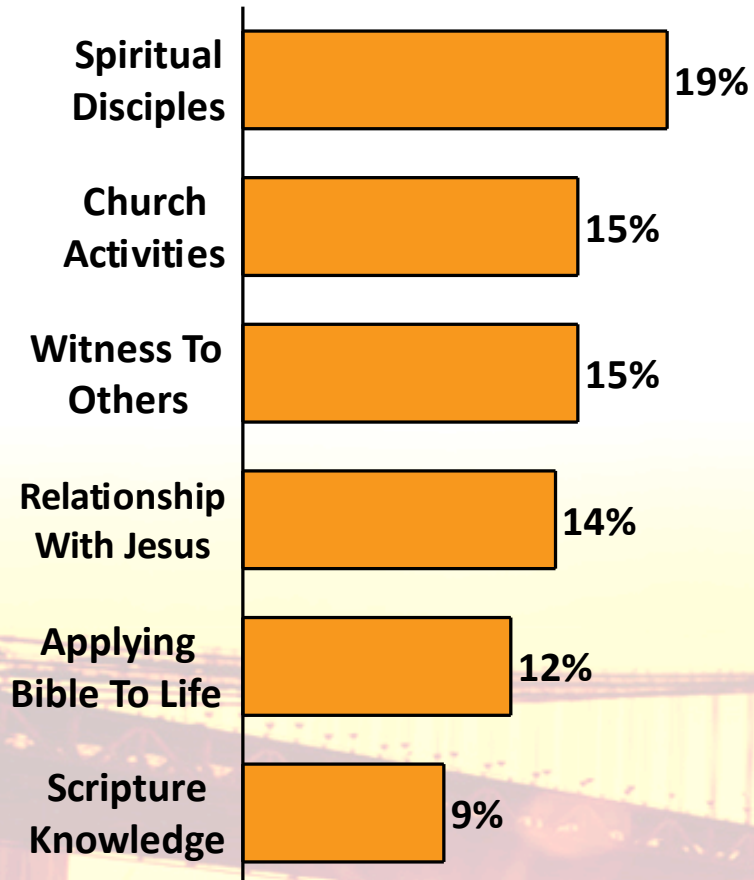
Not shared faith in 6 months	61%
Never invited another to church	48%

Syncretism

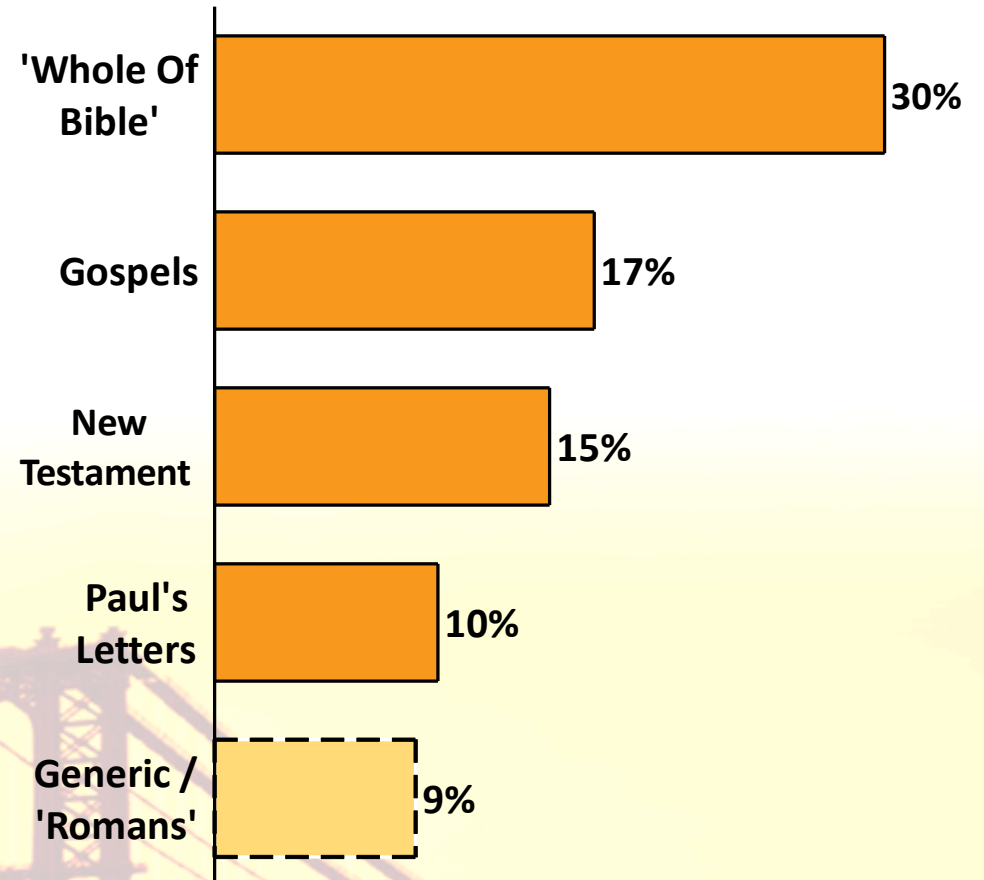
Reincarnation	10%
Astrology	25%
Crystals	26%

“90% of pastors agree lack of spiritual maturity is one of the largest problems in the nation...”

Definitions ...



Biblical References ...



Lacking Discipling Programmes ...

“**We made a mistake.** What we should have done when people crossed the line of faith and become Christians, we should have started **telling** people and **teaching** people that **they have to take responsibility to become ‘self feeders’**. We should have gotten people, taught people, how to read their bible between services, how to do the spiritual practices much more aggressively on their own ...”

- Bill Hybels

Calendars Filled With ‘Activity’ ...

“Offering programmes is not the issue. We discovered that **surprisingly few churches have a well-conceived model of discipleship that they implement.** The result is that churches feel they have fulfilled their obligation if they provide a broad menu of courses, events and other experiences, but such a well intentioned but disjointed approach leaves people **confused** and **imbalanced**”

- George Barna

“ People can be busy involved in church work, but not necessarily involved in **the work of the church** – which is, **making disciples**”

- Rico Tice

Not Just A Sunday Event...

“I’m just going to say it: Pastors, move beyond your arrogance and **stop thinking your preaching is enough to be the church’s discipleship strategy**. This is not just my opinion. Recent research done by LifeWay Research indicates that **56%** of Pastors surveyed believe that their weekly sermon, or another one of their teaching times was the most important discipling ministry in the church. While it is great to see the recent renaissance of faith-based preaching, along with it we have to jettison the idea that “if people just listen to my sermons, they will grow spiritually” ... instead, **discipleship is a daily process**. Pastors, we have to develop more robust discipleship plans than just our weekly messages. **Discipleship is not a Sunday event, it’s a daily commitment**”

- Ed Stetzer

Sermon Necessary But Not Sufficient ...

“... **Sunday sermons are necessary but not sufficient** ... while preaching is one form of the ministry of the Word, many other forms are reflected in the Bible and in contemporary Christian church life. It is important to grasp this point clearly, or we shall try to make preaching carry a load it cannot bear; that is, the **burden of doing all the Bible expects of every form of ministry of the Word**”

- Col Marshall

Make Disciple Making Disciples

Spiritual growth through obedience to the Word, prayerful dependence on God, and living by the Spirit and bearing the fruit of the spirit

Jn 8:13,14:23-24,15:1-8; Eph 6:18, Col 1:10, Col 4:2, 2Tim 3:16-17

Demonstrating love for the brethren and exercising 'one another' commands

Jn 13:35, Gal 6:10, 1Jn 3:21-24, 4:7

Showing concern for and witnessing to the lost

Matt 28:19, Col 4:2-6, 1Pet 2:11-12, 3:15-17

Living a life of costly self sacrifice and servanthood

Deut 10:12, Matt 16:24-25, Lk 14:25-27, Eph 4:12, 1Pet 2:11-12, 3:15-17

Intentionally seeks to make and grow – other disciples

Matt 28: 19-20

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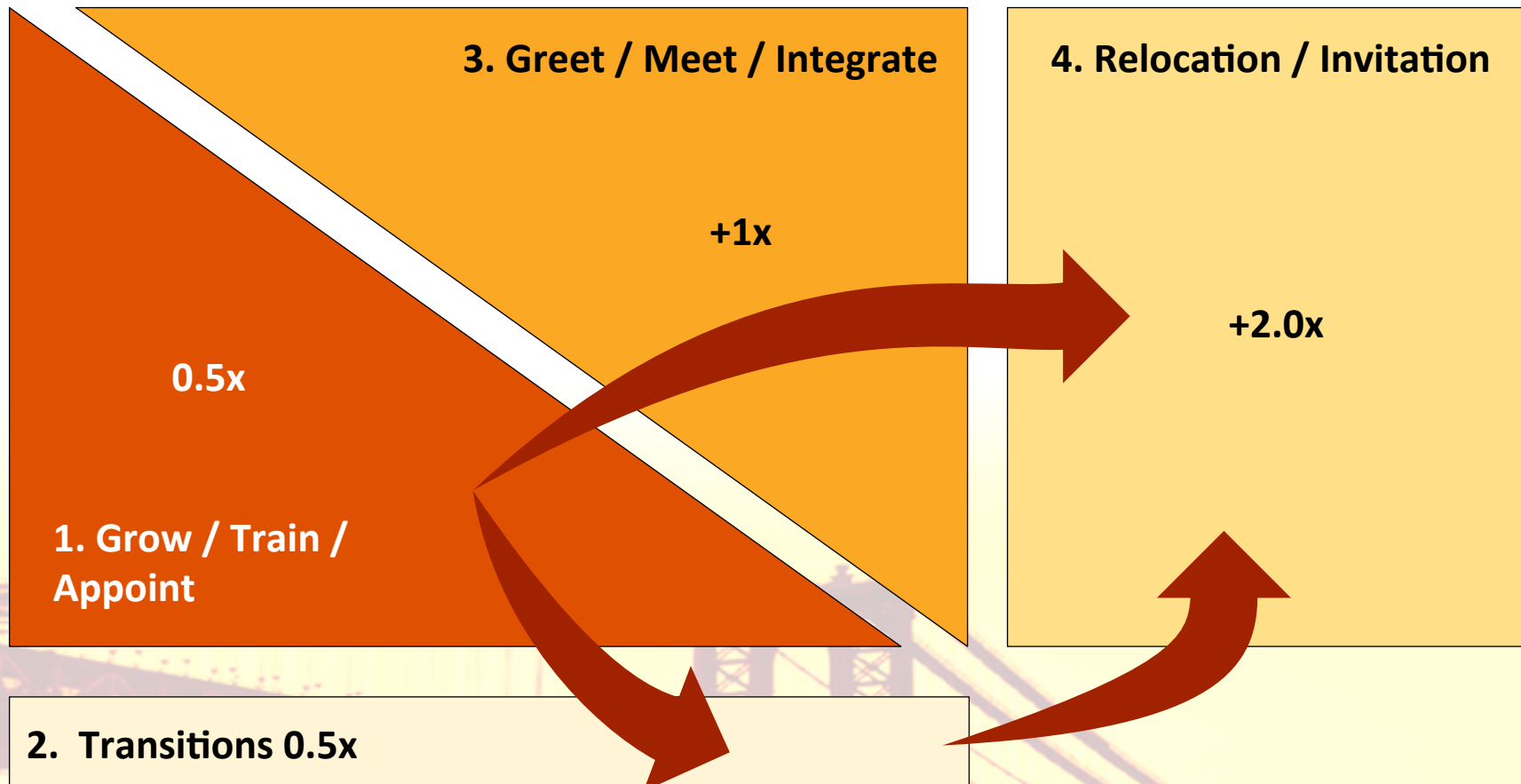


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Disciple Making Disciples Matt 28:19-20



'Disciple Making' – 4 x 4 x 4





Key Steps

1. **Convict**

The pastor must be convicted of the central place of disciple-making for himself and his congregation, and **preach** and **teach** it as a **priority** for **all believers**

2. **Model**

Disciple-making within the leadership core, teaching and training them how to **reproduce** disciple making in others

3. **Reshape**

All existing ministries around a disciple-making **goal** and **process**

4. **Instruct**

Members how to **recognise** and **utilize** every opportunity as a disciple making opportunity

Disciple Making is – ‘an *intentional, relational, Christ-oriented* activity, exercised by **every believer**, to use **every opportunity** in encouraging and teaching others to *know, grow and faithfully follow* Jesus’.

It’s an activity that recognizes individuals are at different stages of spiritual growth and understanding, and responds appropriately, urging them forward toward the next step.

Disciple making is a ministry of continuous *reproduction* and *multiplication*.

Convict, Model, Reshape, Instruct

Disciple Making ... **By Every Believer** ... **Through Every Opportunity**

Aim: To grow disciple making disciples to full maturity in Christ

(Eph 4:11-16)

By every believer ... through every opportunity

Gospel conversation
unbelievers

Life conversations
with believers

1-1 bible
reading

Welcoming &
integrating

Small groups

Mentoring

Preaching
teaching

Exercising
one-another
commands

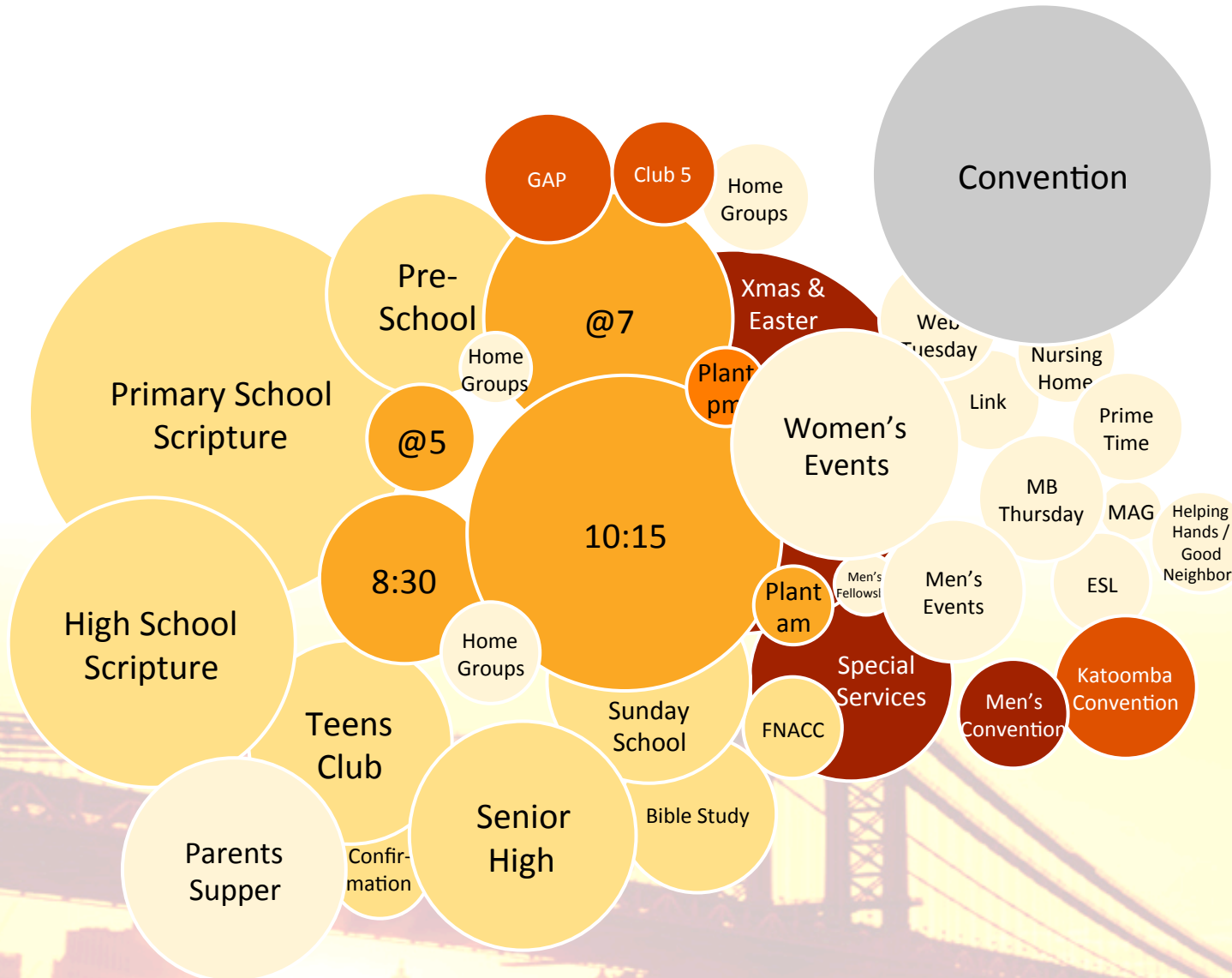
Speaking the
truth in love
(Eph 4:15)

Praying
together

Hospitality &
serving

Coaching

Ministry
training



Recommit to Personal Growth

Start with the diary

Grow disciples & delegate

Be bold have a plan and hold
people accountable

Prayer / Devotion

Volunteer Part Time Full Time





















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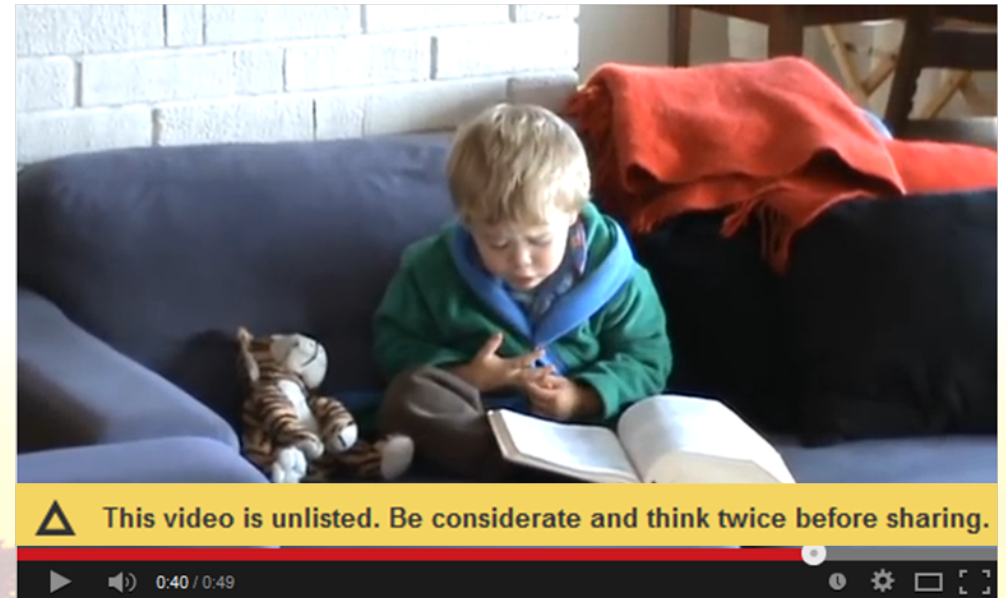
Example: Reshaping Groups

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 Best Practice

 Norm

	Settings	Low	Medium	High	Not Negotiable
A. Leaders	Clear model articulated / shared				
	Selected / recruited				
	Trained and mentored				
B. Core Elements	Not mandatory but purposeful				
	Coordinated teaching				
	Word / prayer / one another				
	Mission / service orientation				
C. Quality	Sunset understanding				
	Regular evaluation				



Every Day ... Every Believer ... Every Opportunity ...

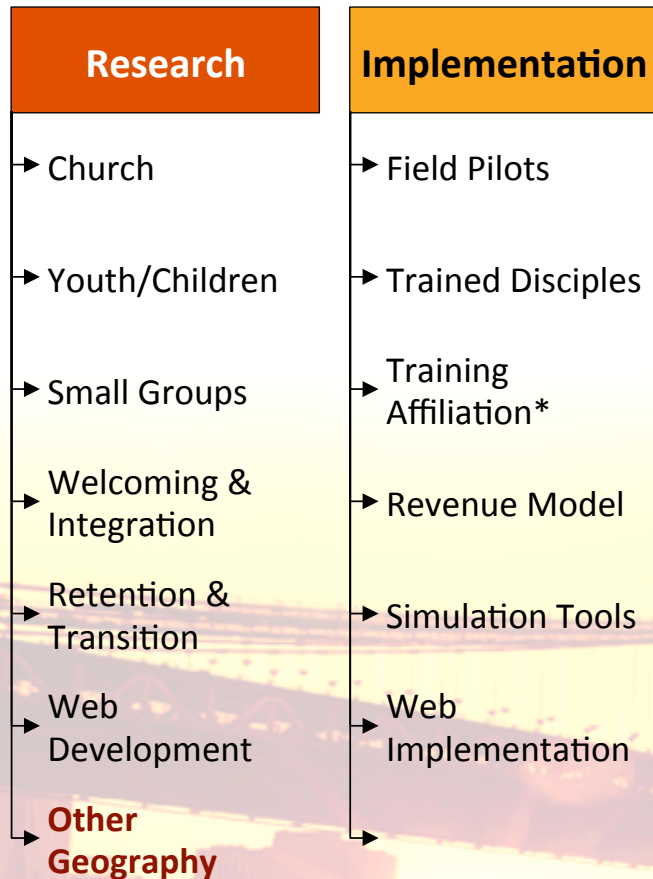
“The command to “go and make disciples” is not an option. This is not a **great commission** as much as it is **an everyday commission** for **every believer, every moment** of their **everyday life**. Nowhere does the Bible call this a “great” commission, even though in concept it is great. In reality it could be translated “**as you go, make disciples.**” It is for everyone, every moment of their everyday life. We are not called to just “go to church,” we are called to “**be the church**” where we live and work”

- Dann Spader

Effective Ministry & Organisation

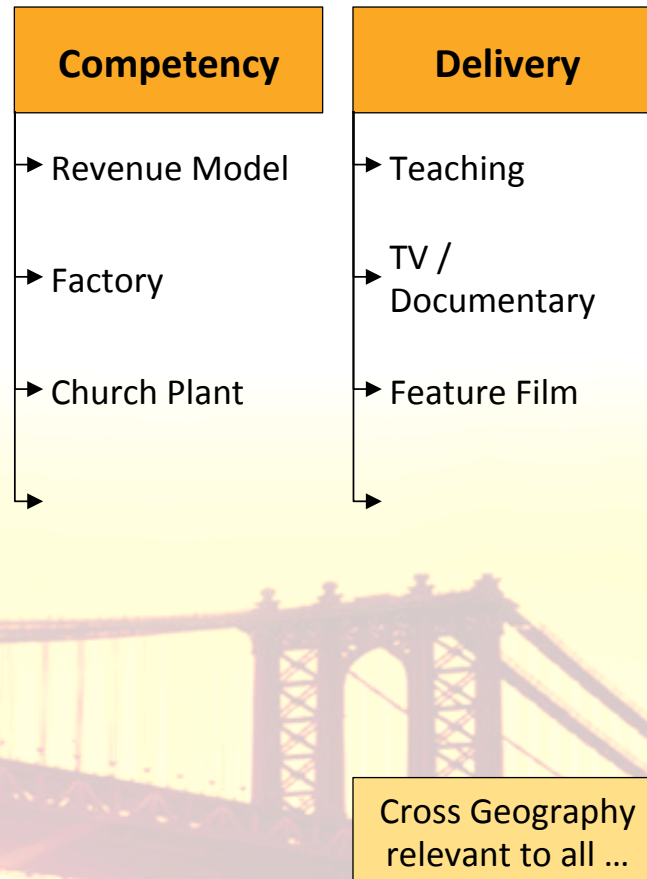
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Seed Funding...



Effective Media

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Cross Geography relevant to all ...

Effective Public Advocacy

Seed Funding...



* Eg. CMD / Moore College

RESOURCES:

Helpful Books:

- * *Transformational Discipleship: How People Really Grow*: E. Geiger, M. Kelly & P. Nation
- * *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving The Church*: D. Kinnaman
- * *UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...And Why It Matters*: D. Kinnaman
- * *The Trellis And The Vine*: C. Marshall & T. Payne
- * *The Course Of Your Life*: Matthias Media
- * *Six Steps To Loving Your Church*: Matthias Media
- * *One-To-One*: Sophie de Witt
- * *One-To-One*: David Helm
- * *Iron Sharpens Iron (on small groups)* O. Saer
- * *The Radical Disciple*: John Stott
- * *Liberating Ministry From The Success Syndrome*: K & B Hughes
- * *Richard Baxter: The Reformed Pastor*

Helpful Websites:

Barna Cities: <http://cities.barna.org>

Barna Millennials: <https://www.barna.org/barna-update/millennials>

The Gospel Coalition: <http://www.thegospelcoalition.org>

Matthias Media: <http://www.matthiasmedia.com.au>

www.effectiveministry.org

www.facebook.com/EM.EffectiveMinistry

