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GENERATION

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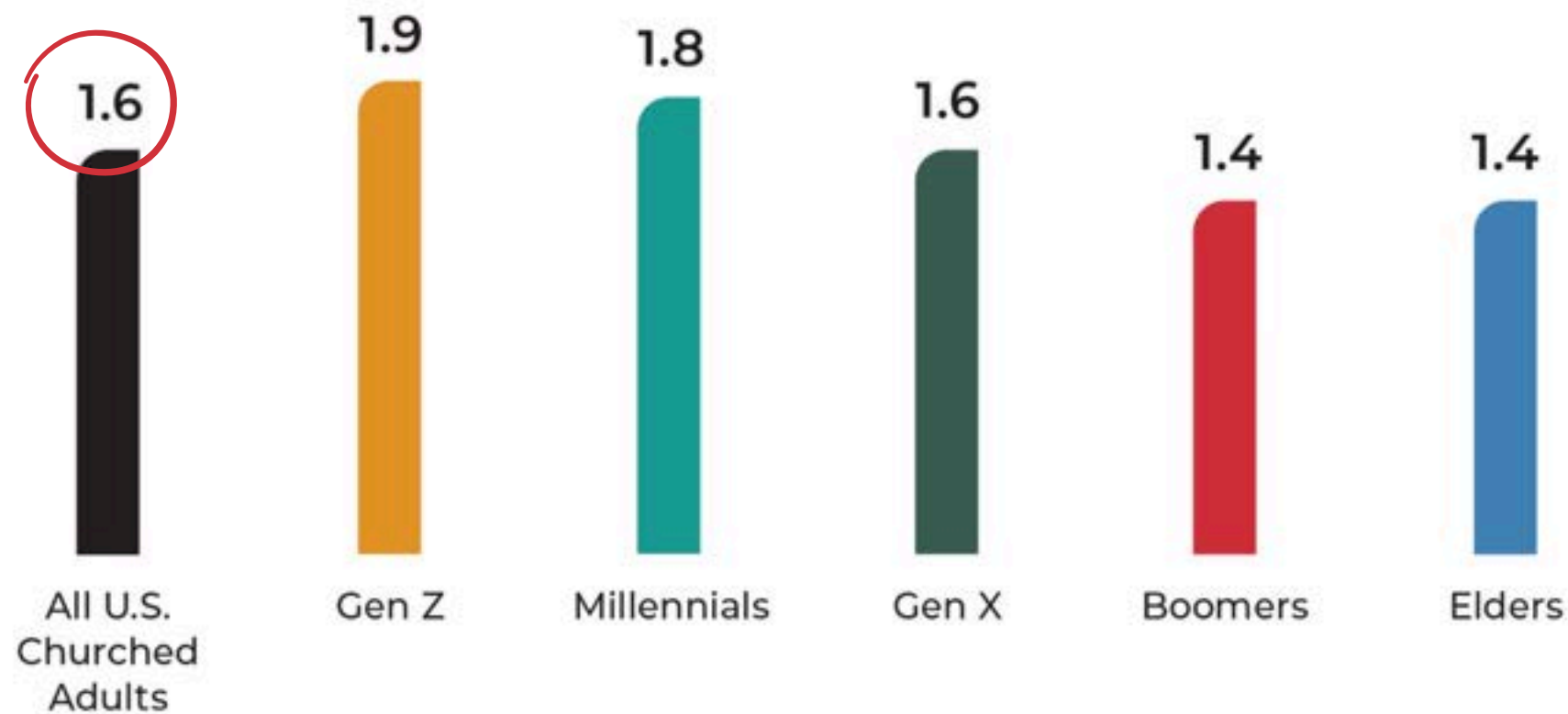
A Study of the Book of Hebrews

So far in 2025, what is the
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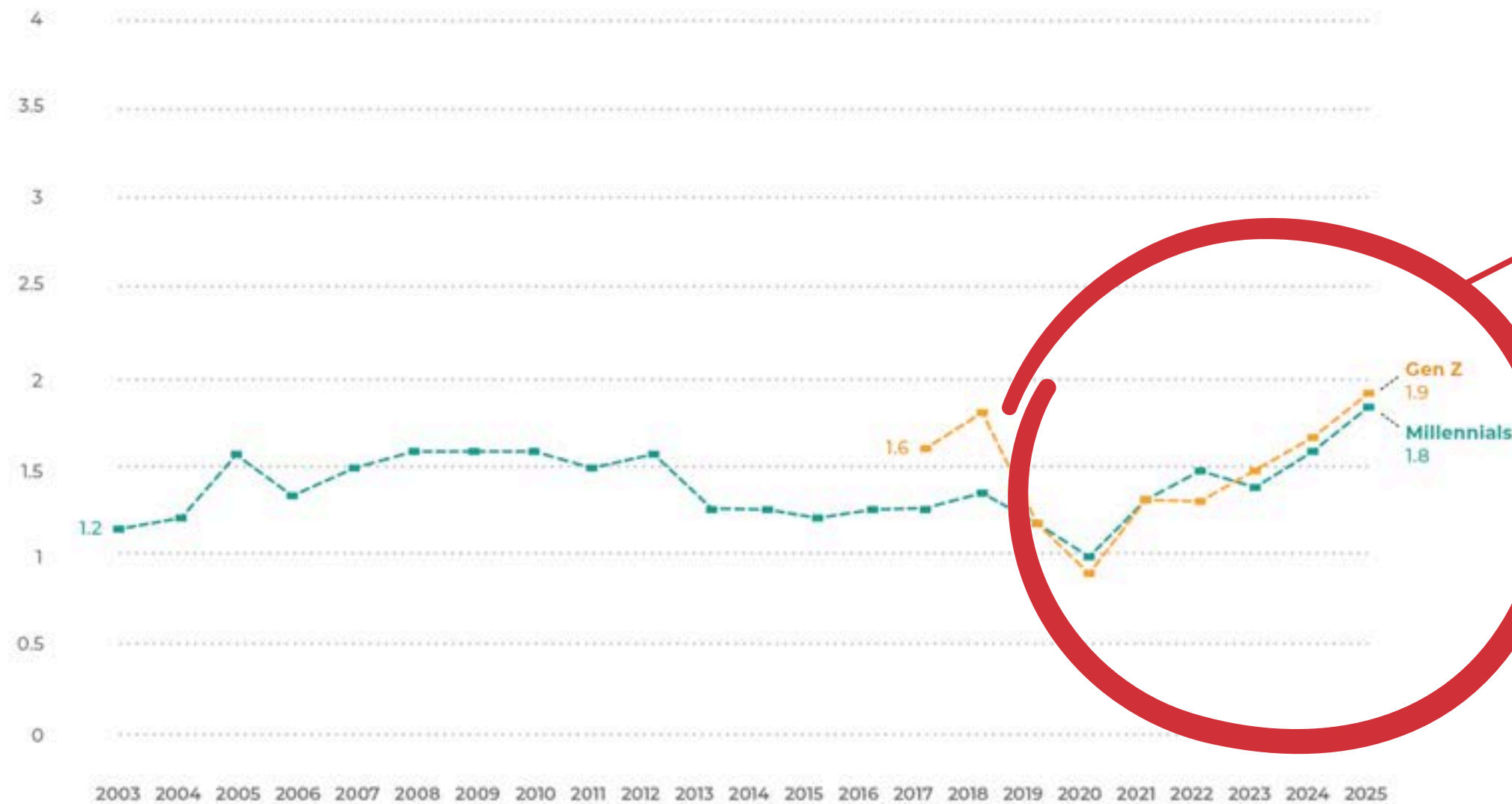


n=3,579 U.S. Adults, January to July 2025.

“Where is this renewal coming from? For decades, older adults—Boomers and Elders—were the most reliable churchgoers. Today, the pattern has shifted. Gen Z and Millennials, often labeled as disinterested in faith, show the highest levels of regular attendance.”

Among Gen Z & Millennial Churchgoers, Monthly Weekend Church Attendance Has Nearly Doubled Since 2020

The average churchgoer attends church X times per month



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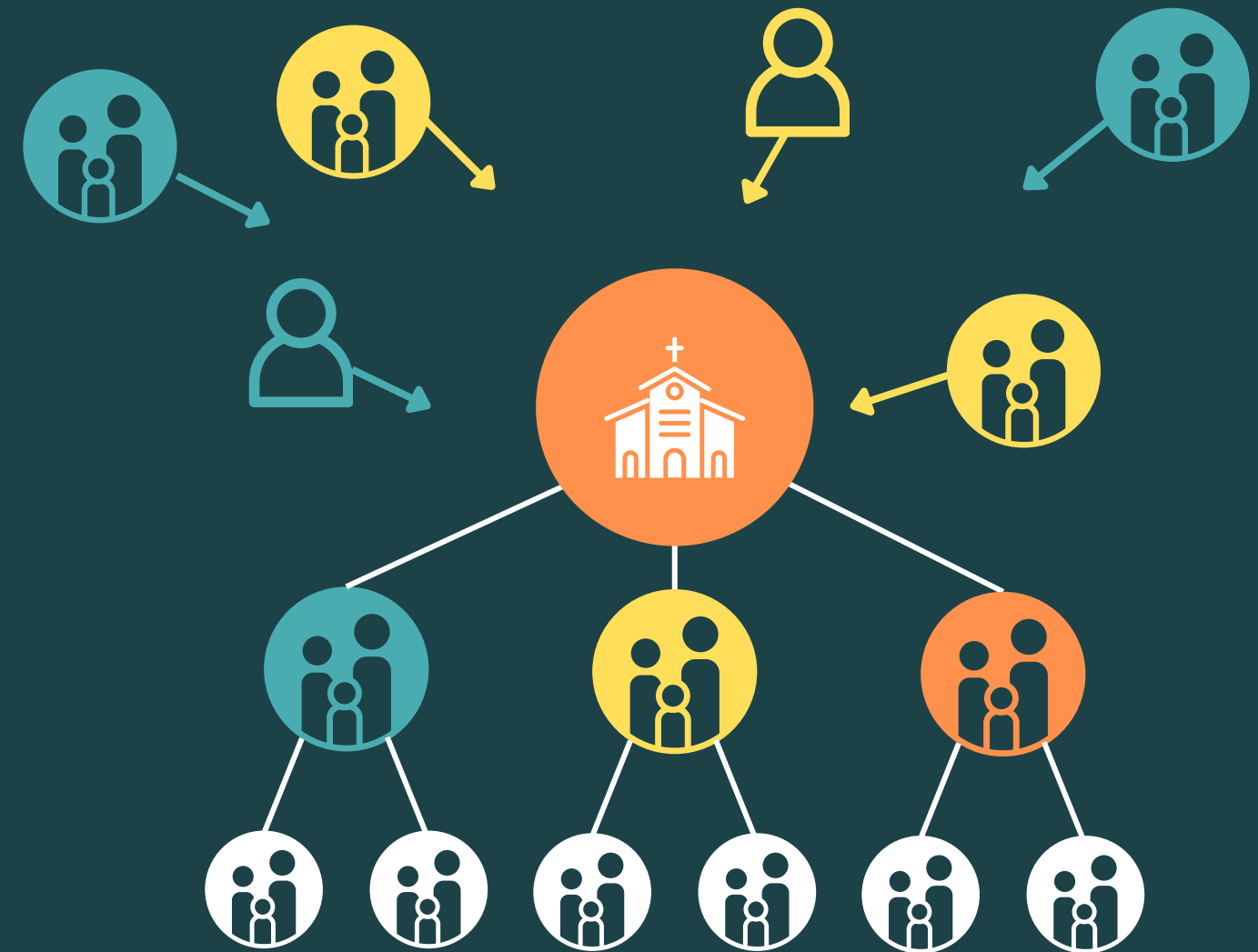
The reason that churches ought to celebrate faith that passes from one generation to the next should be obvious: **Any church that does not become multigenerational dies.**

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OT: Ethnic Israel



NT: Discipleship



“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

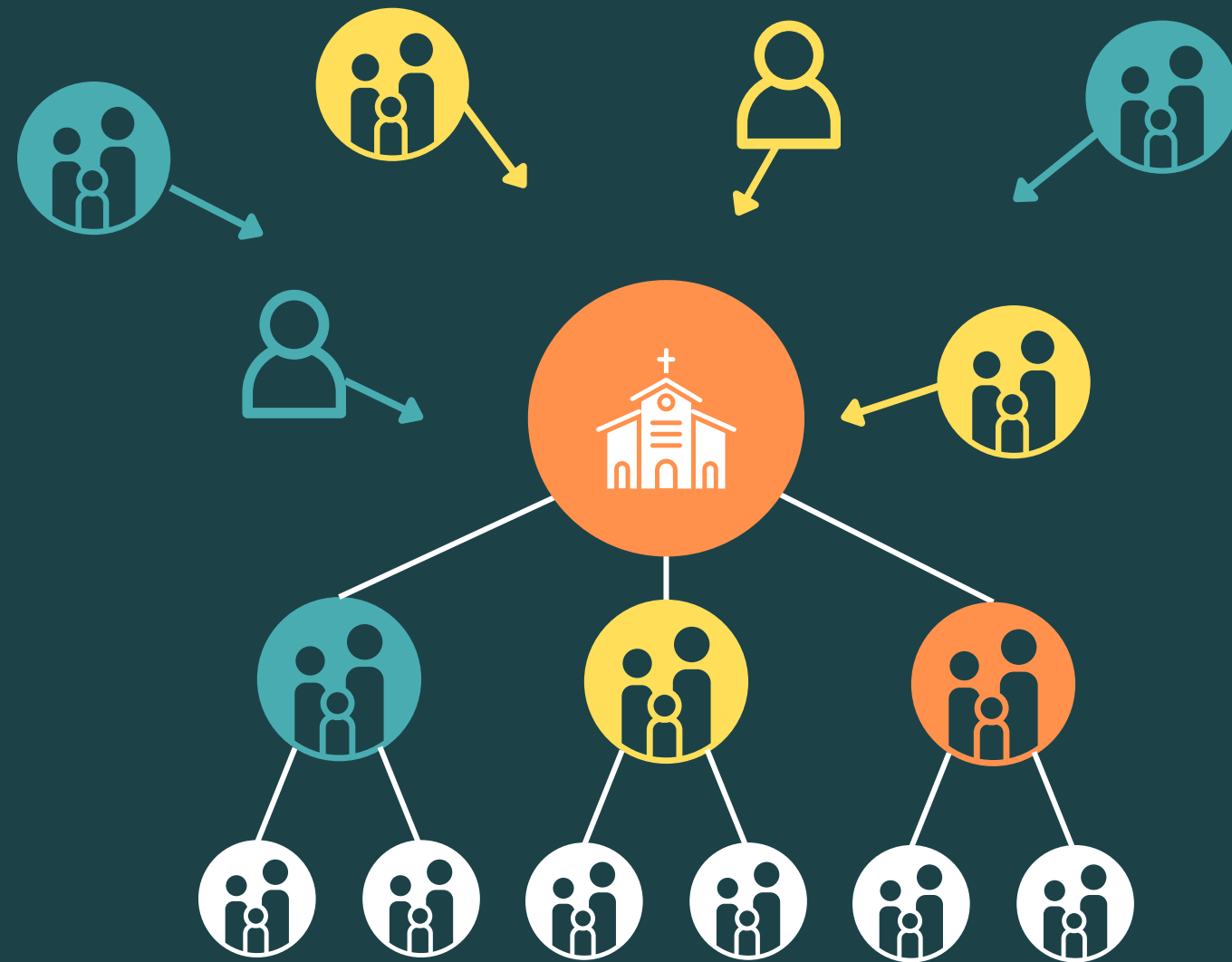


Psalm 78:1-8

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
⁷ so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;
⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

NT: Discipleship



¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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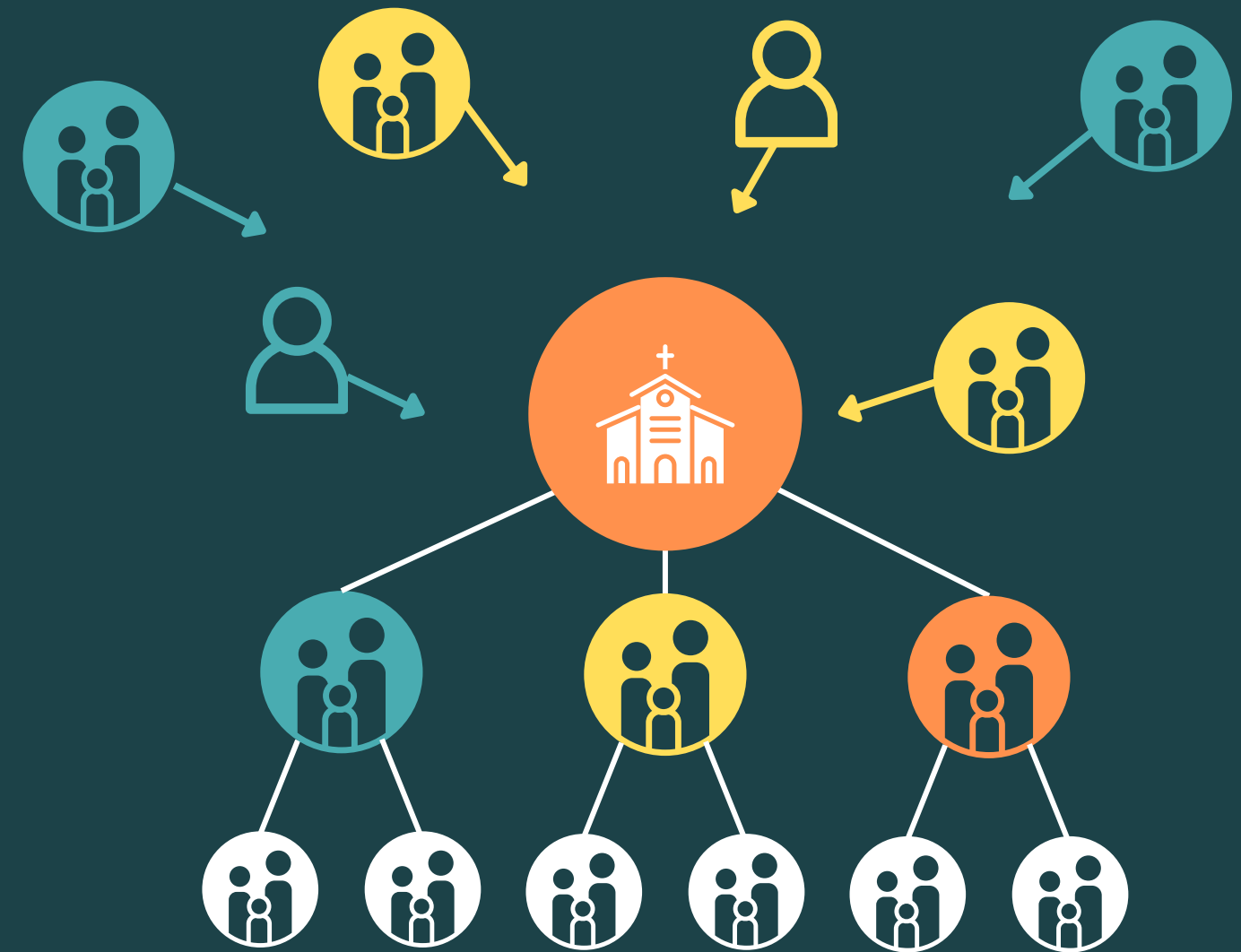
This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you..

TITUS 1:5

NT: Evangelism (Paul)



NT: Discipleship (Titus)



Textual Commentary:

1. Paul gives Titus practical advice for “putting what remains in order” by providing a ministry model to follow.
2. “Older” certainly assumes age but more importantly, Christian maturity!
3. These instructions apply to the whole church body.

Titus 2:1-5

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Textual Commentary:

1. The text assumes that older and younger Christians, that are not related by family, spend time together.
2. The text assumes that we live enough life together to observe how we (the church) are living.

Titus 2:6-8

⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

Given how Sunday worship gatherings are designed, how are we to:

1. Model sober-mindedness, sound faith, steadfastness?
2. Train the women to love their husbands and children?
3. Urge the young men to be self-controlled?
4. Be a model of good works?
5. Be a model of integrity, dignity, and sound speech?

LIVE THE TEXT

Midweek Discipleship

- Make the most of mealtime by getting to know your table and new faces.
- Linger afterward to meet people.
- Consider helping Pastor Ethan and his team with After Hours.
- Ask Gina how you can join a serve team like the Cooking Team, Set Up / Tear Down Team, Greeting Team, etc.
- Invite your table into your home once this semester.

Personal Discipleship

- Start with family discipleship:
 - Pray at meals, bedtimes, family events
 - Family Worship--regularly read Scripture, sing age-appropriate praise songs
 - Practice loving discipline with regular praise
 - Practice forgiveness of wrongs and repentance for wrongs
- As you disciple in your friend groups and coworkers, bring them into your life.

How to bring disciples into your life:

1. Invite them to participate in birthday, holiday, and milestone events with your family.
2. When you serve the church, ask them to serve with you.
3. Establish a time weekly to swap prayer requests and pray together.
4. Bring them with you when you disciple other people, so they can learn how to make disciples.
5. Confess sin, share failures, and reveal plans to address your weaknesses.