

A DIFFERENT KINGDOM...

- Born Again (John 3:3-6) and Transferred (Colossians 1:13)
- · 'Kingdom' the 'rule of God in action' (Matthew 6:9-10)
- King of kings + Lord of Lords = Everything changes!
- How does it happen? 2 'conversions'!...



ACTS 2:36-41 PERSONAL FOUNDATIONS

Repentance & faith Baptism Filled with The Spirit Added to Church

(ROCK SOLID)



Privileges and responsibilities of being part of the Church family

(BELONGING)



Acts 2:42-46

THE WORLD'S FIRST SPIRIT-FILLED BODY!...

'Those who believed were added to the church that day. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching...the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders...all the believers met in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions...They worshipped together at the Temple each day and met in homes...And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved'



OUTLINE OF OUR DAY







1. Church

The Fullness of Christ!

2. Word

Timeless Truth, Daily Bread

3. Gatherings

Expressing Dynamic Life!



OUTLINE OF OUR DAY







4. Leadership

Helping Us Reach Our Potential

5. Stewardship

Handling God's Goodness

6. Covenant

Sharing Our Lives Together



Belonging

SESSION FORMAT







1. THE CHURCH



1. Nature



2. Mission



3. Pictures



4. Growth



5. Story of LRC



6. Discussion



7. Summary



NATURE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED OUT

Ekklesia (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Chosen, holy, belonging to God Kingdom-people, for whom 'Jesus is Lord'!

JOINED TOGETHER

(EPHESIANS 4:4-6)

Universally and locally

BUILT UP

(EPHESIANS 4:11-13)

Authentic Foundations Apostles and Prophets

SENT OUT (ACTS 1:8)

For purpose
To be His witnesses





MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Our mission is to continue the work Christ began (John 14:12);

- Establishing His Kingdom (His will and rule)
 (Matthew 6:10)
- Revealing His wisdom (Ephesians 3:10)
- Filling the whole earth with His glory!
 (Habukkuk 2:14)
- The 'Restoration of All Things'(Acts 3:21)





PICTURES OF THE CHURCH



House - built on apostolic-prophetic foundations and filled with the Spirit! (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Family - never an organisation! (Ephesians 3:6, 14-15)

Body - everyone has a vital role (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Army - defeating an enemy and winning a war! (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Bride - preparing for her glorious destiny! (Ephesians 5:25-27)



GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

A GREAT COMMANDMENT (MATTHEW 22:37-39) AND A GREAT COMMISSION (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

Love God - worship; reach-up!

Love Each Other - discipleship; reach-in!

Love the World - outreach; reach-out!

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL (JOHN 4:35); WE MUST 'LIVE TO GIVE' (ACTS 3:6)

LUKE 10:1-9 PRINCIPLES

Pray... Bless...

Develop friendships... Meet needs...

Tell your story!





THE STORY OF LIVING ROCK CHURCH

"from the heart of the nation... to the ends of the earth"

JOINED TOGETHER AND RENAMED

Shared vision, people, resources

Renamed to Living Rock Church









LCF PLANT-OUTS

Covenant Life church and Rock of Life church were planted out from Leicester Christian Fellowship

Apostolic-Prophetic foundations

Part of wider 'family' - CMI and MWB

Growth in Hinckley and Broughton Astley







NEW BASE IN STONEY STANTON

PLANT-OUT INTO COVENTRY



2009

ESTABLISH LRC KENYA

PLANT-OUT INTO TAMWORTH



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Growth and goodness around the region!...





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1. The Church

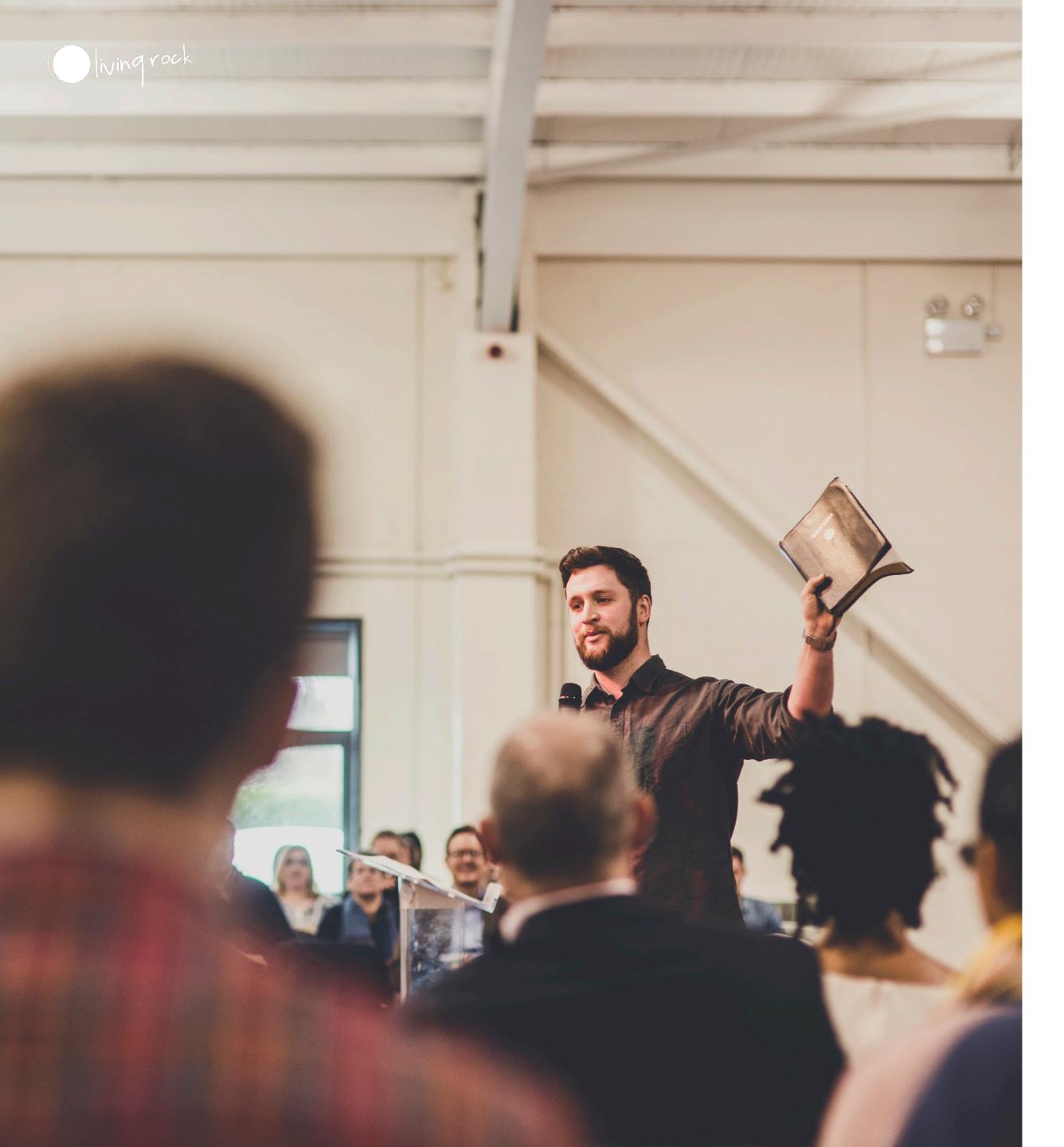
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2. THE WORD OF GOD



1. What is the Bible?



2. Bible Overview



3. Daily Bread



4. Discussion



5. Summary



WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

- God's word to us (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)
- Bible and Culture
 - Inspired (2 Peter 1:20-21)
 - Infallible (Psalms 18:30 N/V)
 - Absolute Truth (John 17:17)
 - Eternal (Isaiah 40:8)
 - Final Authority (Psalms 138:2)
- Upheld by Jesus, Holy Spirit, the Apostles, our lives!
- Our daily bread (Matthew 4:4)





BIBLE OVERVIEW

66 books, written over 1600 years! Various translations In a nutshell!...

	Old Testament	Books	New Testament	Books
History	The Law and History of Israel	17	The Gospels Acts	5
Experience	Job Psalms, Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	5	Letters (epistles)	21
Prophecy	Major Prophets Minor Prophets	17	Revelation	1



DAILY BREAD

- Pray first ask the Spirit to teach you
- Expect to receive
- Put yourself there
- Don't rush or cram too much in
- Have a daily pattern
- · Ask the Spirit to help you apply the Word
- Don't get religious!
- Read in line with the preached word





DISCUSSION: THE WORD

What have been some of the biggest challenges and successes you have found in regularly reading the Bible?



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We must interpret culture through the Temes Bifotheris Woord, Ithionharteen with readity, and is loved by everyone who loves God's Kingdom!

It is our daily bread





3. GATHERINGS



1. Why and How?



2. Worship



3. Prayer



4. Head Coverings



5. Gifts of The Spirit



6. Discussion



7. Summary



WHY AND HOW?

- · Why? Heb 10:24-25
- How? Divine Design (Ac 20:20)
- Growth without Compromise 2-Winged Church (Ac 2:46)

Congregation Teaching Vision Outworking Worship Developing gifts Crowd Community





WORSHIP

- Our highest calling, we were created to worship him (Col 1:16) and redeemed to worship (1Pe 2:9)
 - We come with thanksgiving (Ps 100:4)
 - On the right basis (Heb 10:19-22)
 - He is worthy (Ps 48:1)
- More than a feeling
 - Because He is worthy not because we are
- More than a song
 - Sacrificial (Ge 22:5)
 - Unreserved (Mk 14:3)
 - Exuberant (2Sa 6:14-16, 20-23)





PRAYER

- Engine-room of Church (Ac 4:23ff)
- For all kinds of things (1Ti 2:1-4)
- Persistence (Mt 7:7-8)
- Authority in His name (Acts 3:6)
- Power of agreement (Mt 18:19)
- · Binding and loosing (Mt 18:18)
- Accompanied by Fasting (Mt 6:16)
- Laying on of hands (Mk 16:15ff)

God has chosen to act in response to our prayers!





HEAD UN/COVERING

- · 1Co 11:2-16
- · 'Headship' and the created order (v3)
 - God, Christ, Man, Woman
- Different roles NOT different different value/ standing (cf. Gal 3:28)
- In prayer/prophecy ('priestly' roles):
 - Men are to uncover their heads (v4)
 - Women are to cover their heads (v5)
- A sign of authority (v10)
- Because of the angels (v10) demonstrating 'order'
- Cultural? No: "no other practice" in "all the churches"
- · Historic? Why? (cf. the rest of the passages)





GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Given not earned

Supernatural not logical

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

9 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT





MOVING IN GIFTS

- Be filled with the Holy Spirit every day
- Develop intimacy with Him
- Eagerly desire and ask Him to be used (1 Co 14:1)
- Believe you can
- · Die to yourself
- Respond to the witness of Spirit
- Be bold; step out in faith
- · Always operate in love and grace



DISCUSSION: GATHERINGS

Why are both congregational and 'life-group' gatherings vitally important?

How can you play your part in each?



GATHERINGS: SUMMARY

Kingdom-perspectives will mean we place high priority on gathering together.

Small and large gatherings are vital, helping us express and enjoy the whole of church-life.

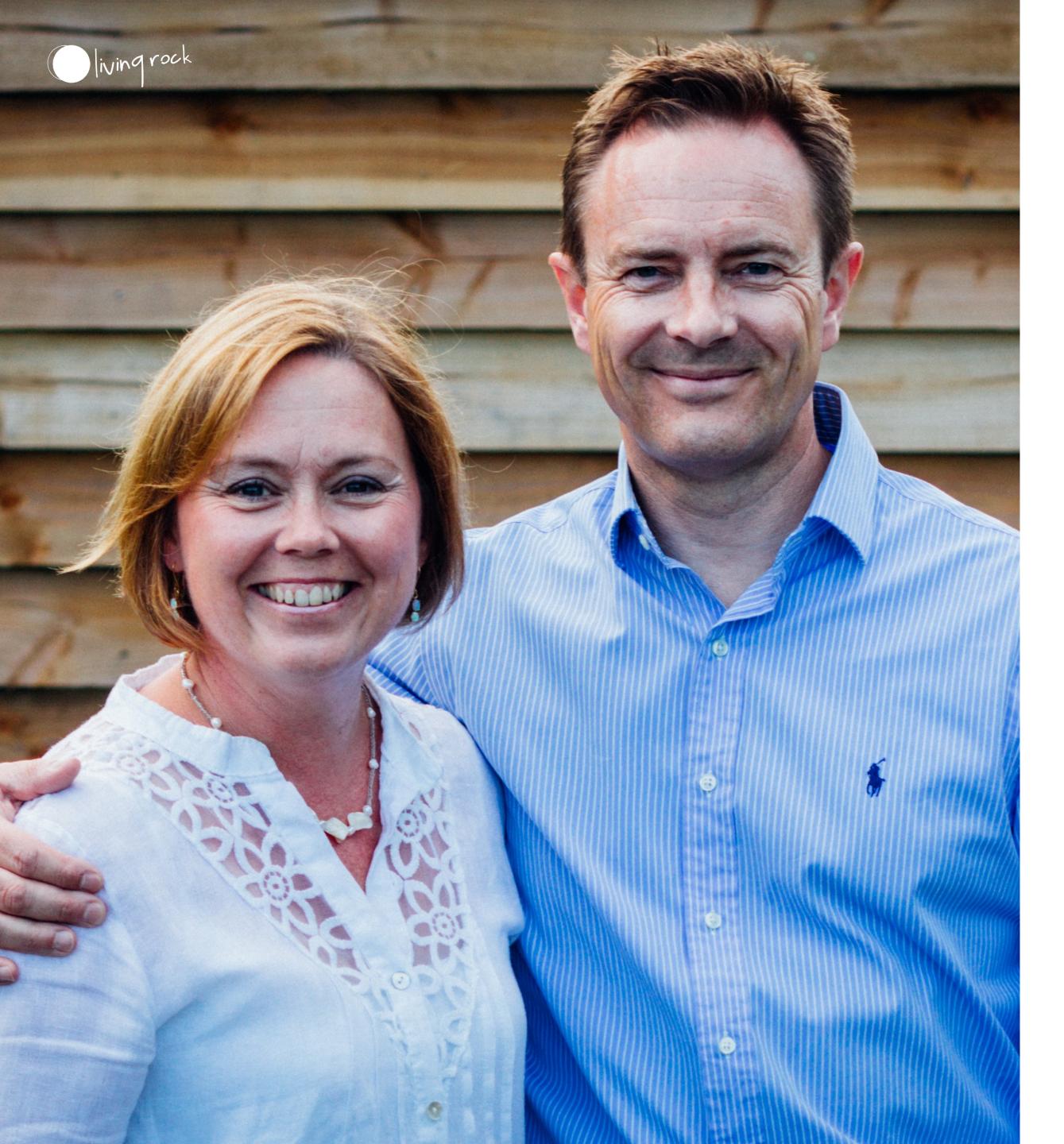
Worship is more than just singing.

Prayer powers the life of the church.

Head un/coverings demonstrate order and authority.

Gifts of the Spirit are vital in our gatherings and are available to all believers who are filled!





Belonging

4. LEADERSHIP



1. Biblical Leadership



2. Essential Ministry



3. Local Leadership



4. Discussion



5. Summary



BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

- Delegated authority (Mt 28:18ff)
- Submitted (John 14:28)
- · Servant-leadership (Mt 20:25-27)
- Examples to us (1 Cor 11:1)
- Accountable by plurality

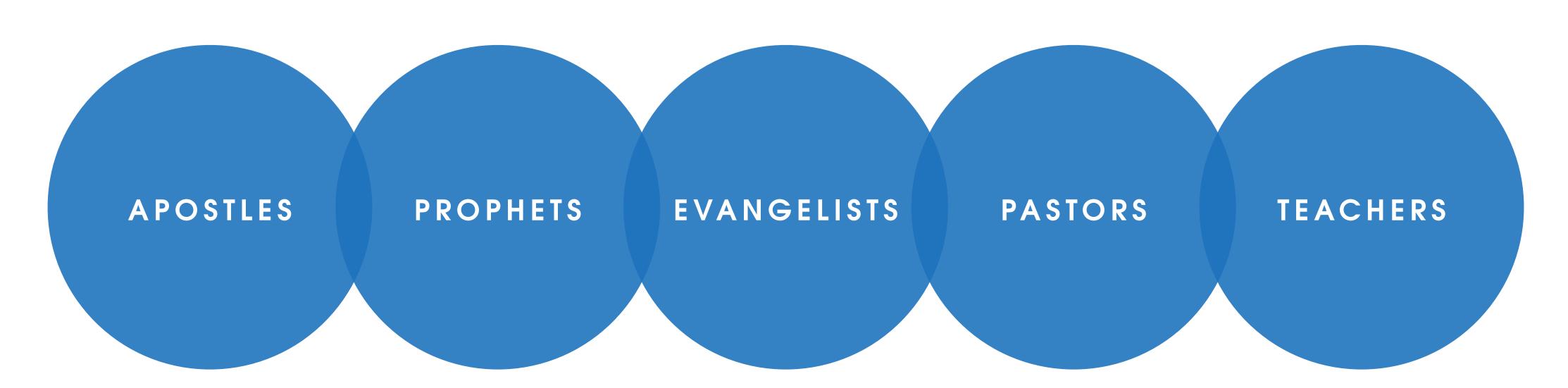
Longing to see 'fullness' - Christ fully formed in us! (Col 1:28-29)

 Protection ('covering') through submission and accountability (Heb 13:17)



ESSENTIAL MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:7-13



Working together (often to the wider church) to prepare and equip everyone to be effective in *their* own ministry.

So that... the Body is built-up...

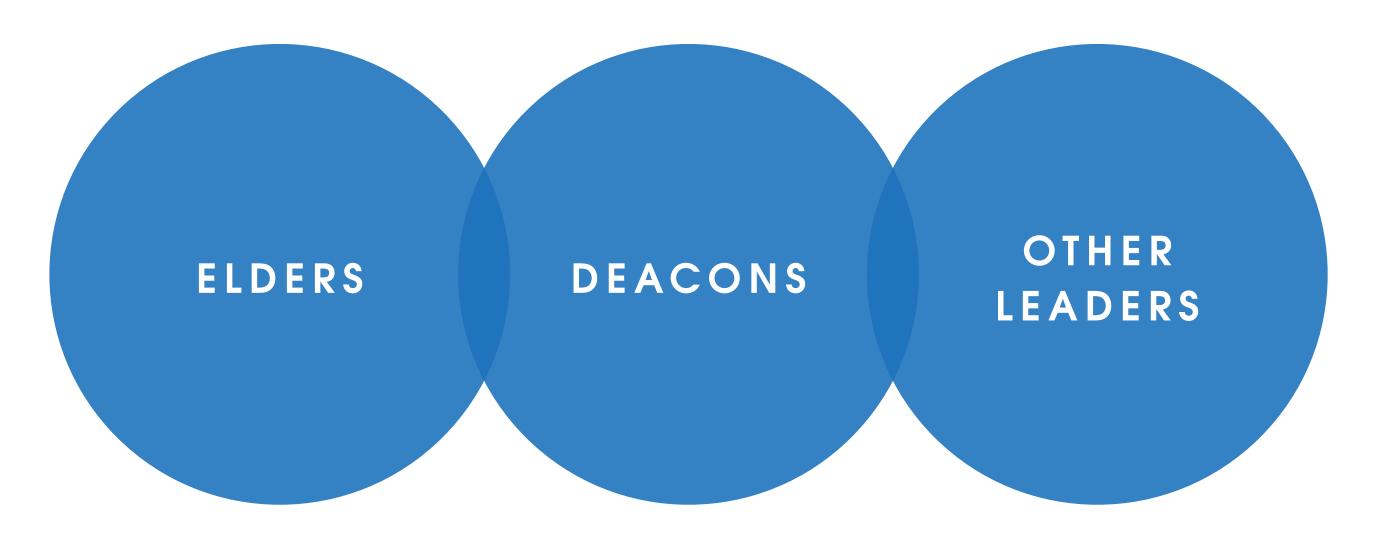
Until... we reach unity, maturity and fullness (Ephesians 4:8-13)

Apostles + Prophets carry 'revelation' which makes them 'foundations' (Ephesians 2:20, Ephesians 3:5)



LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

1 Timothy 3:1ff



Elders and Deacons are vital (Philippians 1:1)

- Chosen based on gift and character (1 Tim 3:1-13)
- Elders are men appointed by an Apostle (Acts 14:23)

Elders oversee, govern, model, teach, shepherd and pray (1 Peter 5:1-4)

Deacons and others serve to facilitate growth (Acts 6:1-6)

Headship, government and the role of men and women (1 Tim 3:1ff)



WHO'S WHO?

APOSTLES

David Lyon

Keri Jones

Noralv Askeland

Bryan Shutt

PROPHETS
Andrew Eagle
Debora Lyon
Matthew Ling
& others

EVANGELISTS
Arne Skagen
Tim Jones

PASTORS
Richard Jones
Debora Lyon

TEACHERS
Christopher Alton
Roger Aubrey



ELDERS

Richard Jones
Christopher Alton
Richard Pemberton
Phil Chapman
Stephen Russell

DEACONS

Alex & Lisa Graves
Mike & Lauren Shuter
Simon & Liz Rowland
Annie Pemberton
William Lyon
Benj Lyon
Richard Knapp
Kate Boden
Christine Peak
Mary Ullyatt

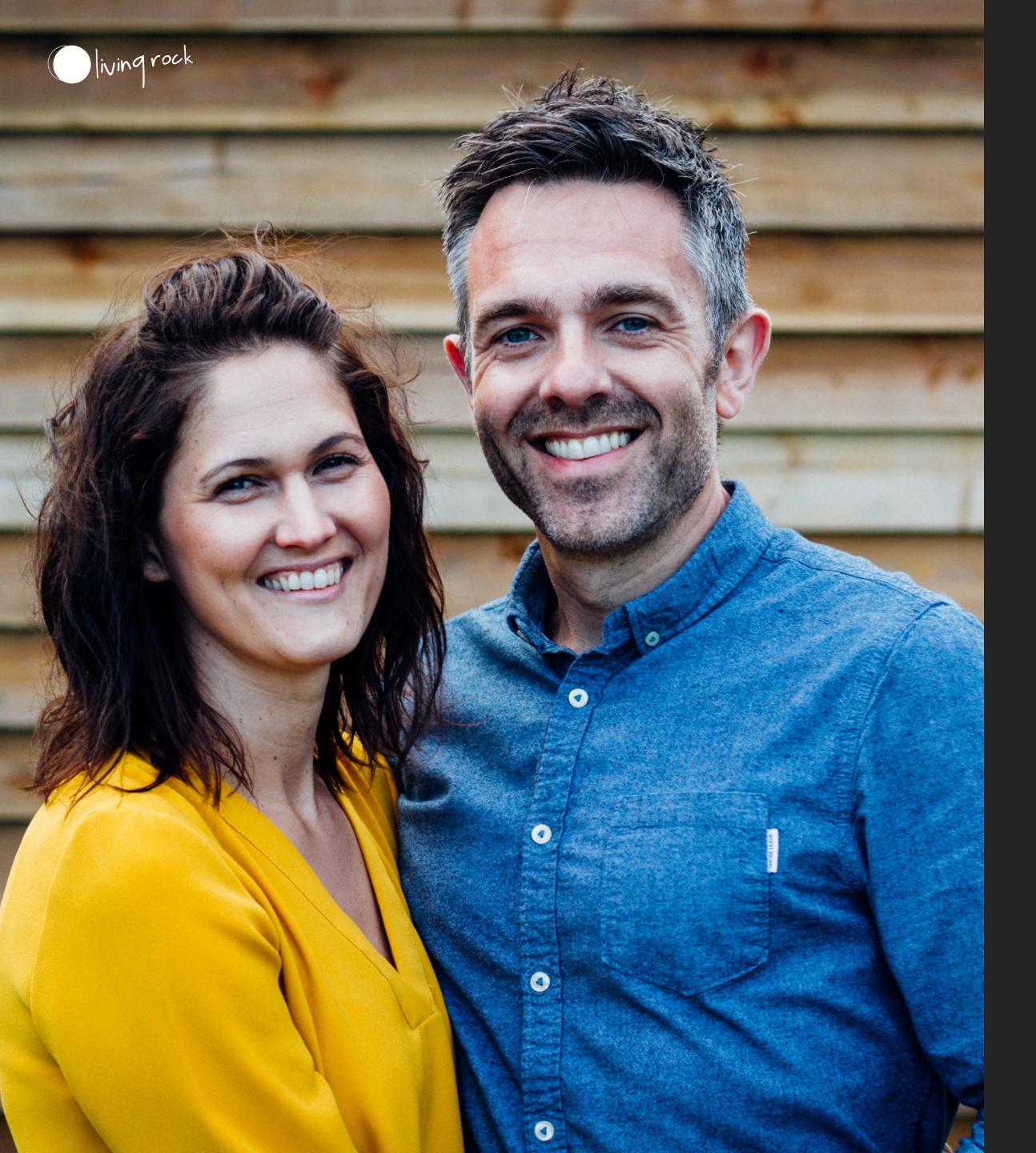
OTHER

LEADERS

Life Group Leaders







LEADERSHIP: SUMMARY

The ascended Christ has sent ministries to build up the church and help bring it to maturity.

Local church life is governed by elders, who work with other leaders to help oversee and care for the church family.

Godly leaders help the Church experience and extend the goodness of God's Kingdom.

We can submit to accountable servant leaders who have delegated authority over our lives.





Belonging

5. STEWARDSHIP



1. Kingdom Perspective



2. Tithes



3. Offerings



4. Practicalities



5. Discussion

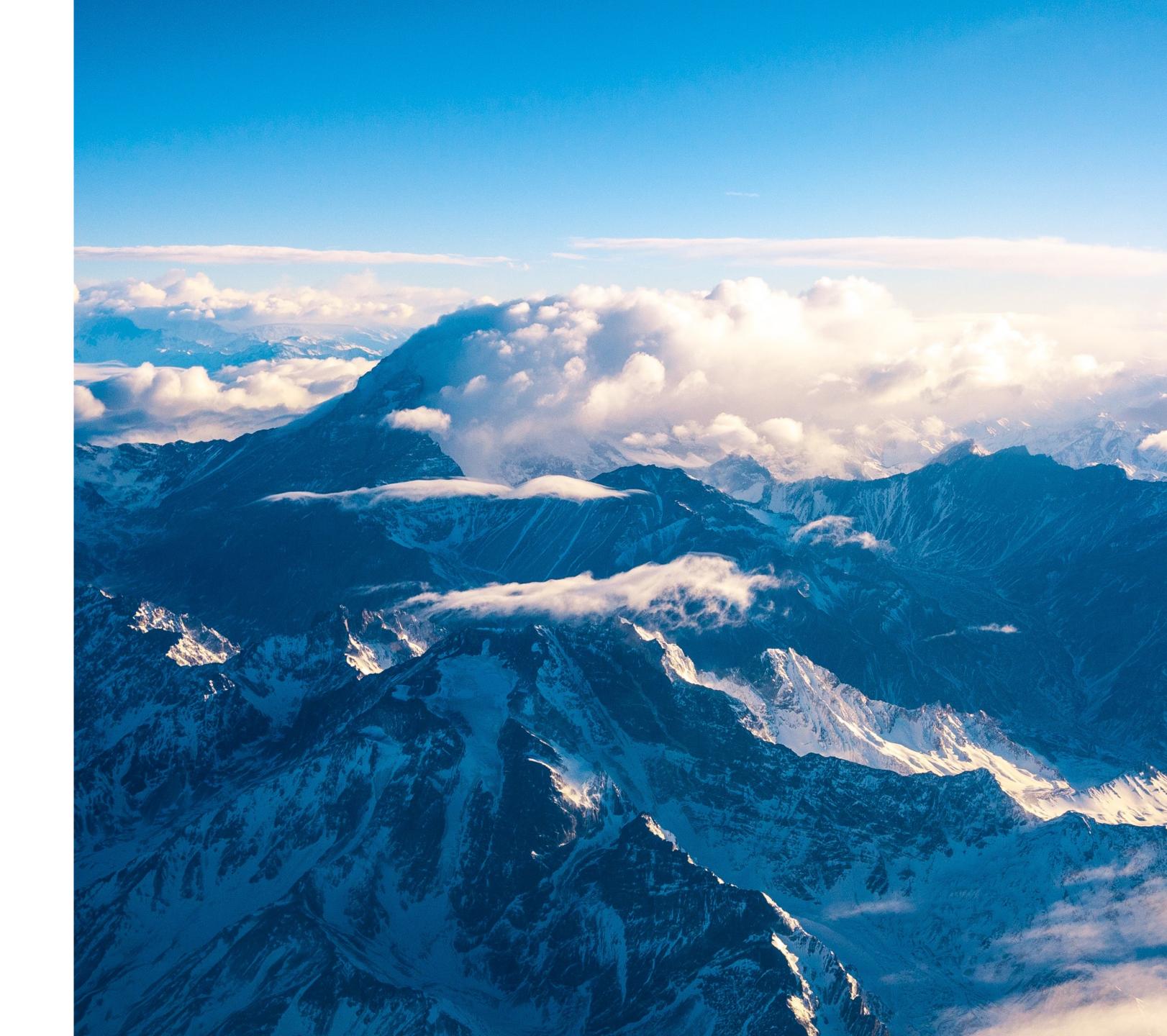


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KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

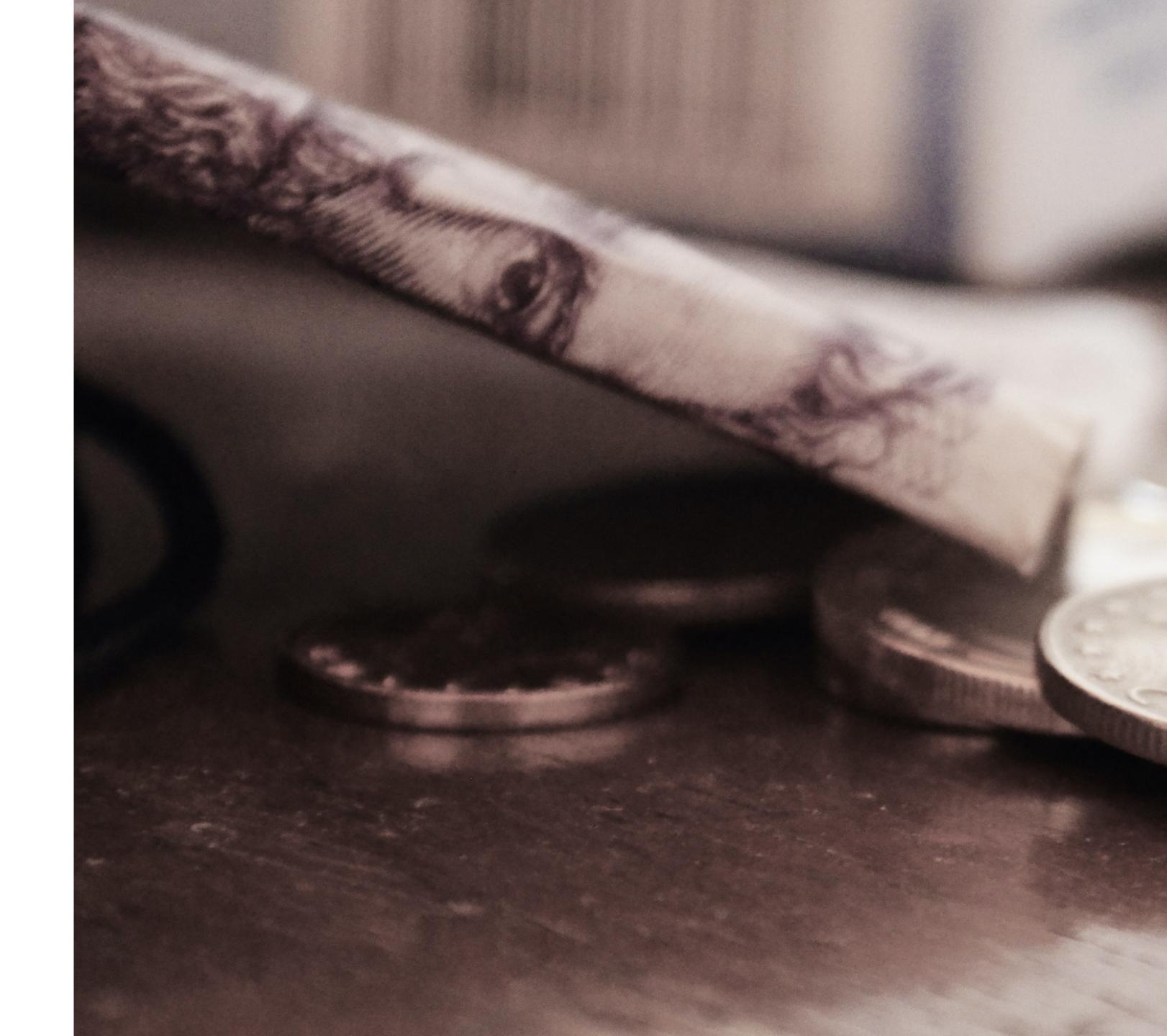
- All things belong to The Lord (Ps 24:1)
- · All of me belongs to The Lord (Gal 2:19)
 - · He is Lord of time, talents & treasure!
- Right attitudes (Mt 6:19-24)
- God's eternal principles
 - Treasure in heaven (Lk 12:34)
 - Sowing and reaping (2Cor 9:6-13)





TITHES

- Tithe = tenth
- Eternal principle
 - Abel (Ge 4:2-5)
 - Abraham (Ge 14:18-20)
 - Jacob (Ge 28:22)
 - Jesus affirms tithing (Mt 23:23)
- Tithe belongs to God (Mal 3:8-12)
- Tithe releases blessing (Mal 3:11)
- Use of Tithe?
 - For ministry (Num 18:21)
 - For people in need (Dt 14:28-29)
- Tithe-of-tithe





OFFERINGS

- Over and above the tithe!...
 - Act of worship (2Co 8:5)
 - · Privilege (2Co 8:3-4)
 - · Cheerfully (2Co 9:7)
 - Accordance with our means (1Co 16:2)
 - Systematic (1Co 16:2)
 - Generous (2Co 9:6,11-12)
- · Used to fund the life of the church





DISCUSSION: STEWARDSHIP

Using examples from the Bible, how would you describe the difference between tithes and offerings to somebody who is new to the church?



PRACTICALITIES

LRC CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES

Christopher Alton, Kate Boden, Richard Knapp, Sadie Batstone

GIFT AID SCHEME

ENVELOPES SYSTEM

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Separating tithes and offerings





STEWARDSHIP: SUMMARY

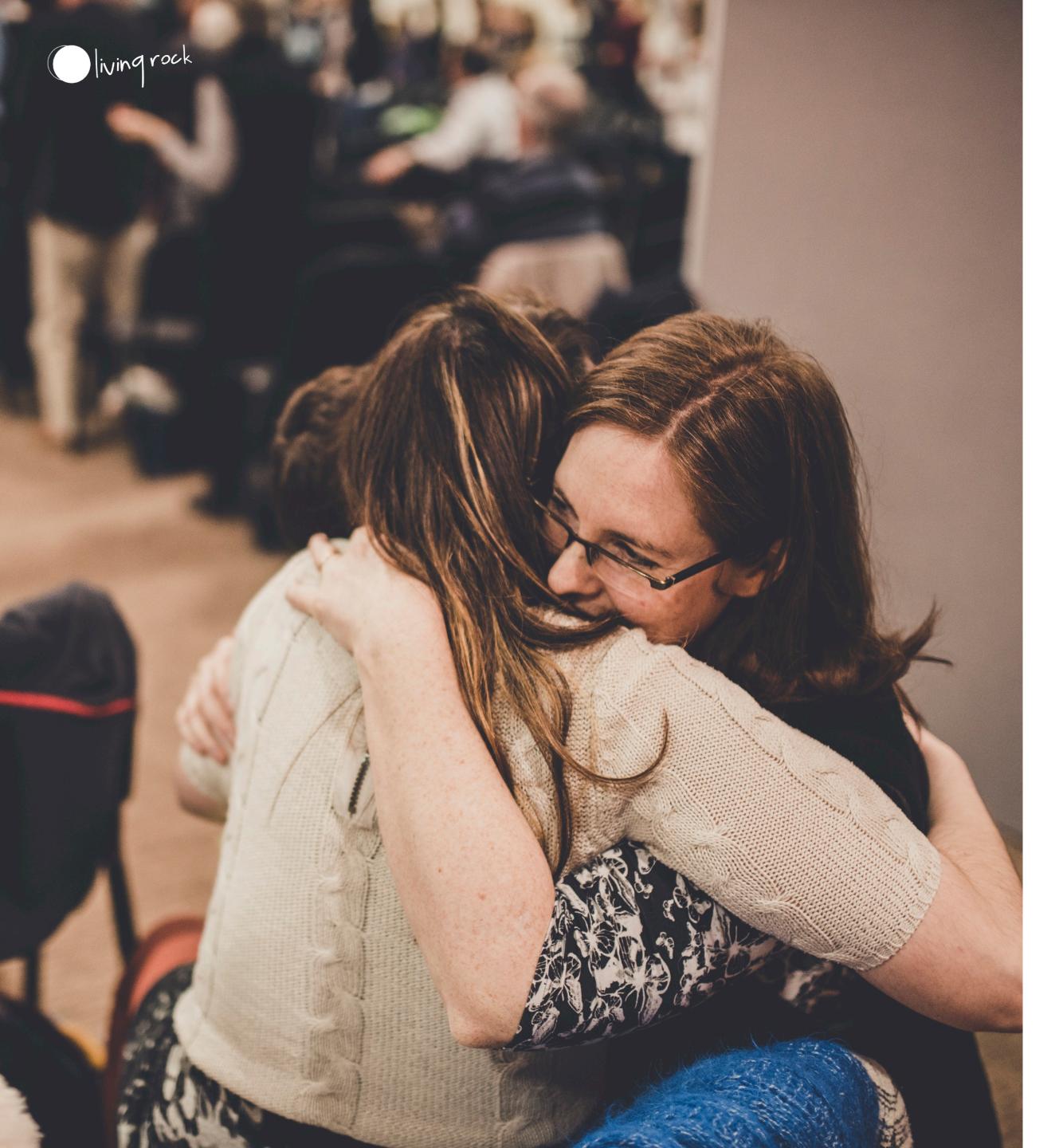
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Stewardship is to do with eternal principles.





Belonging

6. COVENANT



1. New Covenant



2. New Commandment



3. Covenant Meal



4. Practicalities



5. Discussion



6. Summary



THE NEW COVENANT

- · Covenant is a 'binding agreement'
- · God loves through a covenant relationship
- New Covenant made through Christ (Mt 26:28)
- Our relationship with God restored (Jer 31:31-34)
- · Our relationship with each other a FAMILY





THE NEW COMMANDMENT

- Love one another (Jn 13:34-35)
- · What?
 - Agape (1Cor 13:4-8)
 - Decision not feeling
- · How?
 - Dying to self (Jn 15:12-13)
 - Enabled by God (1Jn 4:7)





THE COVENANT MEAL

- · 1Co 11:17-34
- "Lord's Supper, Lord's Table, Eucharist,
 Communion, Breaking Bread, Bread and Wine..." Covenant Meal!
- An expression of our new covenant
- Time for looking:
 - Back
 - Up
 - Around
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 - Forward
- · Importance, frequency and POWER!...





DISCUSSION: COVENANT

How do we practically live out our covenant with one another?



PRACTICALITIES

SO WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

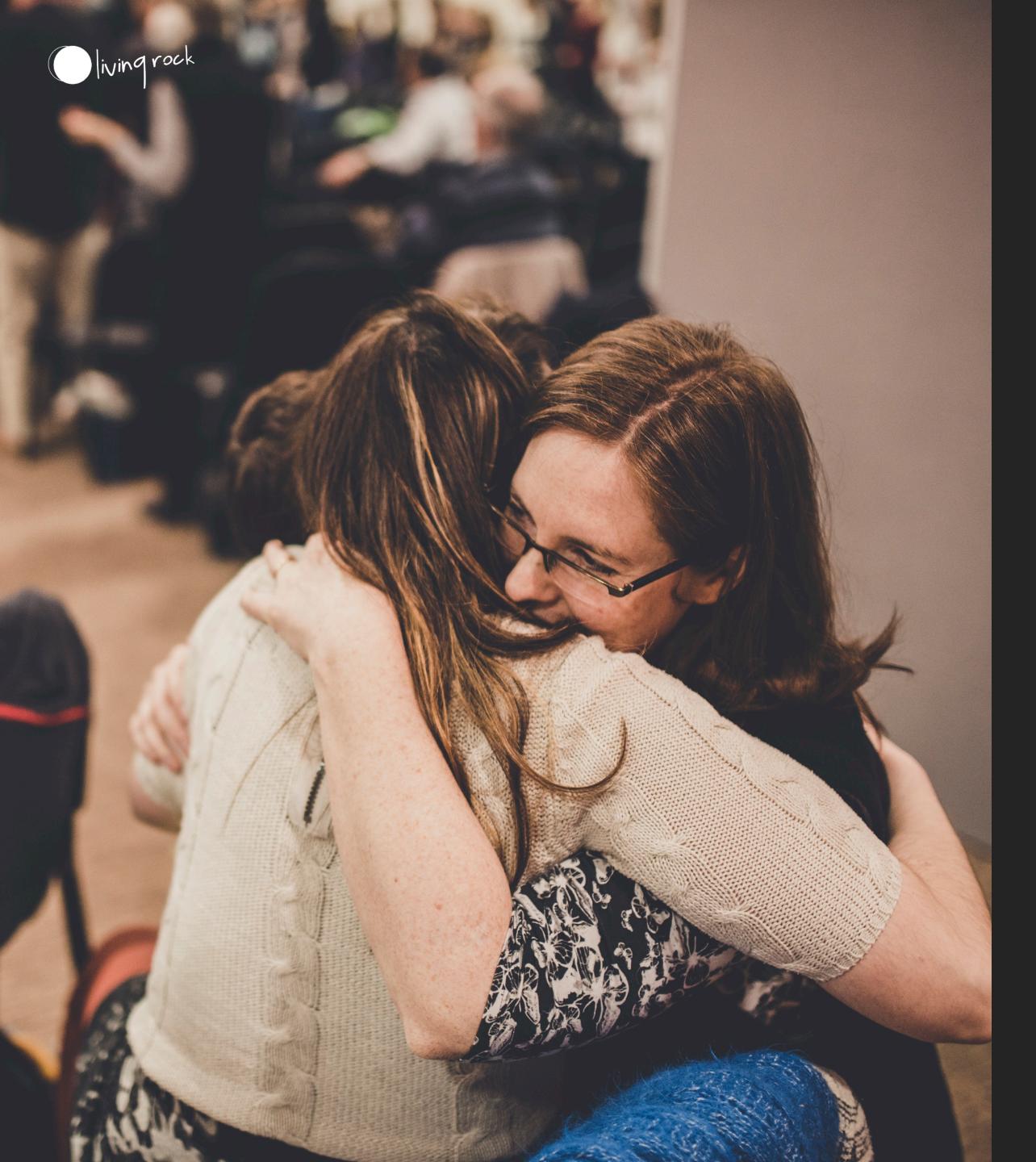
Its a decision to take care: Thoughts, words, deeds

NT instructions concerning how we relate to "one another"

COMMITMENT

To Christ To His Body





COVENANT: SUMMARY

God loves covenant!

We have been brought into the New Covenant, the expression of God's radical new Kingdom.

Covenant love should define our relationships with other believers and with God.

The covenant meal helps us remember, express and experience covenant.

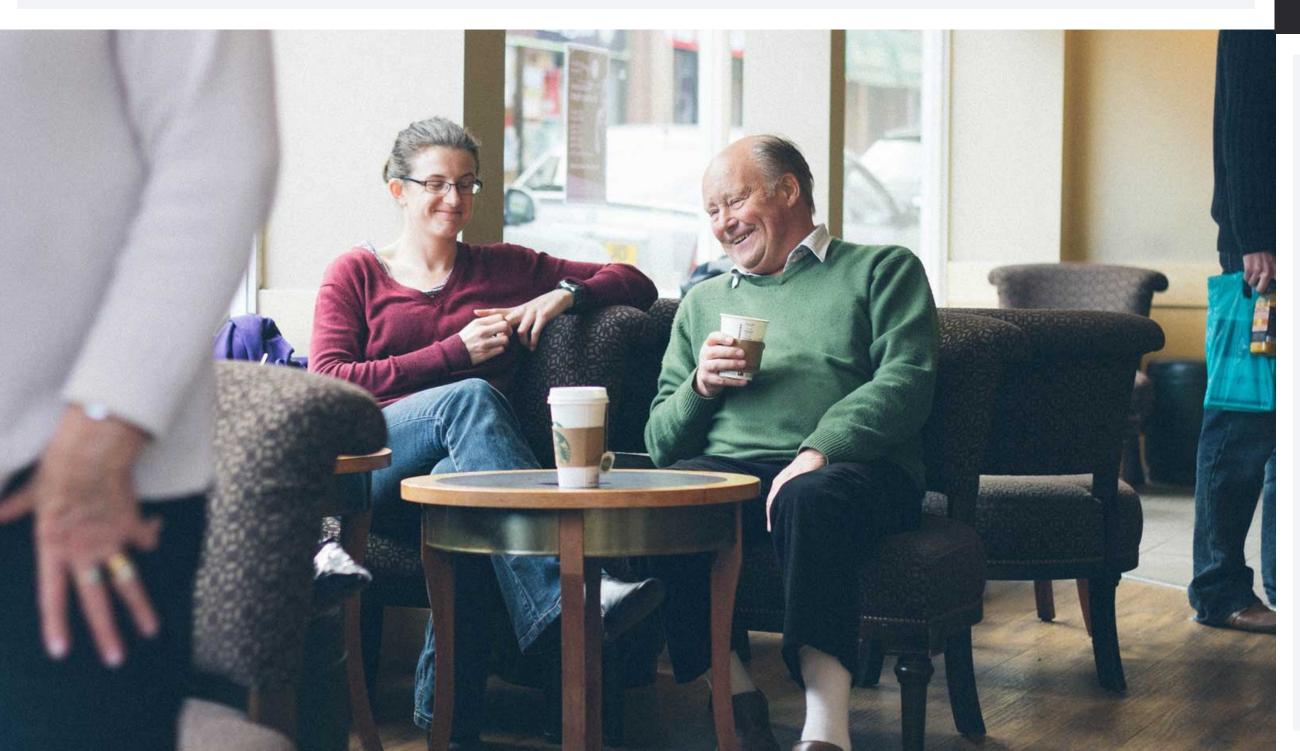
The practicalities of covenant love have to be outworked in our lives.





FINDING YOUR PLACE

and playing your part





EXPRESSING THE LIFE

of God's Kingdom



PRIVILEGES

and responsibilities





A SERIOUS DECISION

and commitment...

