

The Gospel is **God with Us**

Revelation 21:22-24

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it

Revelation 21:25-27

²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3-5

³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

We will reign forever and ever

“God’s intention for humans was that we would occupy the whole Earth and reign over it. This dominion would produce God-exalting societies in which we would exercise the creativity, imagination, intellect and skills befitting beings created in God’s image, thereby manifesting his attributes. To be made in God’s image involves a communicative mandate, that through our creative industry as God’s subcreators, we should together make the invisible God visible, thus glorifying him in the sight of all creation.” – Heaven, Randy Alcorn

This life is “training for reigning”

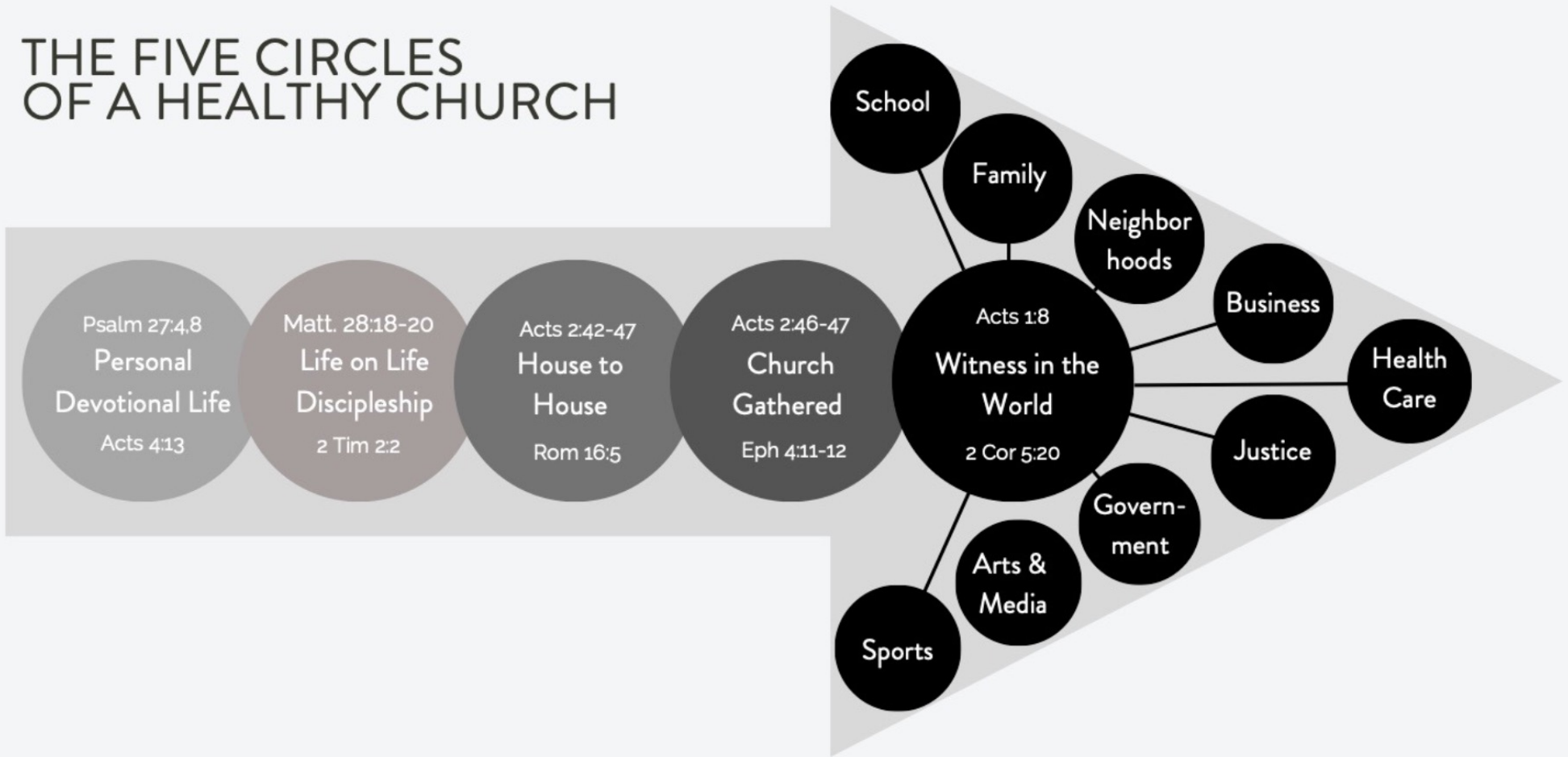
1 Timothy 4:7-8

...Train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

“Life is a series of meetings that we show up for that determine our destiny” – Jimmy Seibert

The 5 Circles of Healthy Church are meetings where we practice the reality of “God being with us” and are transformed for his glory

THE FIVE CIRCLES OF A HEALTHY CHURCH



Circle 1: Personal Devotional Life

- **Other Names:** Time with Jesus, Quiet Time, Devotions
- This is a daily meeting that is intentional and set apart to encounter the living King typically individually. During this time, we read God's Word, worship Him, and pray.

Circle 2: Life on Life Discipleship

- **Other Names:** Discipleship Groups, D-Groups
- This is a weekly to bi-weekly meeting of 2-4 people typically of the same gender where we help one another increasingly resemble Christ by: growing in obedience to the commands of Christ, discerning God's voice, confessing sin, and sharing with others.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

2 Timothy 2:2

² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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Resources for Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

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Circle 3: House to House (Lifegroup)

- **Other Names:** Family Groups, House Church
- This is a weekly meeting of 8-15 people of mixed genders where family is cultivated and we get to exercise the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit. This the smallest and most base unit of church.

Acts 2:42-44

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 2:45-47

⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Circle 4: Gathered Meeting

- **Other Names:** Church, Sunday Morning, Sunday Service
- This is a weekly meeting where multiple lifegroups gather to seek the face of God and be equipped for the work of ministry.

When we gather together as the people of God, we come up and out of regular time to a Sacred Moment. These are moments are set apart and pregnant with potential to encounter the living God. Not only are we ascending temporally out of our week, we ascend communally, and spiritually to our God who we will be with forever.

Circle 5: Witness in the World

- **Other Names: Life on Mission**

The greatest threat to the church is not the culture wars. Christians have survived worse. The greater threat is internal, “it’s the reduction of kingdom vision to personal vision. The reduction of our faith to “personal peace and affluence.”” – Fighting Shadows, Jon Tyson

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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