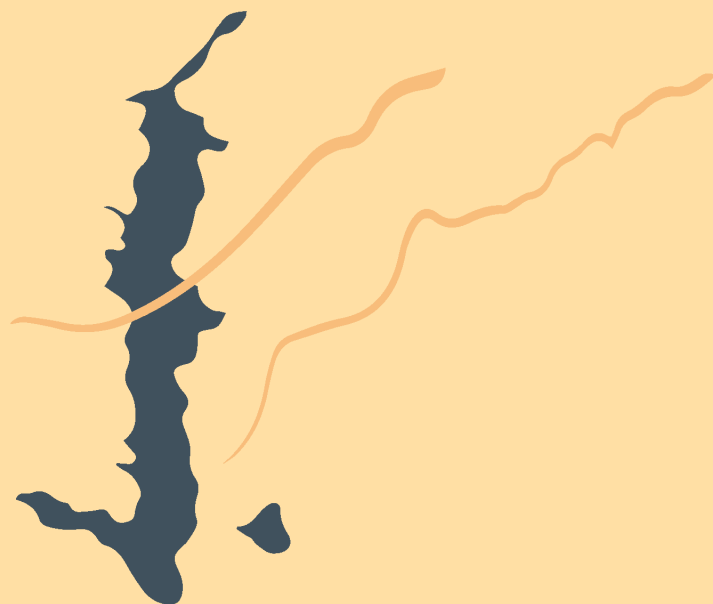




ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION

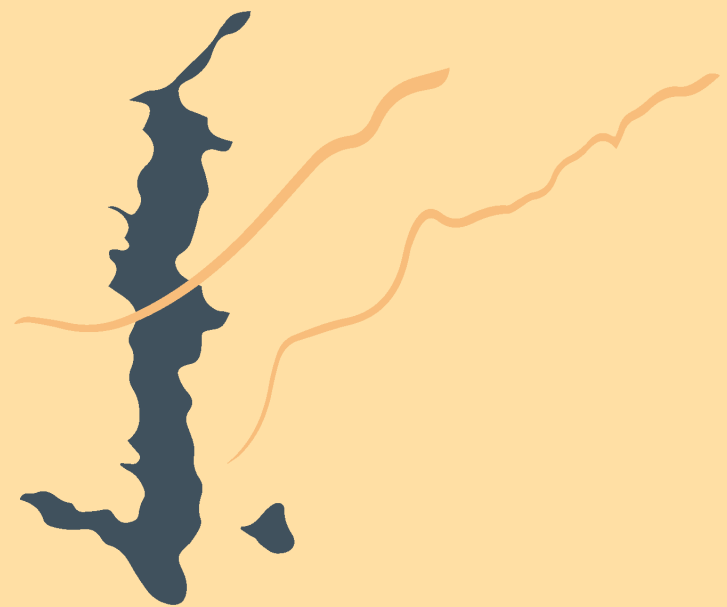
PREACHING
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CONTEXT

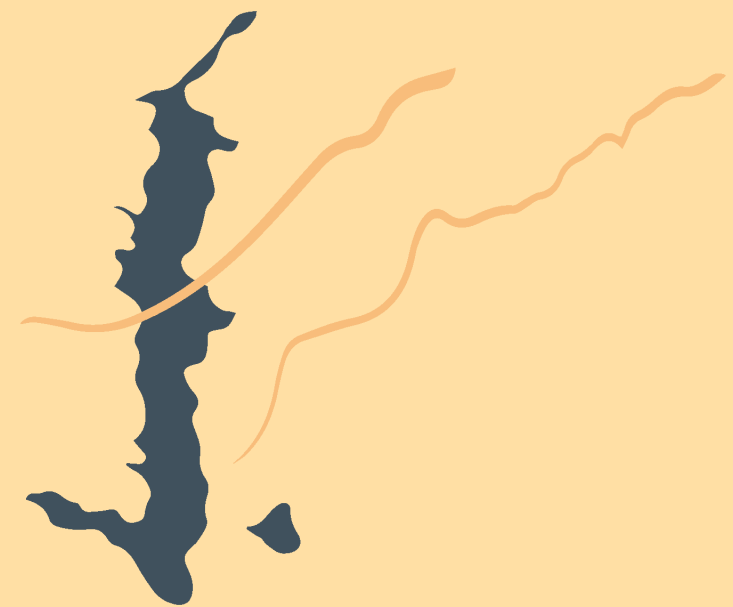




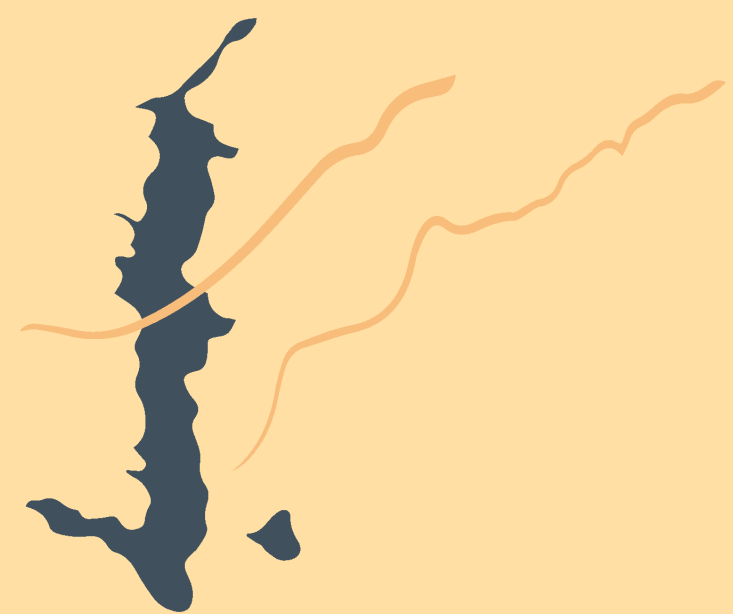
**How did Peter encourage urban
exiles to preach the gospel?**




**1. In your hearts regard Christ
the Lord as holy**



2. Be devoted to what is good





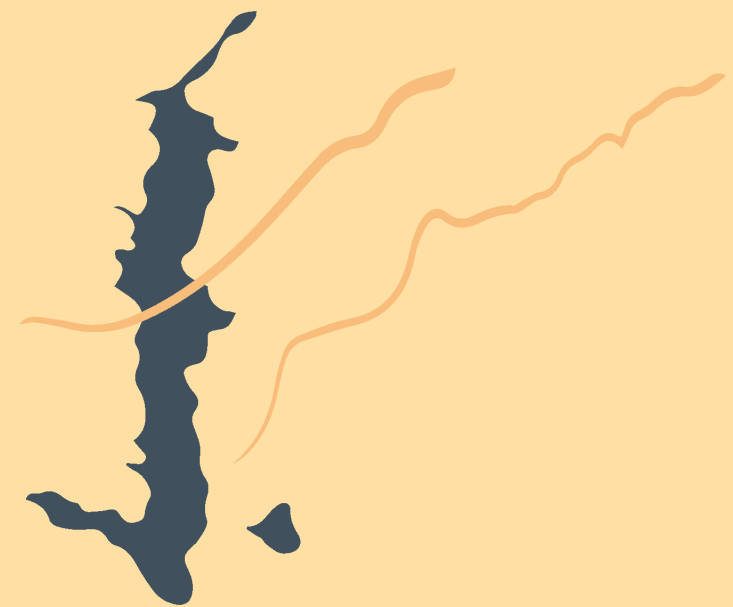
Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourself honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.



- 1 Peter 2:11-12



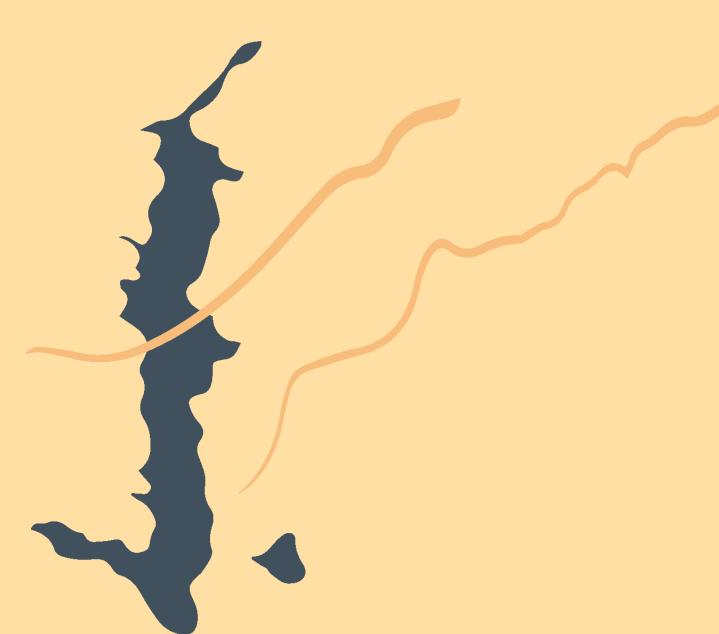
We must live in the kingdom of God in such a way that it provokes questions for which the gospel is the only answer.



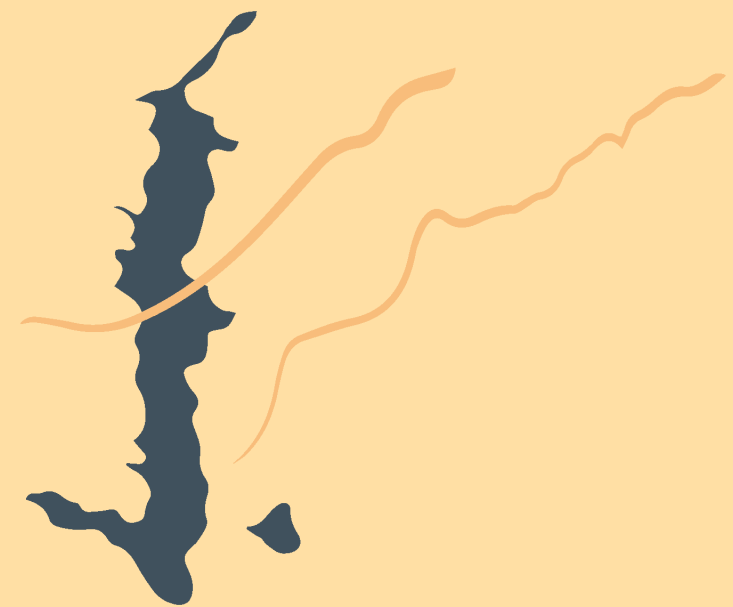
- Leslie Newbigin

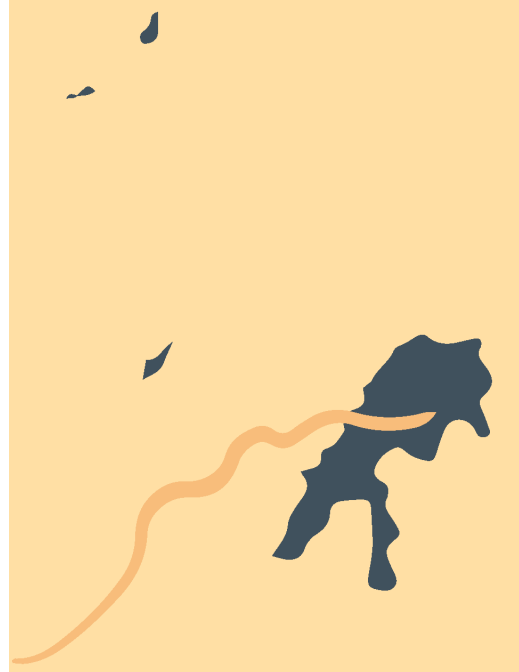
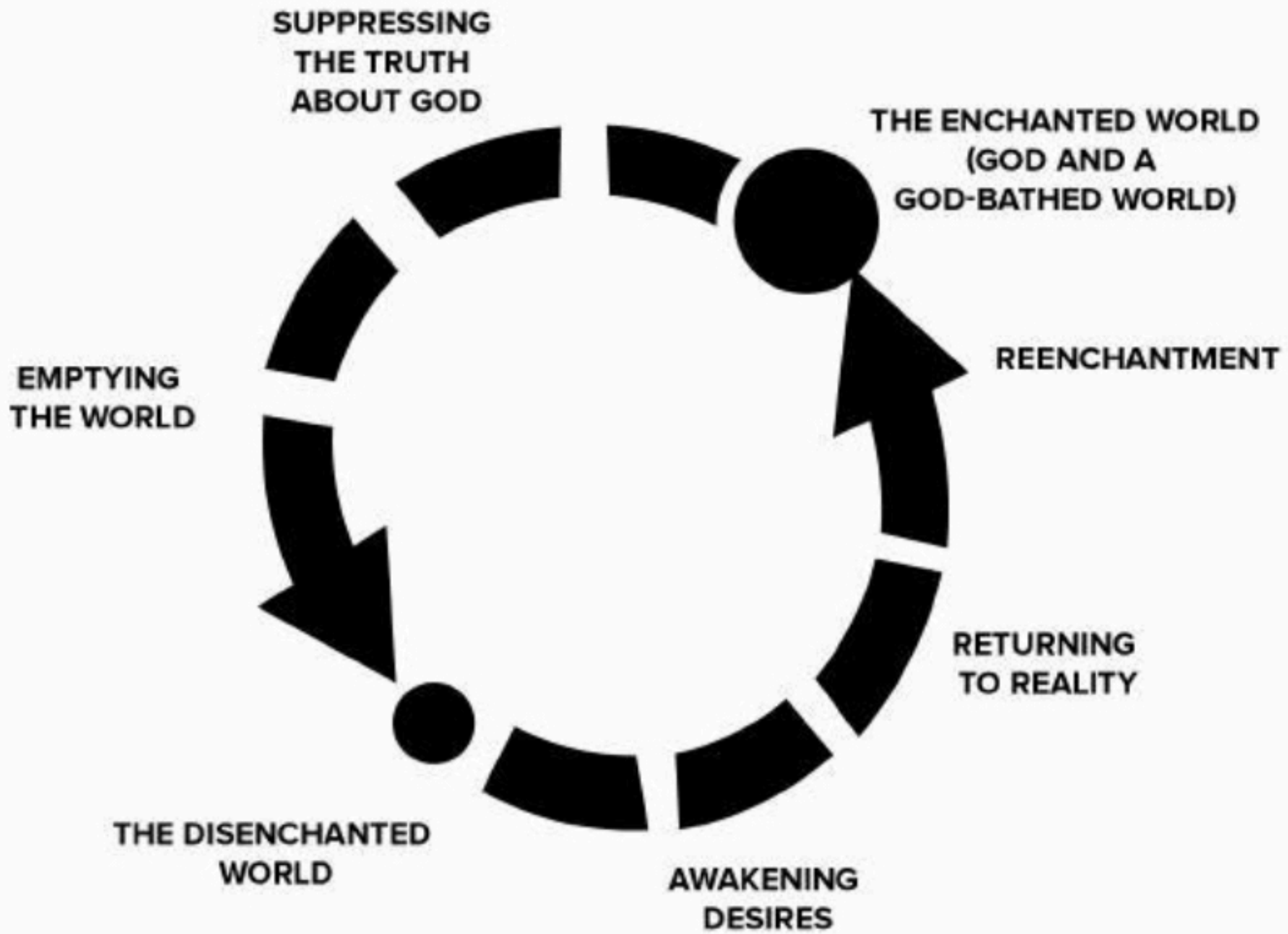


**3. Share the reason for our
hope with gentleness & respect**



**How do we share our
hope in this cultural
moment?**

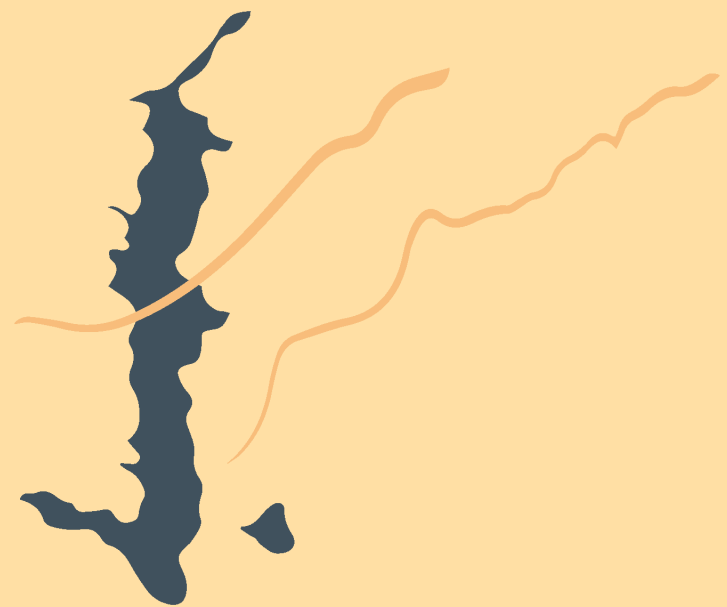





Phases of Evangelism



- **1950s-60s: Billy Graham, street preaching, 4 spiritual laws**
- **1970s-90s: Apologetics, church growth + relevance model**
- **2000s: Integrity, silent generation**





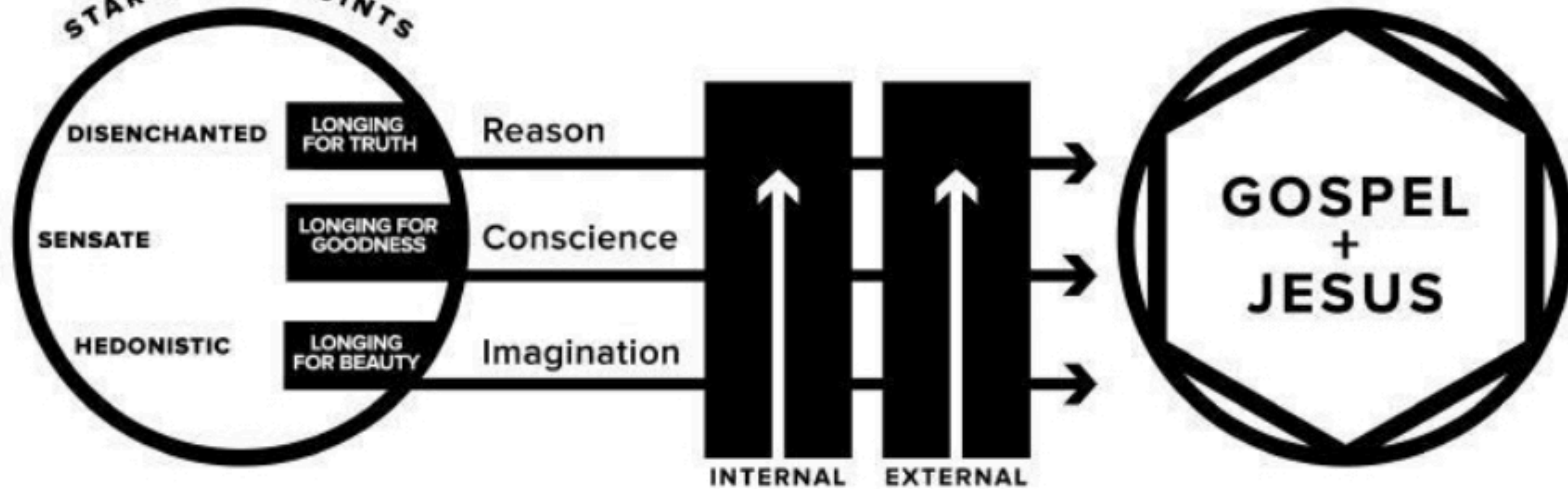
Many current evangelistic approaches assume a Christian culture, but we live in an increasingly post-Christian culture. People are biblically illiterate. They do not start with the basics of a Christian worldview. Guilt, faith, sin, and God are all empty or confused concepts for them. They will not be converted through a ten-minute gospel presentation on the back of a napkin. They need a lot of nudging. They need a lot gaps filled in, or else they will start with a deep-seated antipathy toward Christianity. They are not going to welcome a four-point gospel presentation, however well practiced.



- Tim Chester

Our Athens

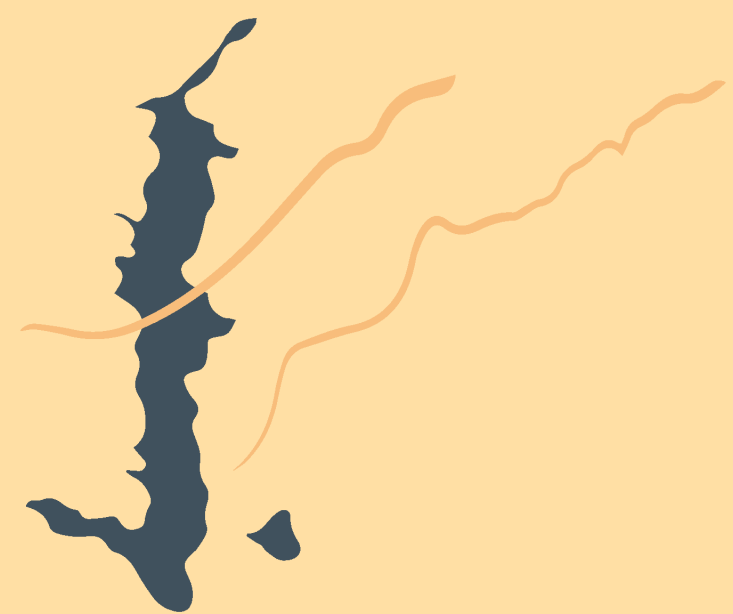
STARTING ▼ POINTS



AUTHENTIC FRIENDSHIP



DEEP LISTENING & DISCERNMENT



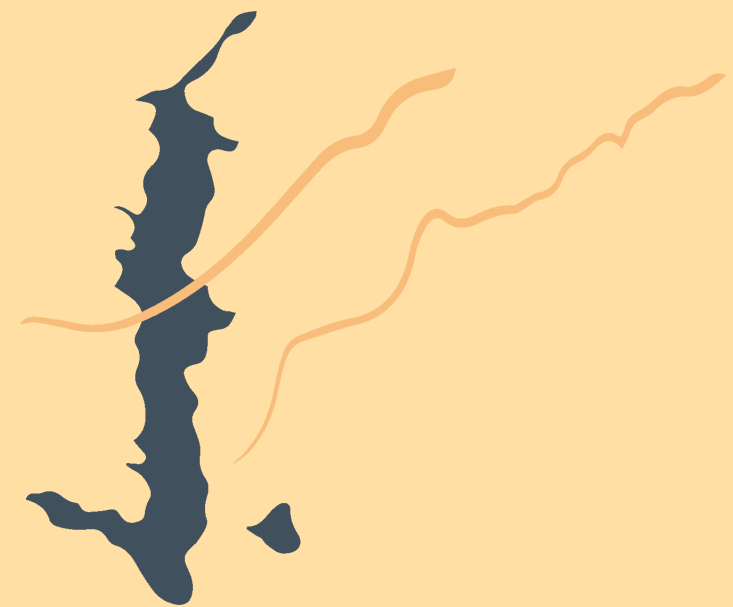
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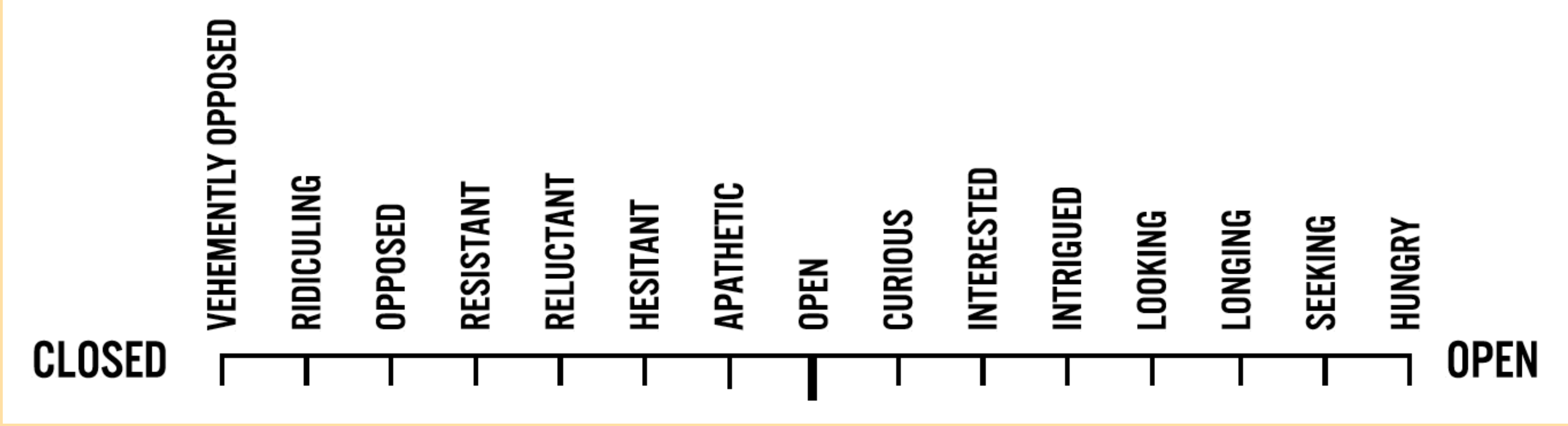
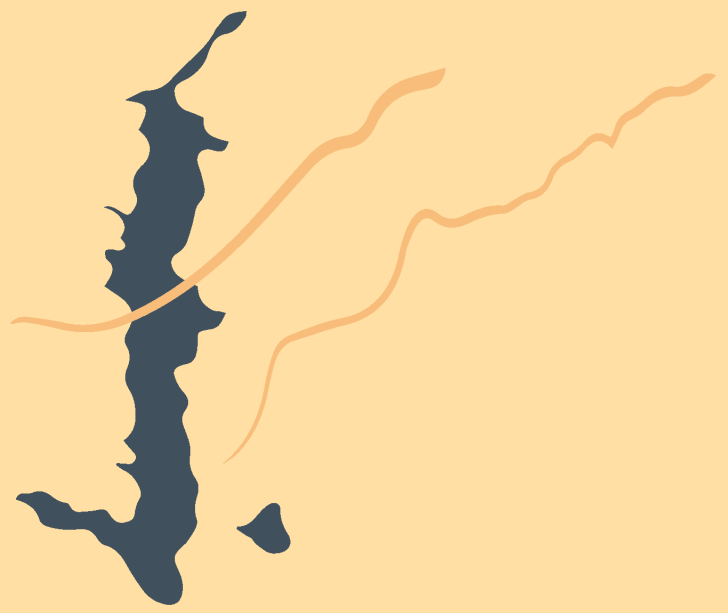


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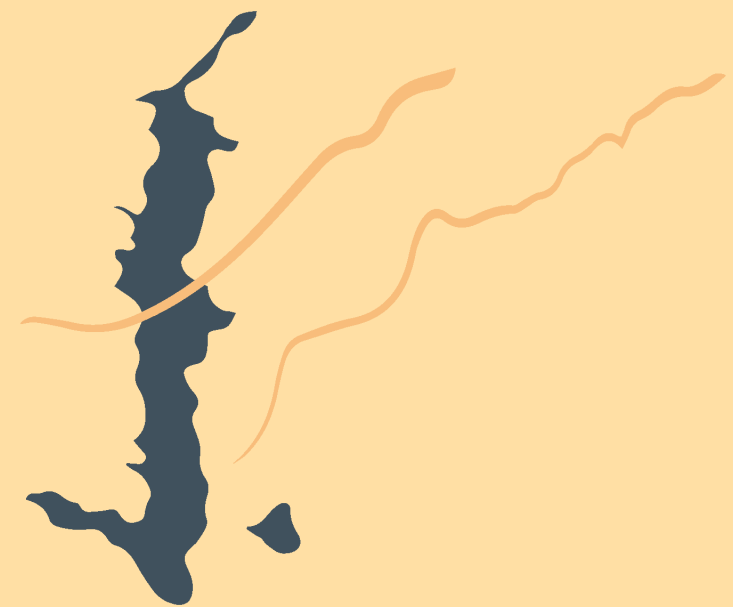
- KINGDOM MISSION
- MAKING OTHER DISCIPLES
- PRACTICES & TRANSFORMATION
- THEOLOGICAL GROWTH
- INCOPORATION INTO THE BODY
- POST DECISION EVALUATION
- **REPENTANCE & FAITH IN CHRIST**
- PERSONAL PROBLEM RECOGNITION
- GRASP IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL
- AWARENESS OF THE GOSPEL
- AWARENESS OF JESUS
- AWARENESS OF THE TRUE GOD

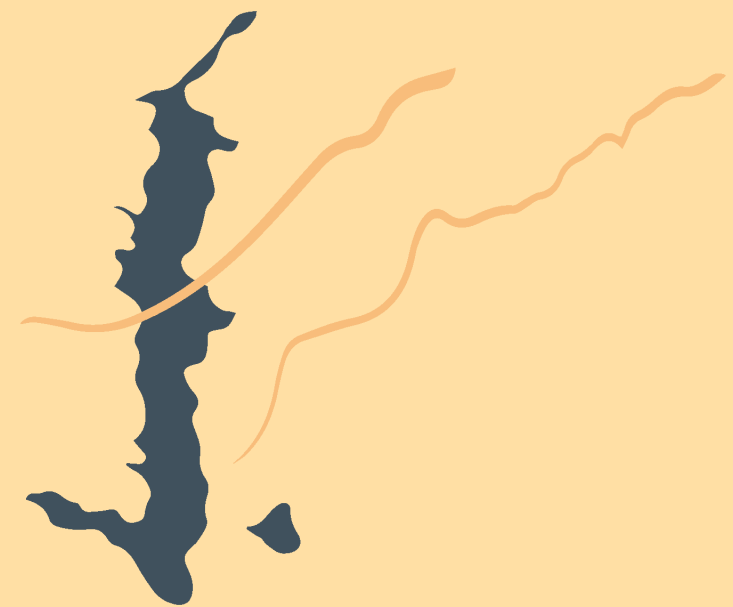
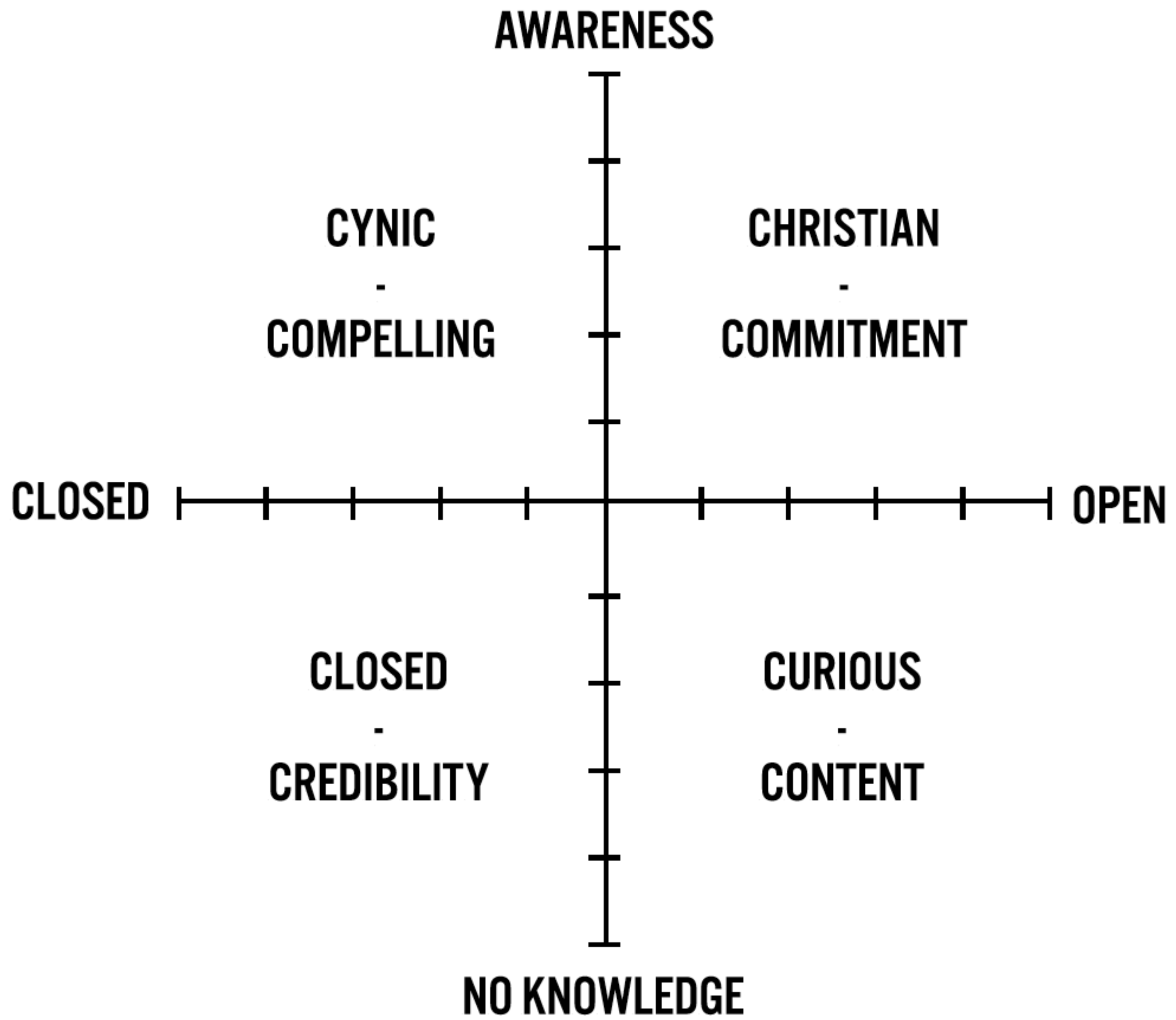
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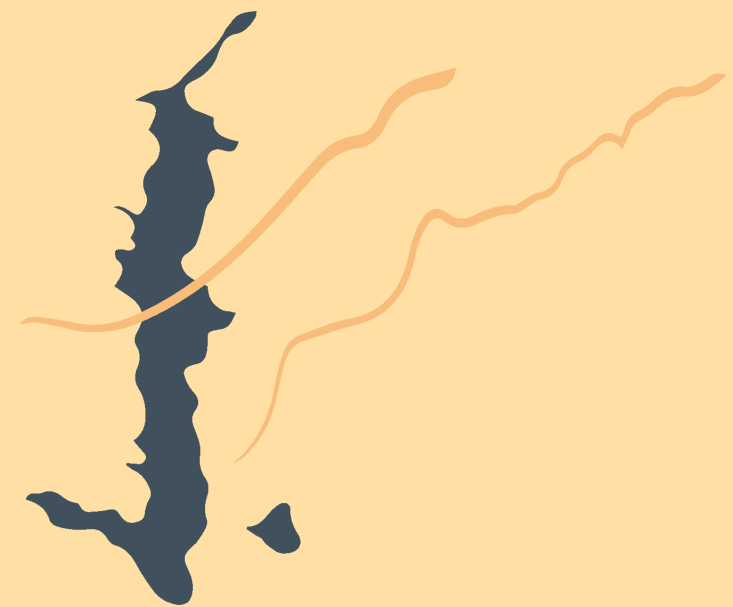


Gray Matrix





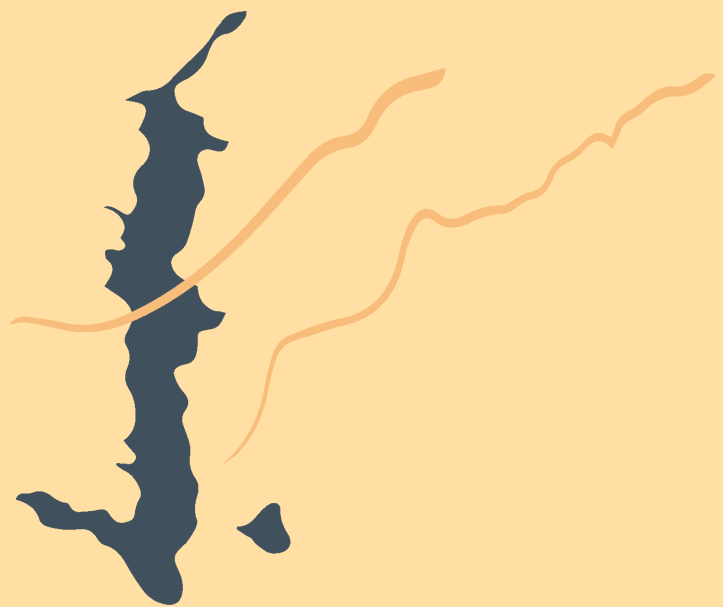
Four Chapter Gospel



Ought



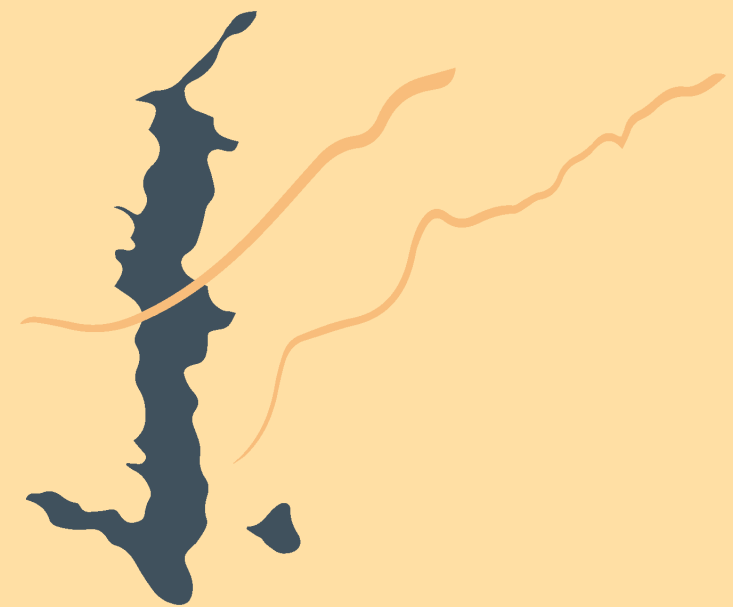
- **What do they assume the world should be like?**
- **What kind of a person would they like to be?**
- **Who are their heroes?**
- **What would make them happy?**



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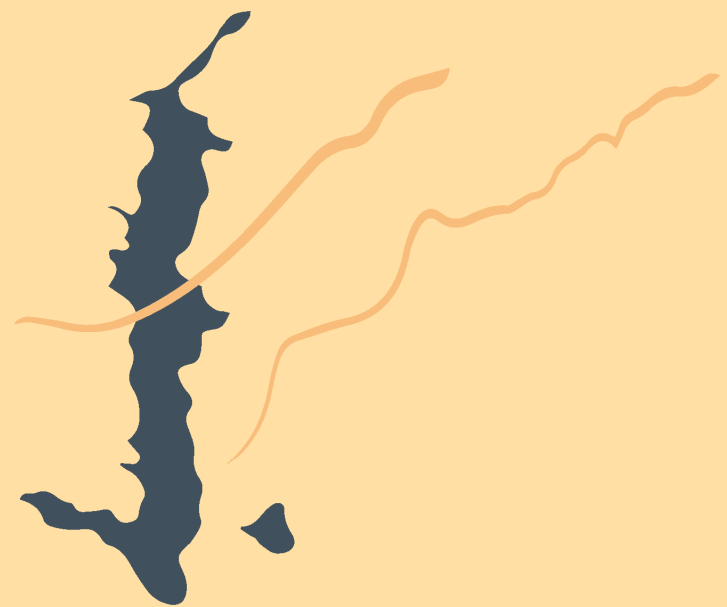


- **How do they describe their struggles & battles?**
- **What do they feel is their most pressing problem?**
- **What do they feel they lack?**
- **Who or what do they think is responsible?**



Can Be

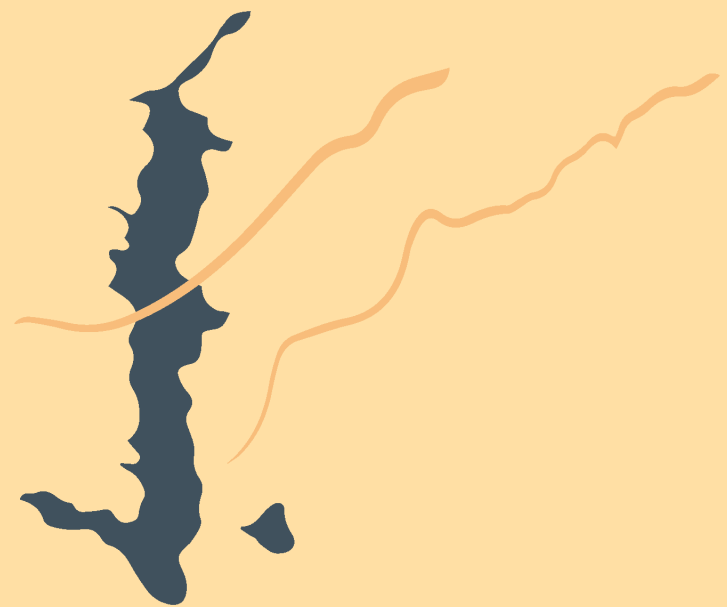
- **What do they think will make life better?**
- **What provides a sense of escape or release?**
- **Who or what will deliver their hopes?**
- **What are their functional saviors?**



Will Be

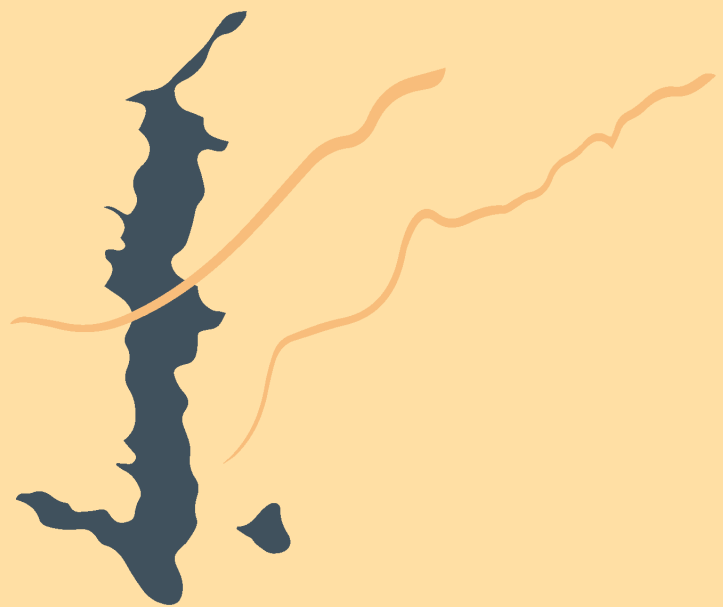


- **What are the hopes & longings they sacrifice for?**
- **What is the long-term project to which they're working?**
- **Who are what is going to make this come true?**



Powerful Questions

- What do you want?
- Why is that important to you?
- Who taught you that?
- How's that working for you?
- Tell me more?
- What are you going to do about that?
- How can I support you?





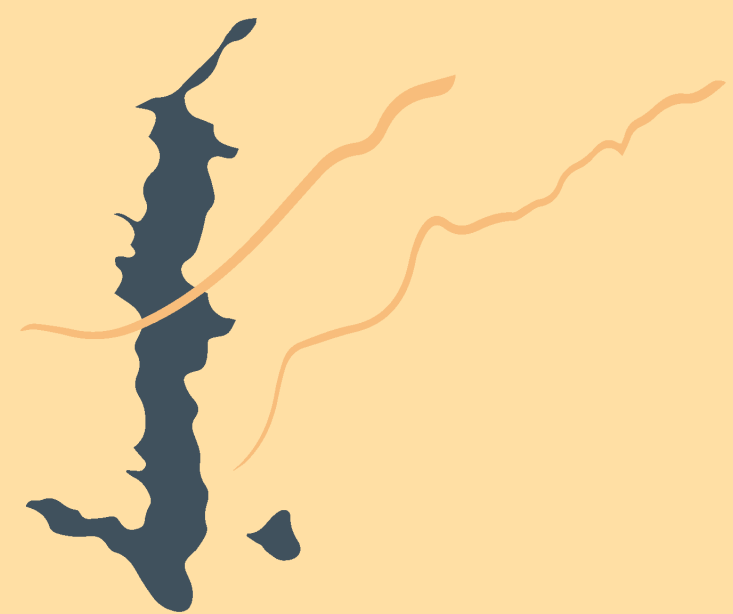
Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity.



- Colossians 4:5



COMMUNITY & ALPHA





This Week's Practice: Discern & Pray

