



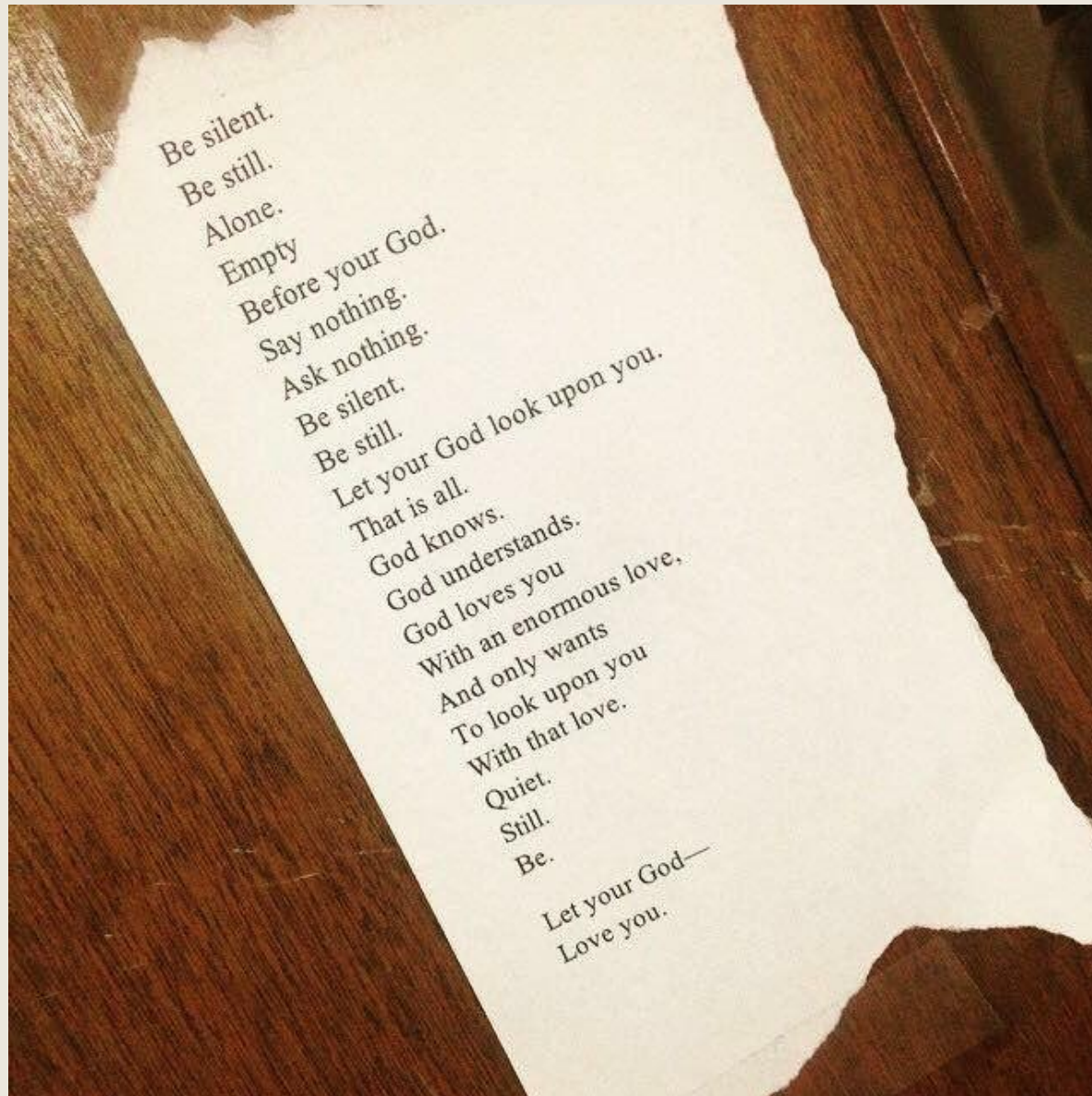
# LIFE GROUP CENTRAL

Being a Discipling Community

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# Let your God love you





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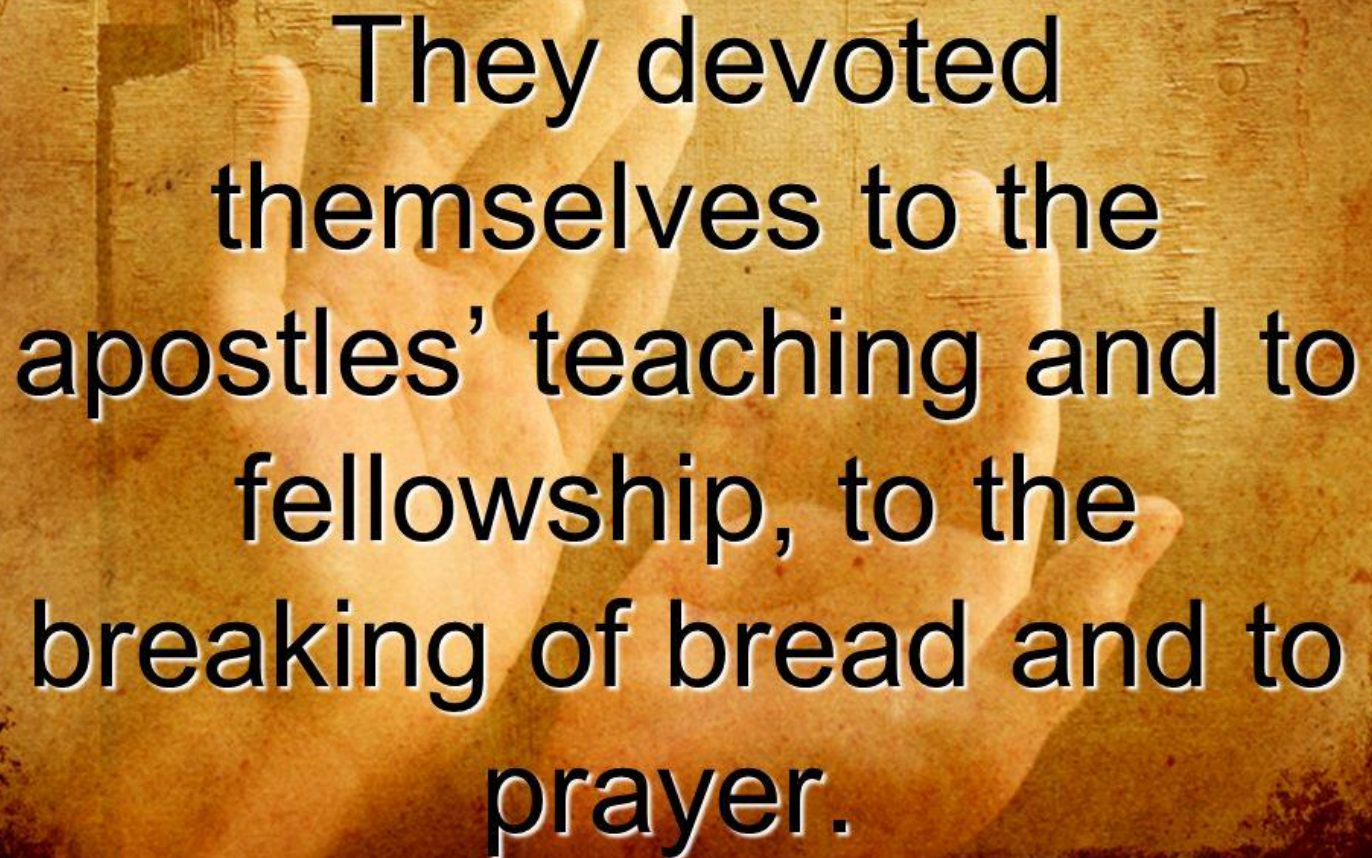
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- Shallow small group video

# Building Discipling Communities

Acts 2:42-47

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They devoted  
themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and to  
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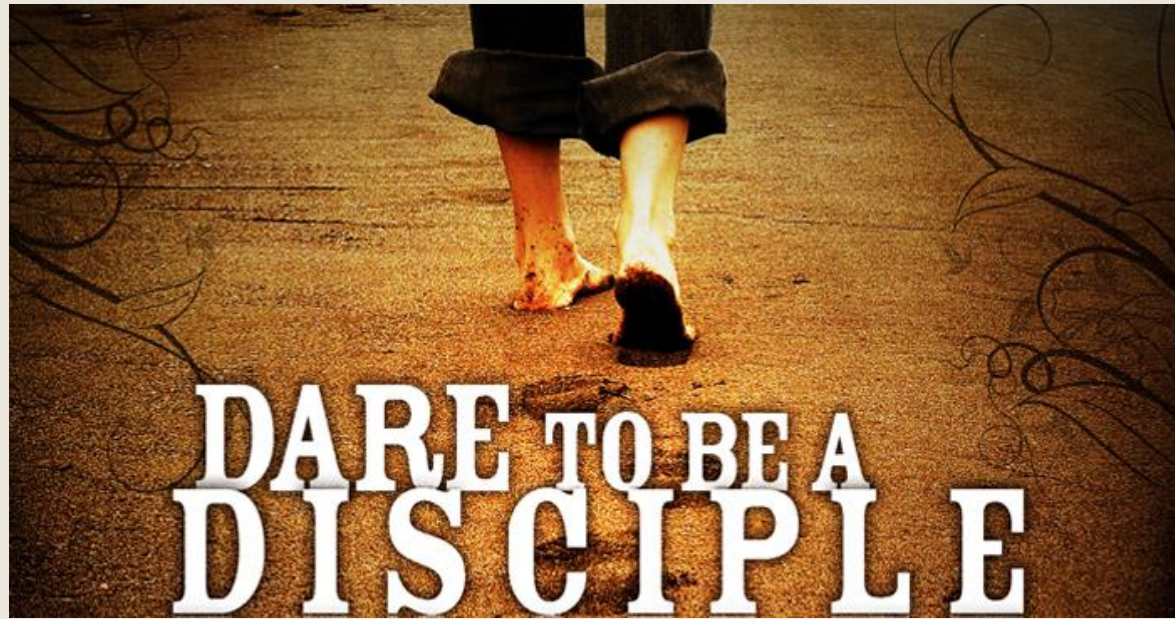


# Christian community: A disciple shaping community

How can we help each other grow as disciples?

Yesterday's sermon:

- Learning together to connect with God and learning the ways of Jesus
- Developing spiritual habits for our scattered life
- Being shaped by community to become more like Christ
- Learning to live the way of Jesus together - both gathered... and then scattered...



Discipleship cannot be taught in a pulpit or in a classroom alone, but is formed through community, and through godly habits, in the practice of mission and in the context of everyday life.

(Neil Hudson)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**





# Opening activity...

Describe what a 'mature'  
Christian looks like...

**I'm A Better  
Christian Than You**

(By The Holier-Than-Thou Committee)

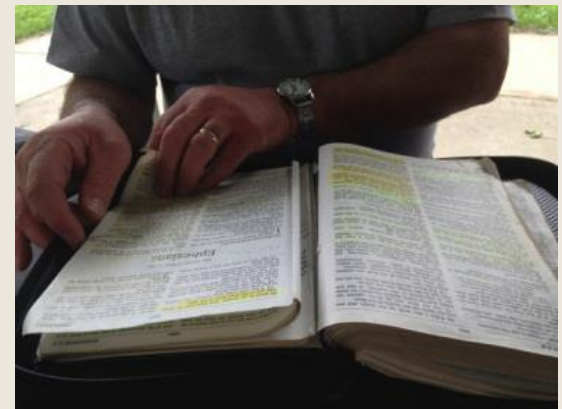


**What does a 'mature' Christian  
look like?**

# What does a 'mature' Christian look like?

“Someone who knows their Bible really well....”

“You have not understood a passage until you know how to obey it”  
(Tim Keller)

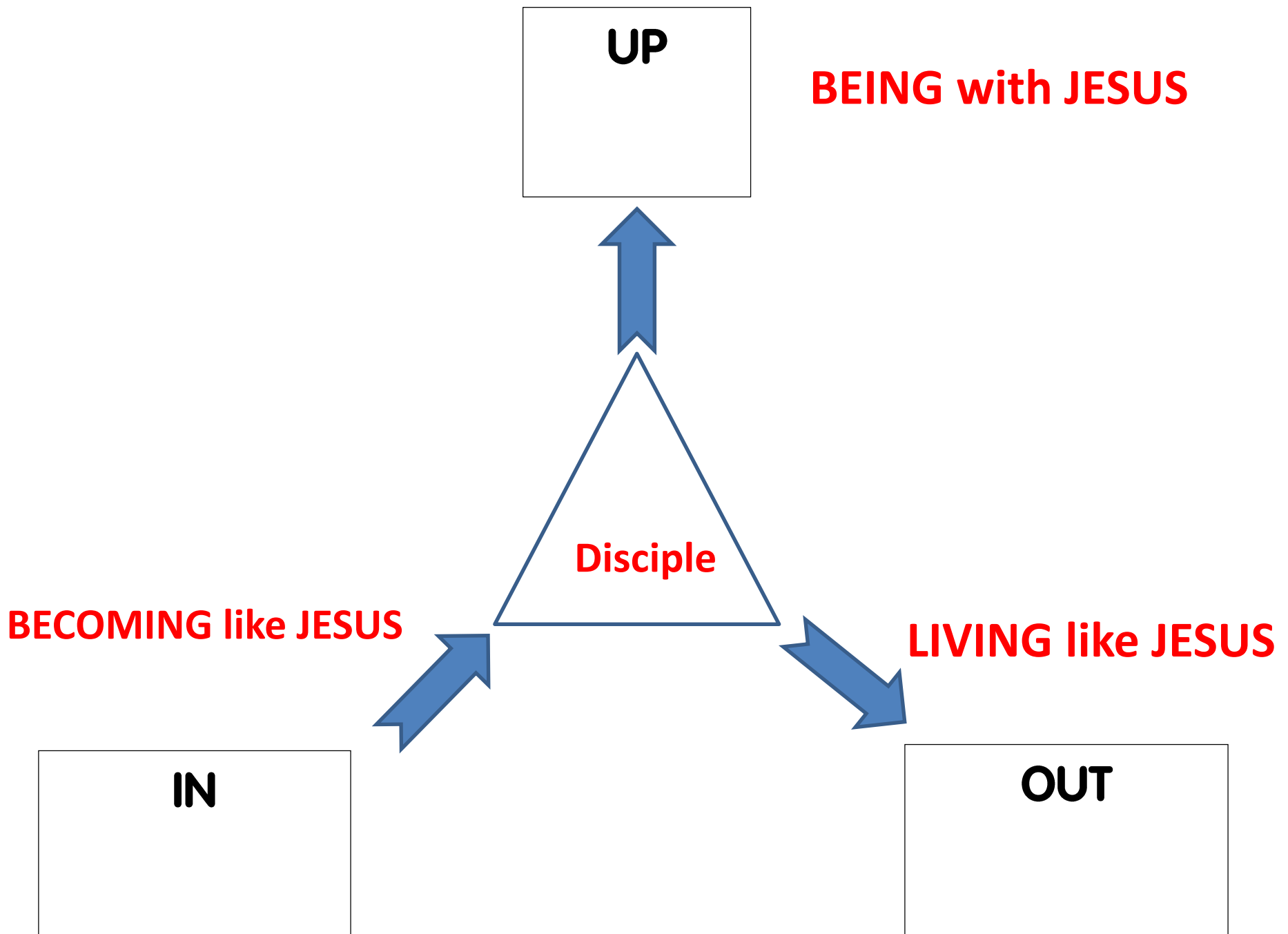


# What does a 'mature' Christian look like?

Someone who

- Knows and walks WITH God
  - BEING with Jesus
- Is more and more Christ-like in their character
  - BECOMING like Jesus
- Doing as Jesus would in their context
  - LIVING Like Jesus





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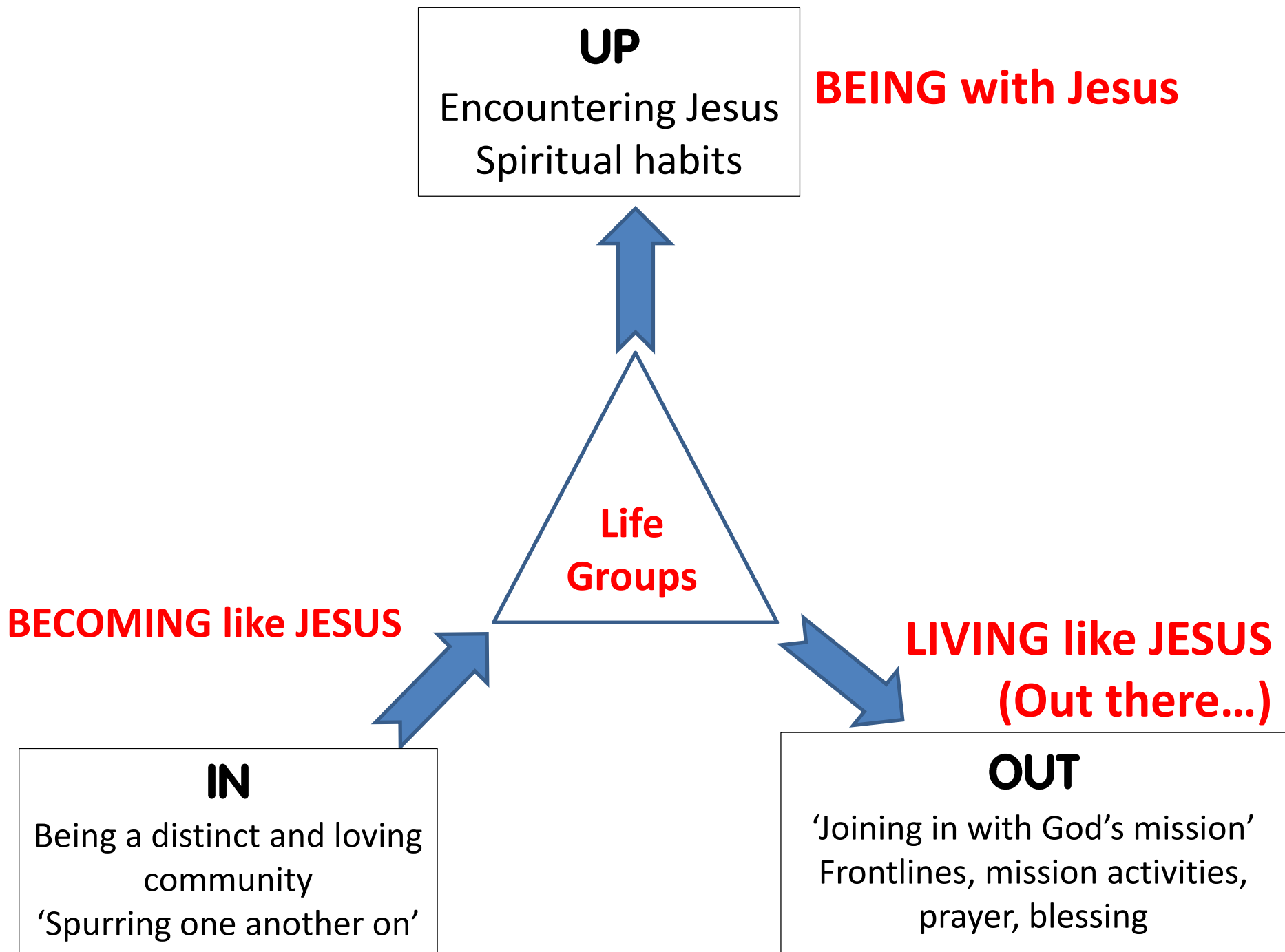
- ...Modelling godly character
- ...Making good work
- ...Ministering grace & love
- ...Moulding culture
- ...Mouthpiece for truth & justice
- ...Messenger of the gospel



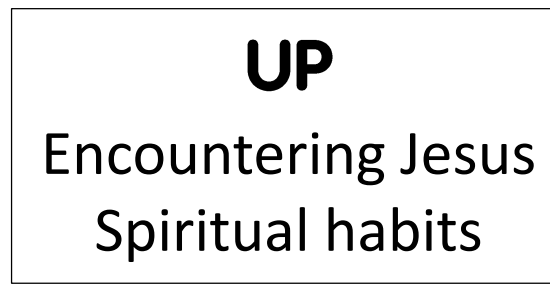
# Christian Community...

‘The place where we grow and are shaped as disciples’:

- The place where we get to know Jesus
- The place where we get to become more like Jesus
- The place where we learn to live more like Jesus





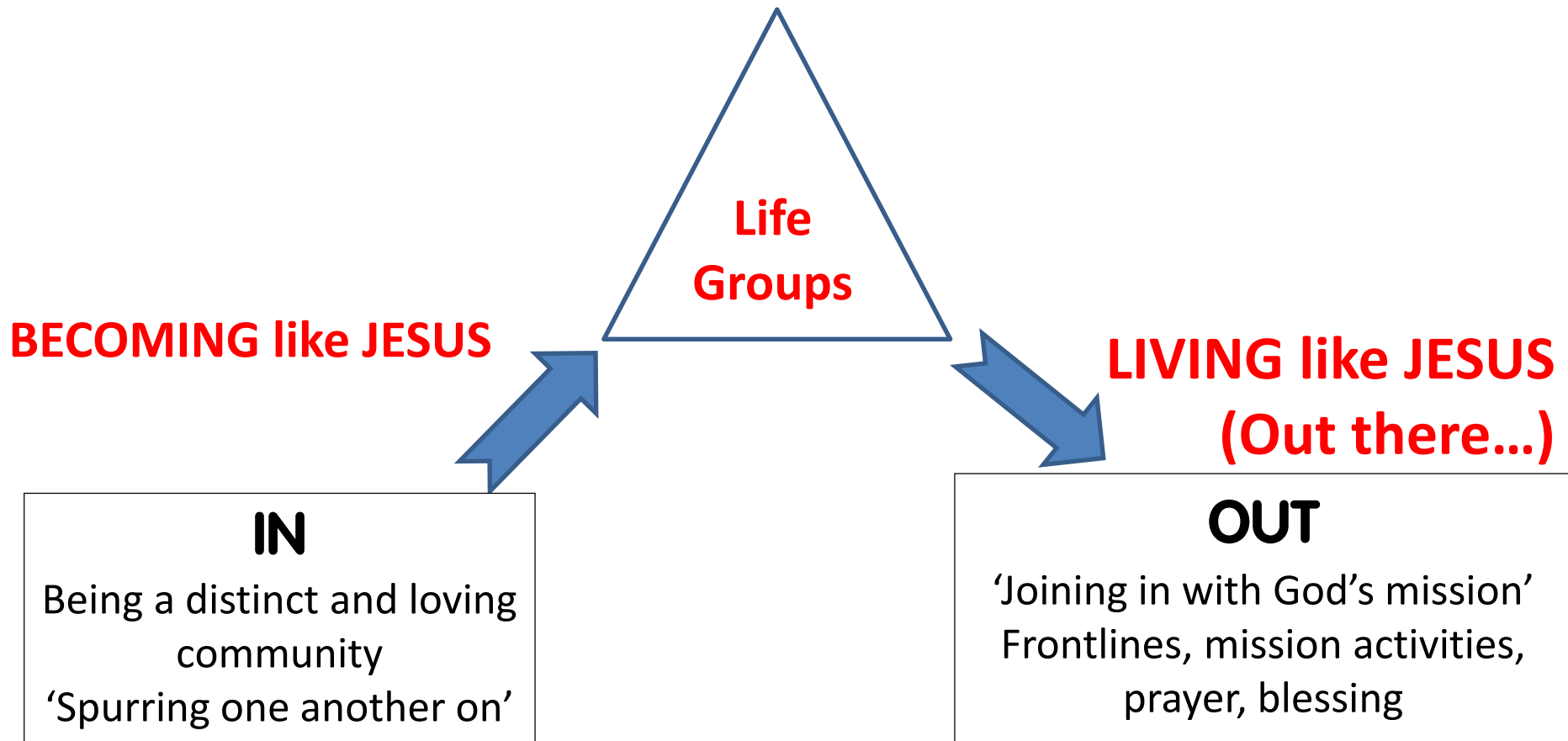


**BEING with Jesus**

Examples:

- Spurring one another on to reflect on scripture
- Retreat times
- Encouraging spiritual habits

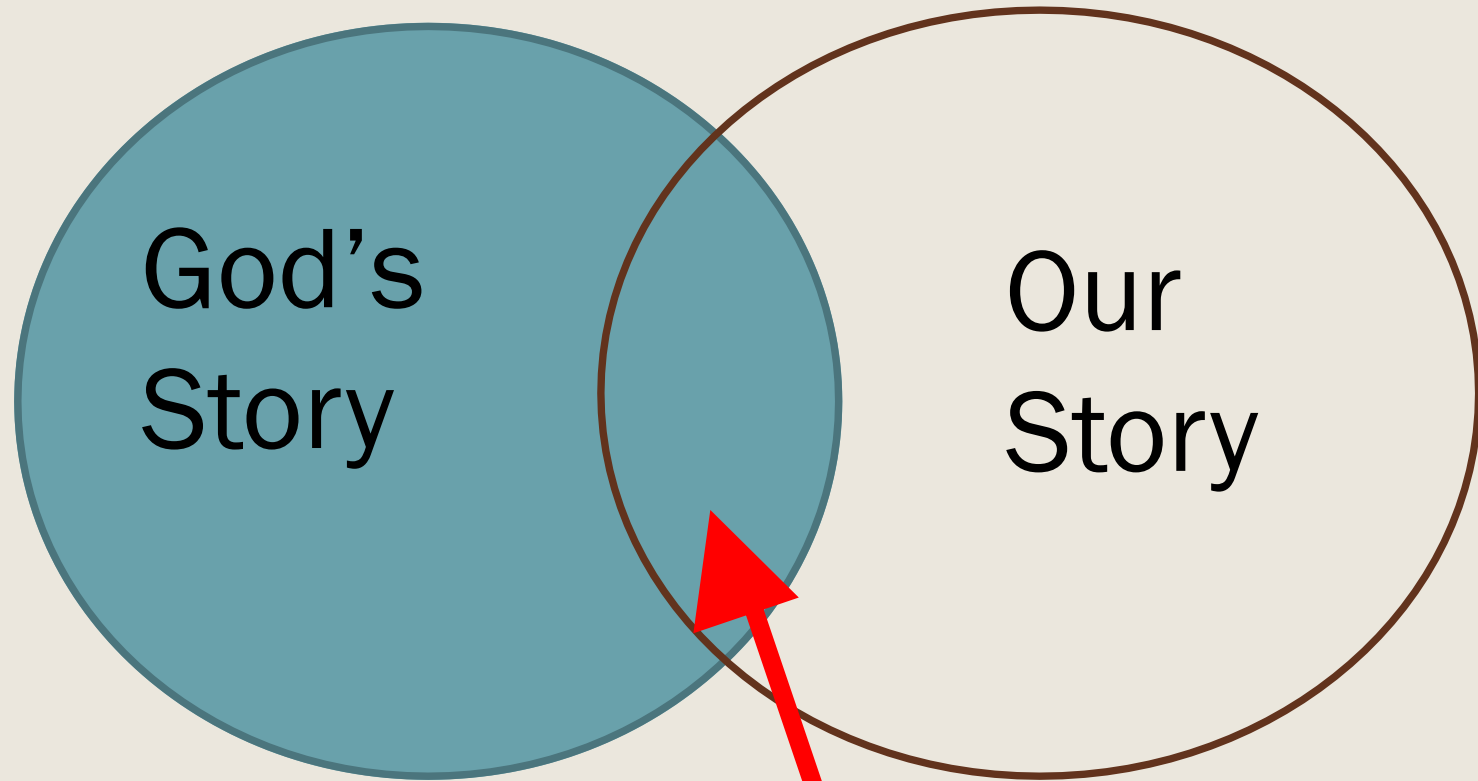
- Pastoral Caring ➔ Pastoral Equipping
- Discipling conversations
- 'Spurring on' Relationships
- Reflecting with Scripture- connecting God's story to our story



# Discipleship Conversation Cards

<p>Where have you seen God at work this week?</p>	<p>In your group, thank God for this and pray God's blessing on all that He has done &amp; any people involved. Be open to God's Spirit... Is he asking you to do anything more to join in with what he is doing?</p>
<p>Who do you think God is at work in, on your frontline &amp; why?</p>	<p>As a group, thank God and pray for this person. And get your group to listen together to God for them and for you. Is there anything you sense God may be asking you to join in with what he is doing? Any scripture God brings to mind for them?</p>
<p>Where do you feel you have failed to follow Jesus on your frontline this week?</p>	<p>Why do you think you were not able to step into what God had for you? How might you do it differently next time? What do you need others to pray for you now? Now get your group to pray</p>

# Connecting God's Story to our Story



**The Jesus way**



# Pastoral Care → Pastoral Equipping

“From being a place to simply share our struggles to become equipping places that enable us to see how our faith intersects with [our daily life]”

(Neil Hudson, Scattered & Gathered)

## **Example: Neil's story (p119)...**

- How could the group have ‘spurred Neil on’ and given him a more helpful ‘discipling conversation’?
- What would have been good ‘discipling questions’ for the group to ask Neil?
- What could have been specific things they could have prayed that would have been more helpful for growing him.

# Example 2

One of your group members says...

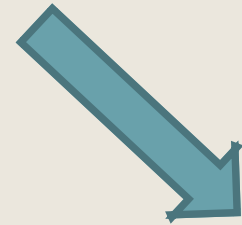
*“I’m really struggling at work, no one is supportive, I’m not motivated by it at all”*

How could you respond in a pastorally equipping way and have a significant discipleship conversation?

# Reflecting with Scripture

## **Issue:**

What is the issue?

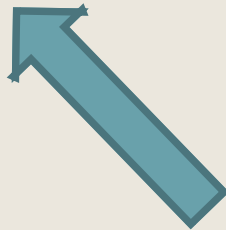


## **Respond:**

How does Jesus want you to respond?

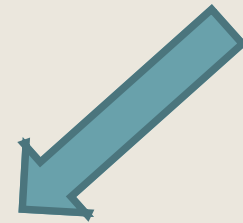
## **Scripture:**

What does the Bible say?



## **Application:**

How can we apply it to this context?



- Being on mission together...

