



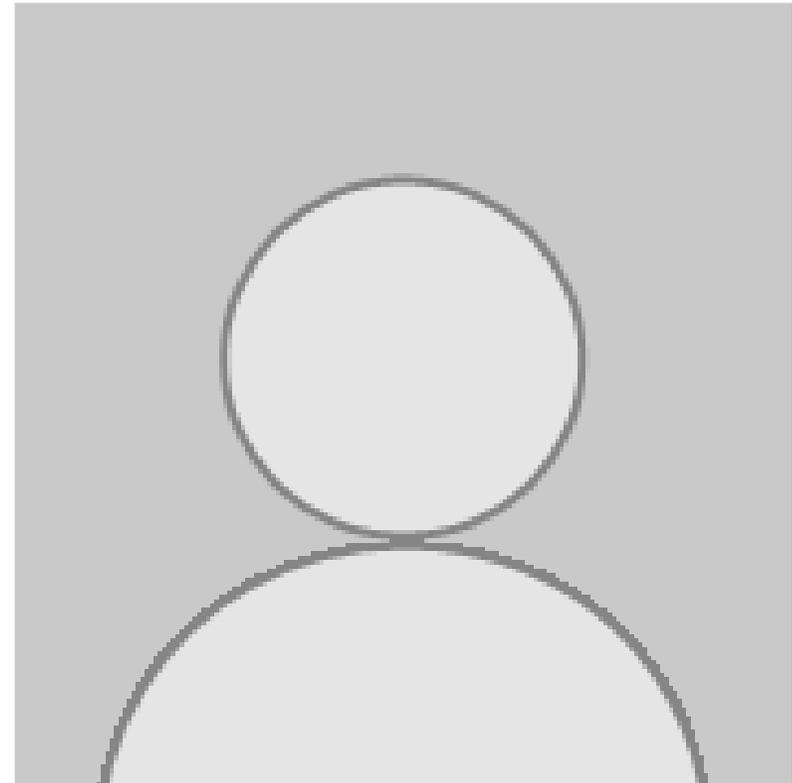
VICTORIAN DISTRICT
INCLUDING TASMANIA

Topic - Pres Synod Information Session #1 Congregational Revitalisation

This session is being recorded, so it can be shared with others, after the event.



What are other words
for revitalise?



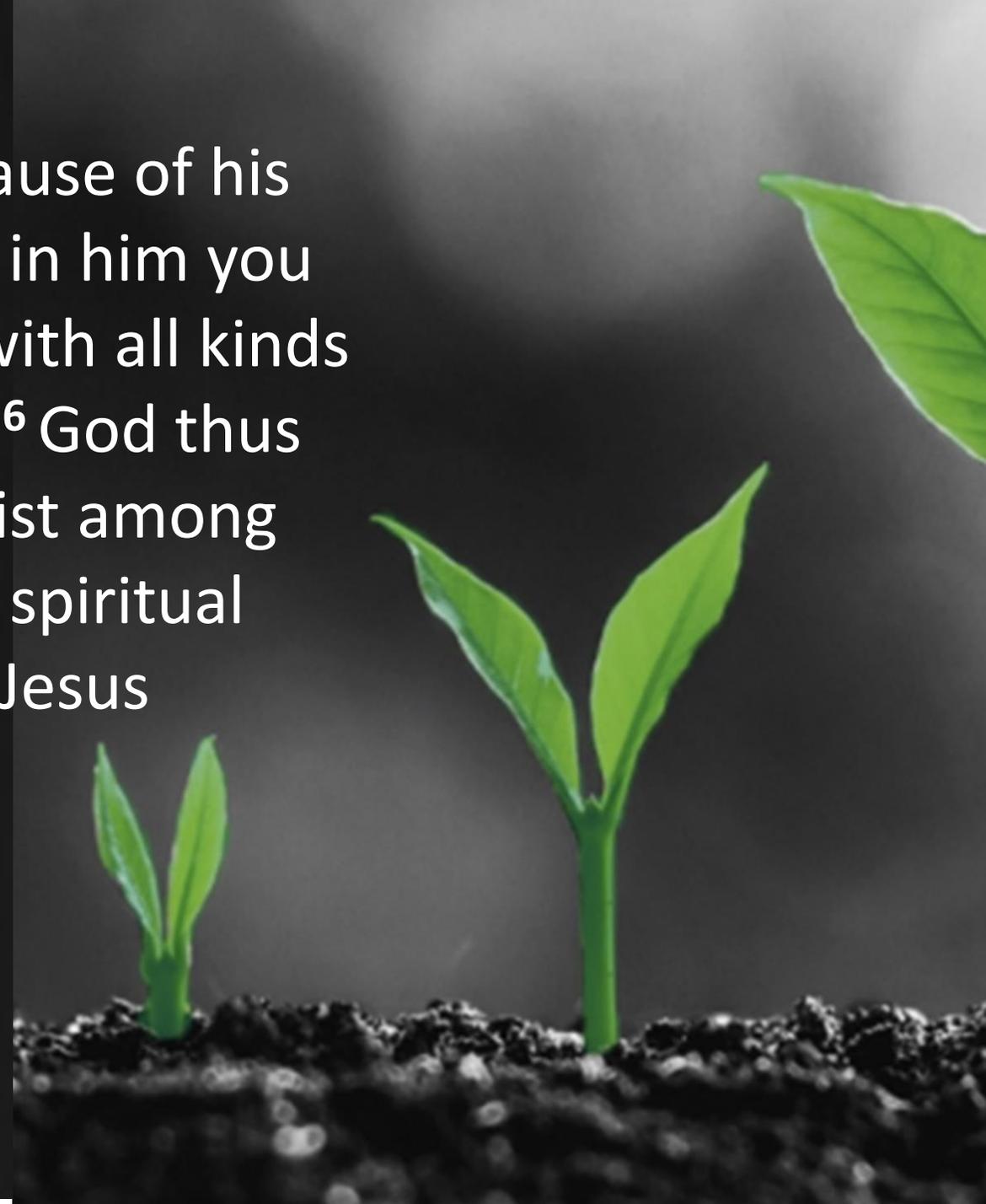
What are other words
for revitalise?

revive, rejuvenate, reanimate,
resuscitate, regenerate,
resurrect, enliven, refresh,
revivify, restore



⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

1 Cor 1:4-7



He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

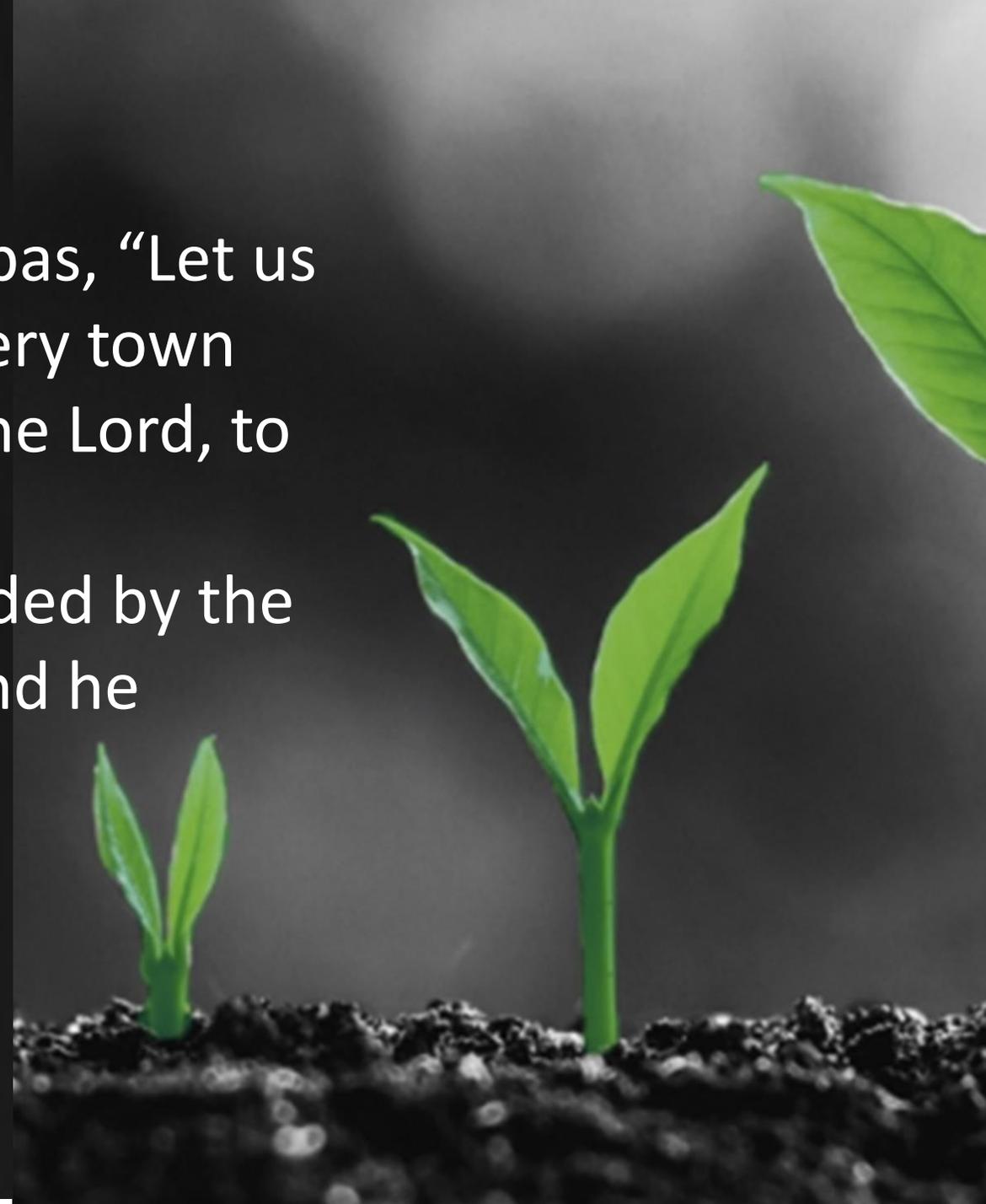


The Need for Revitalisation

Acts 15:36&40

“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in every town where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing...”

...Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. And he travelled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”





2021

Lutherans declined from 170K to 140K between 2016 and 2021 (Census)

40K is our best estimate of baptised membership, about 17K are in LCANZ churches each Sunday

7277 responses to the NCLS
294 churches (in Vic Tas 21/37)

2021 National

Church Life
Survey

30
YEARS

Lutheran participation

**7277 completed attenders surveys
from 294 churches**

2021



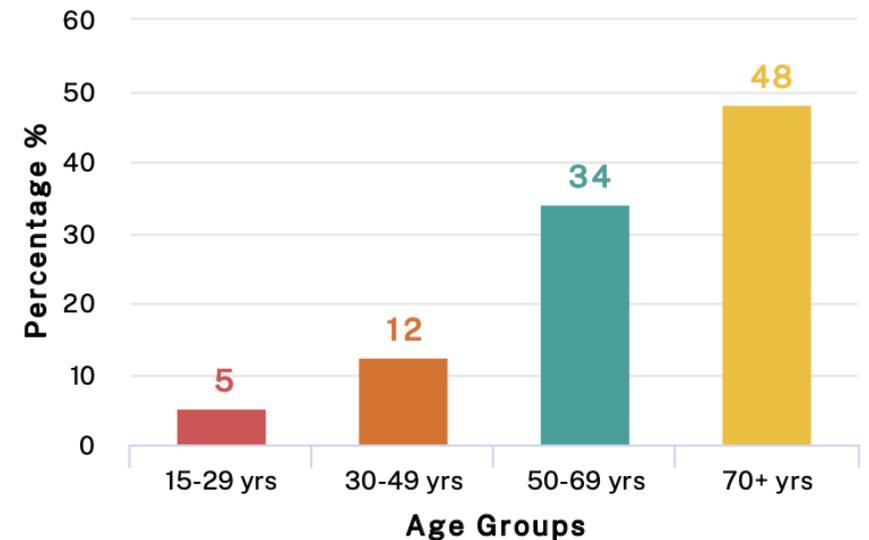
Age and intergenerational ministry

65 yrs is the average age of attenders over 15

53% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

37% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

81% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



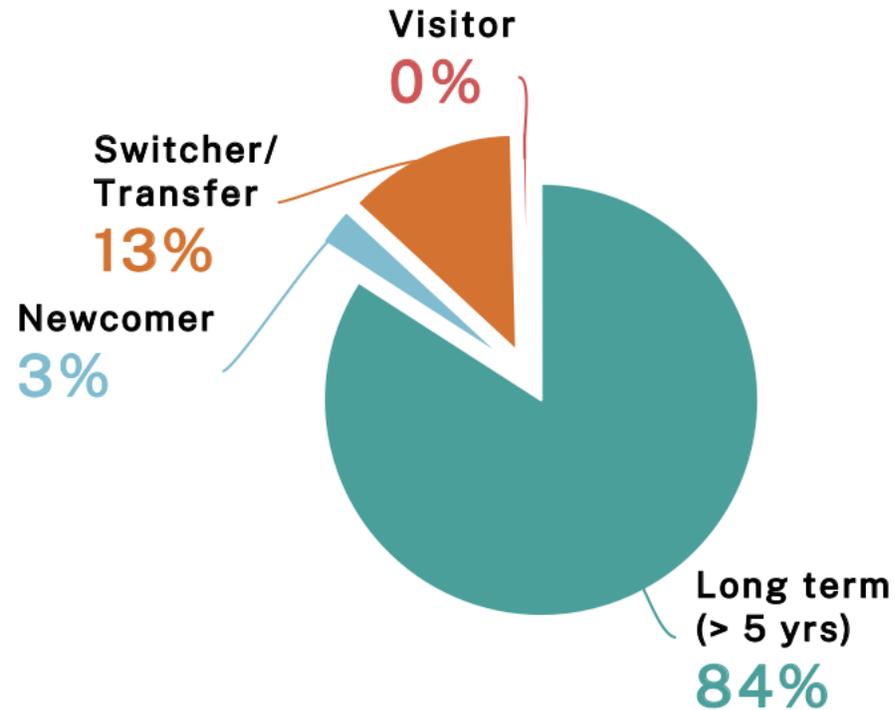


2021



Church background

16% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



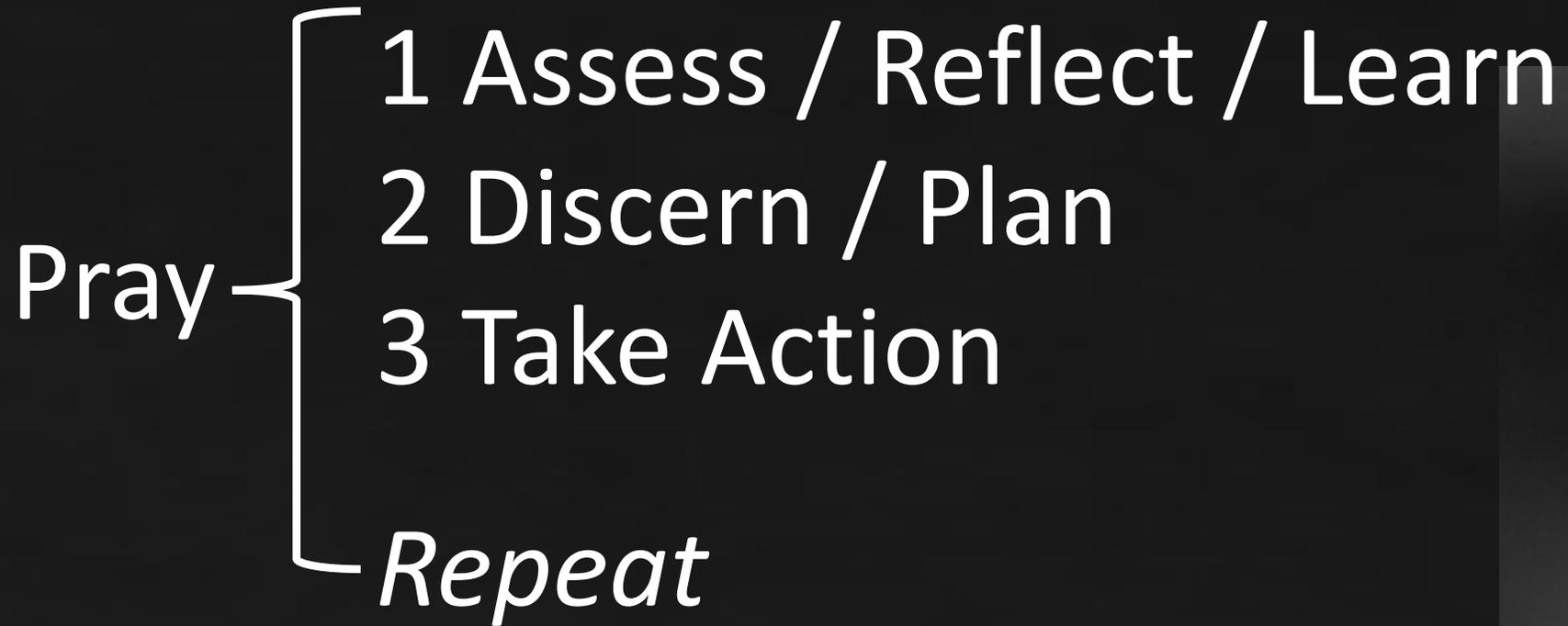
Defining Revitalisation



“A process by which an established congregation is enabled to engage in God’s Mission in its current context – and then does.”

Rev Dr. Mark Wood

Revitalisation is a *process*...



Revitalisation

...an *established congregation* is enabled to engage in God's mission.



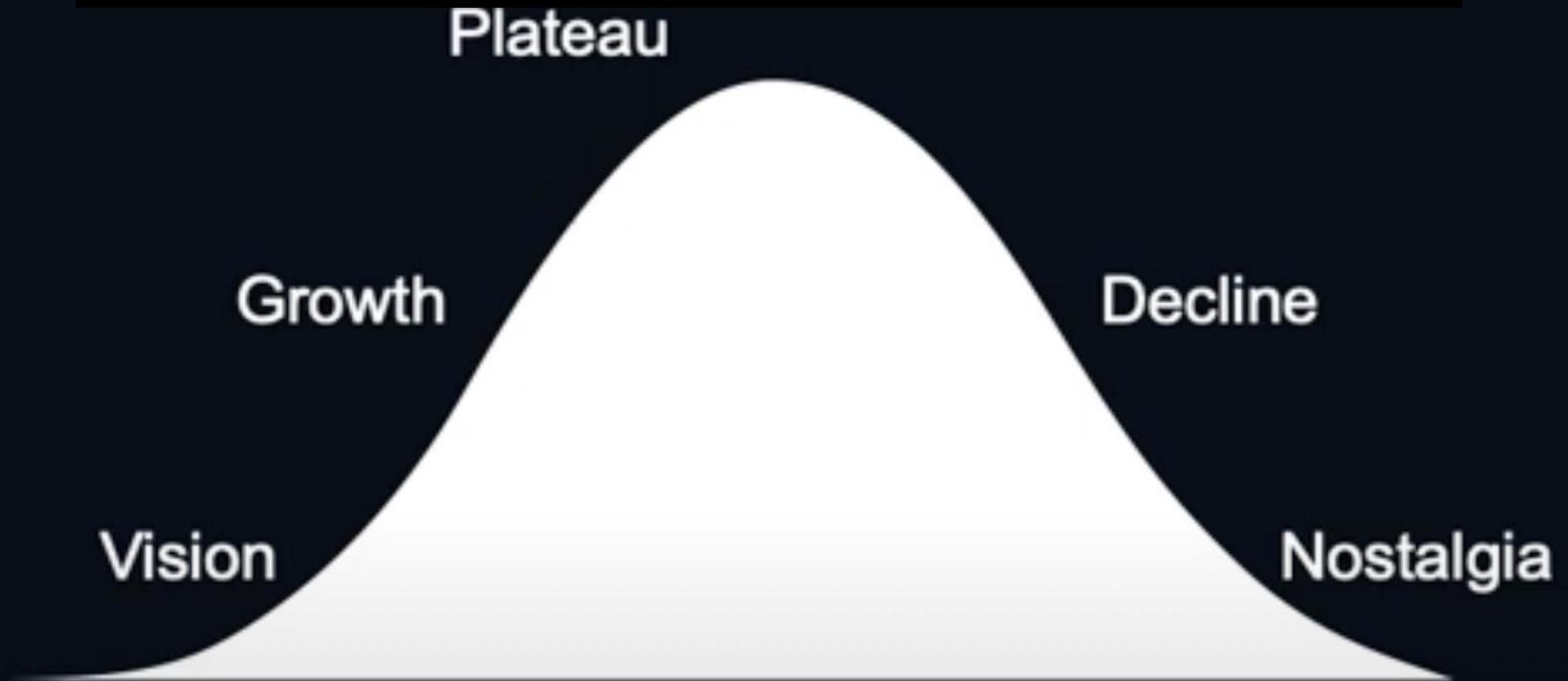


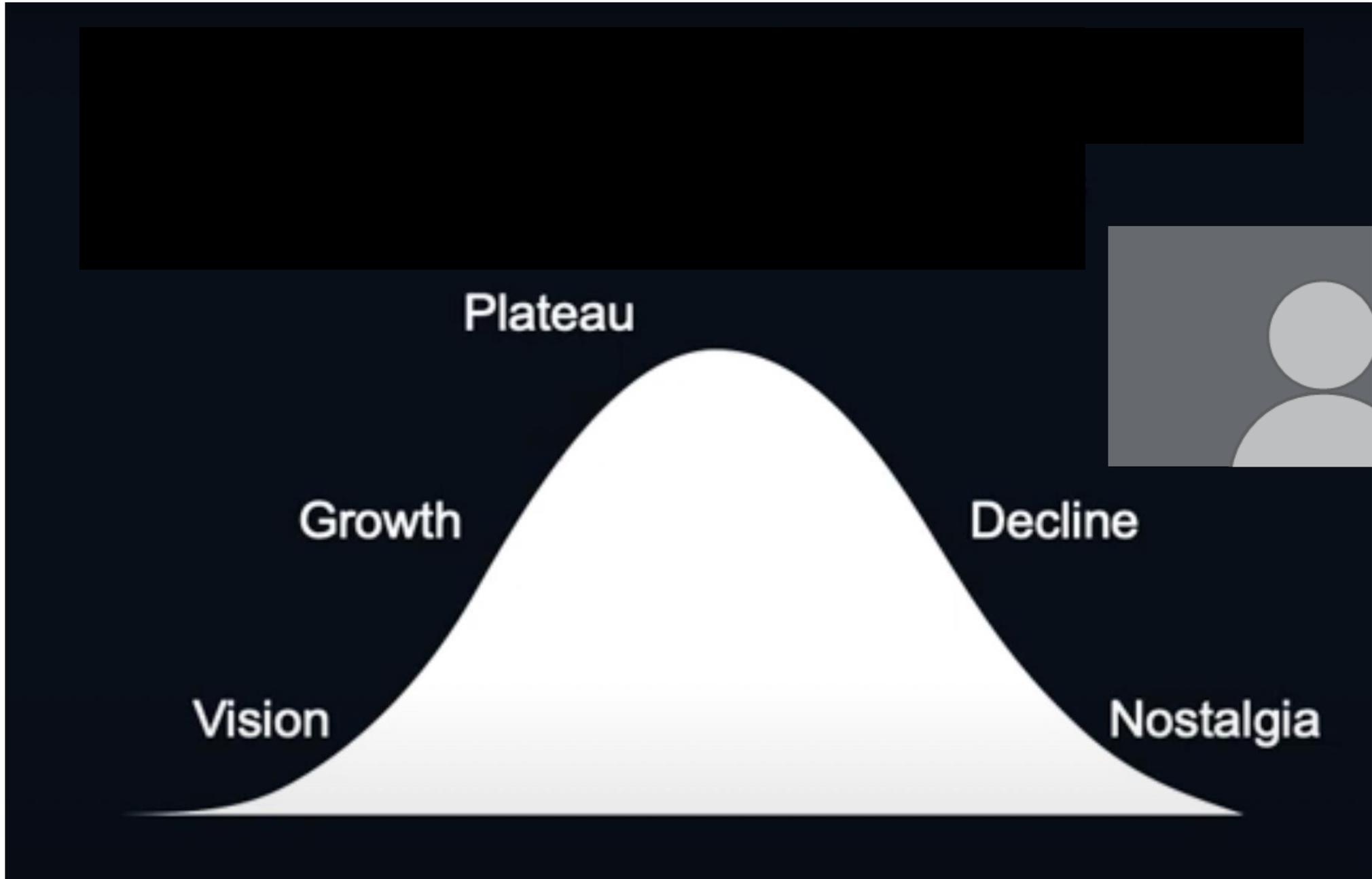
**It's not so much that the church
has a mission, it's that the
mission of God has a church.**

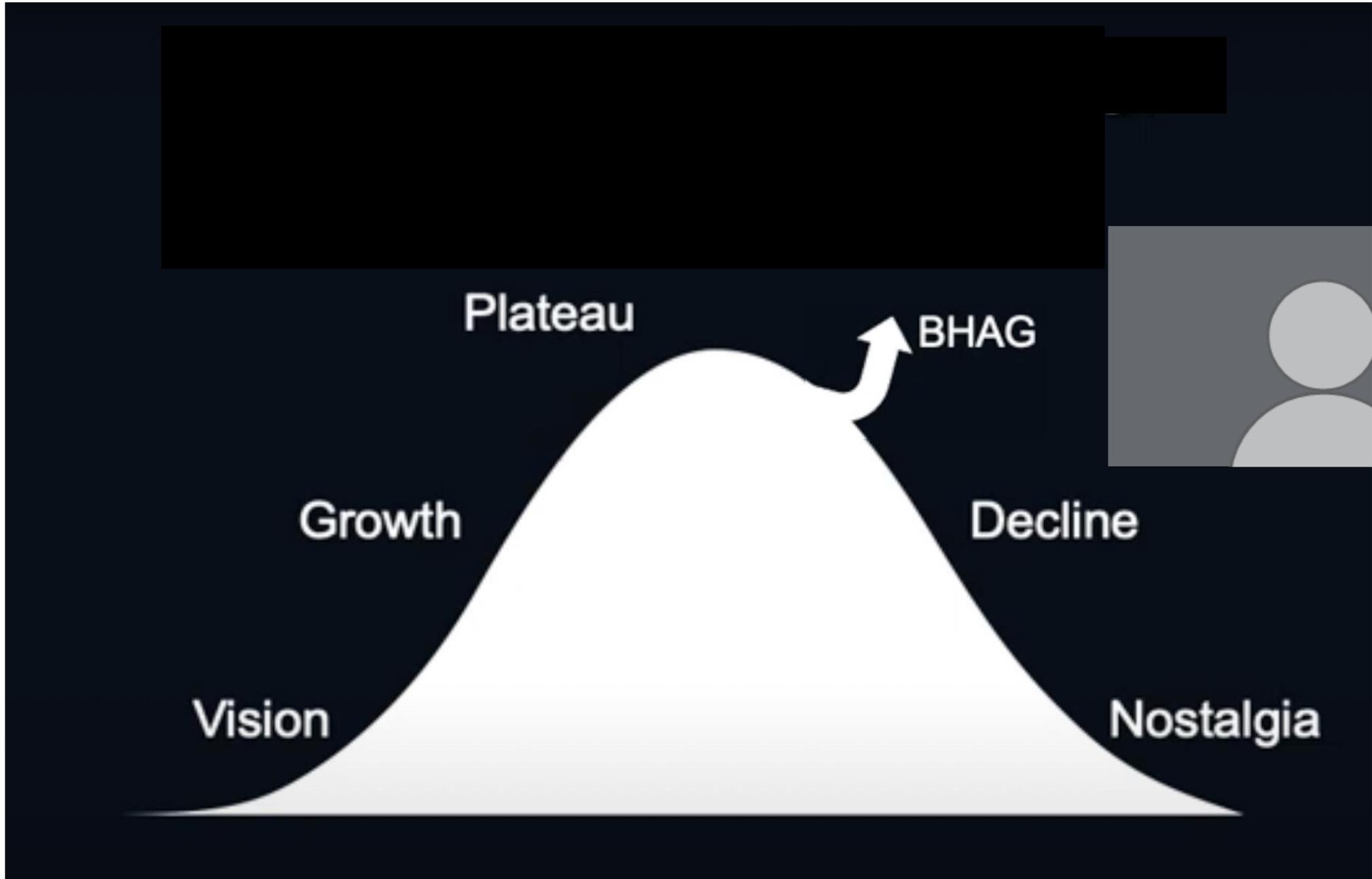
Alan Hirsch

How to *Assess*?

How to Assess? Church Lifecycle Diagram







Vision

Growth

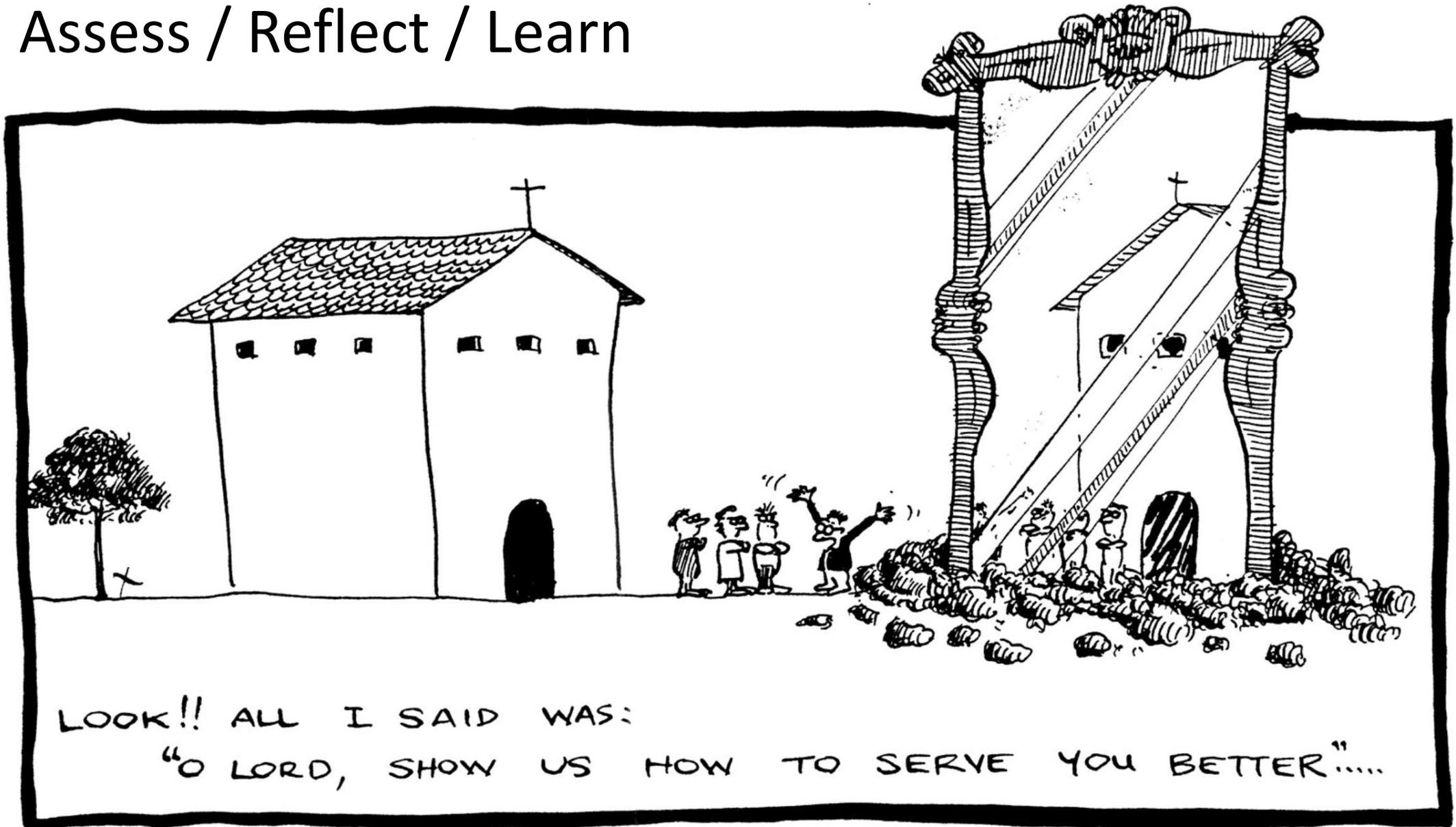
Plateau

BHAG

Decline

Nostalgia

Assess / Reflect / Learn



Revitalisation Partners and Tools 1



Lutheran participation
7277 completed attenders surveys
from 294 churches



Revitalisation Partners and Tools 2

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IT TAKES MORE
THAN A GREAT
CHURCH TO REACH A
CITY; IT TAKES A
GREAT MOVEMENT
OF CHURCHES.

- TIM KELLER

REVITALISE AUSTRALIA

AN INITIATIVE OF CITY TO CITY AUSTRALIA



 CITY to CITY
AUSTRALIA

**INTRODUCING
REVITALISE AUSTRALIA**

Revitalisation Partners and Tools 3

CHURCH REVITALISATION

Potential Areas of Strategic Intervention

Family systems
Redress & reconciliation

CULTURE/RELATIONSHIPS

Prayer campaign
Training
Sharing stories

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM

Follow up newcomers
Regular social activities
Membership course

INTEGRATION

Preaching
Service design
Contextual worship

CORPORATE WORSHIP

Pipeline
Coaching & development
Leadership community

LEADERSHIP

Prayer campaign
Training
Sharing stories

FINANCES/INFRASTRUCTURE

REVITALISATION

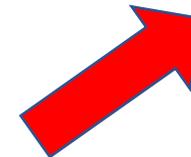
AVAILABLE TOOLS

Awareness of Context
Leadership in Change
Visionary Communication
Reinvigorated Spirituality
Focused Training
Released Creativity

Discern and Plan

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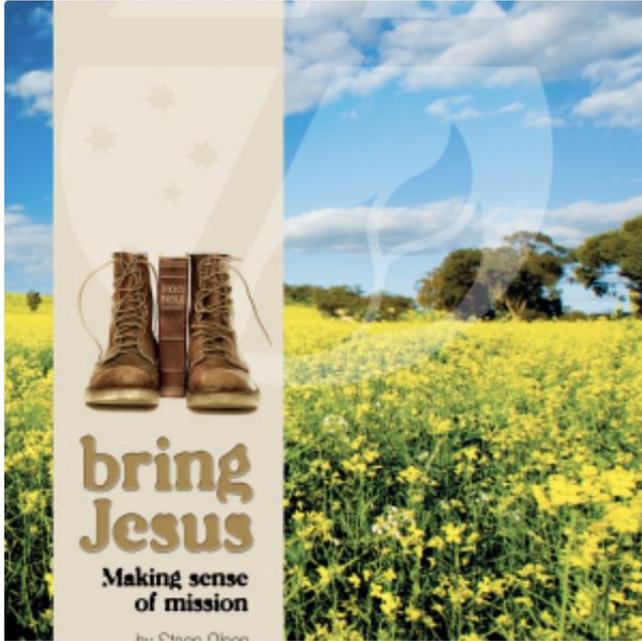
Renew your congregation

Be a sending church

Be a partner church

Fundraise

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BRING JESUS – MAKING SENSE OF MISSION BOOKLET

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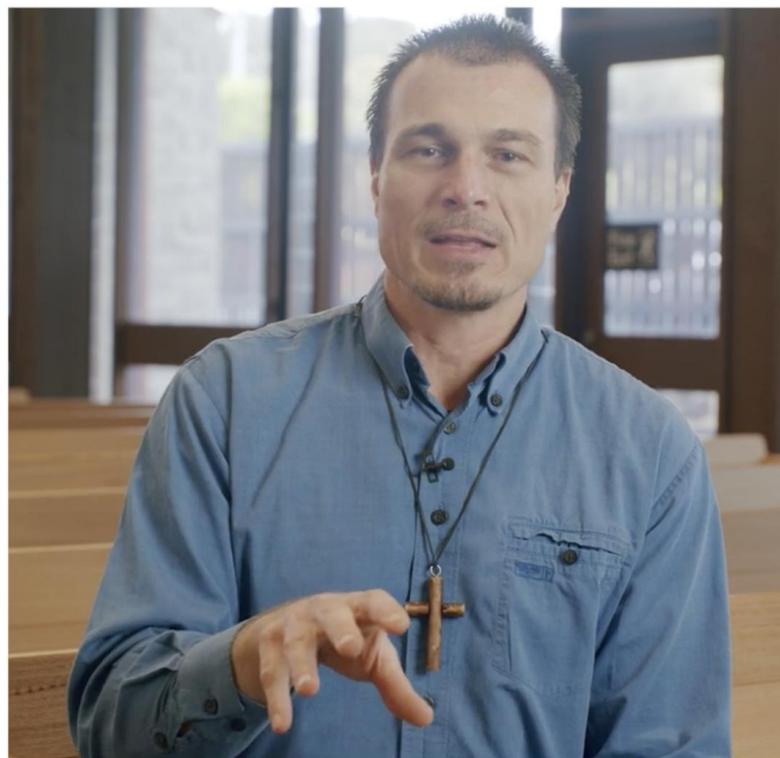
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- Preaching and Teaching
- Public Worship
- Newcomer welcome and integration
- Discipleship
- Mission

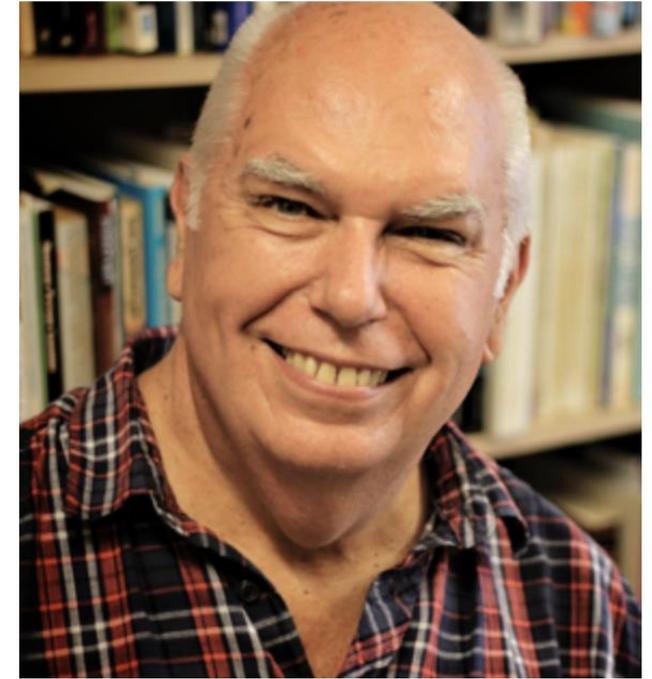
Ringwood Knox – “Cultivating a New Future”



<https://studio.youtube.com/video/cs9Fw2dY4D4/edit>

Revitalization for *Leaders*

- Supervision
- Coaching
- Learning Networks



Graham Beattie

Brisbane
Leadership coach

Expertise:

- Goal discernment
- Strategic and action planning
 - Skill development
 - Change management
- Organisational Development

Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new
thing!

Now it springs up; do you
not perceive it?

I am making a way in the
wilderness
and streams in the
wasteland.



