

Acts 8:1-8

A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria... ³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

Philip Preaches in Samaria

⁴ But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. ⁵ Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. ⁶ Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. ⁷ Many evil^[a] spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

Minister's Update

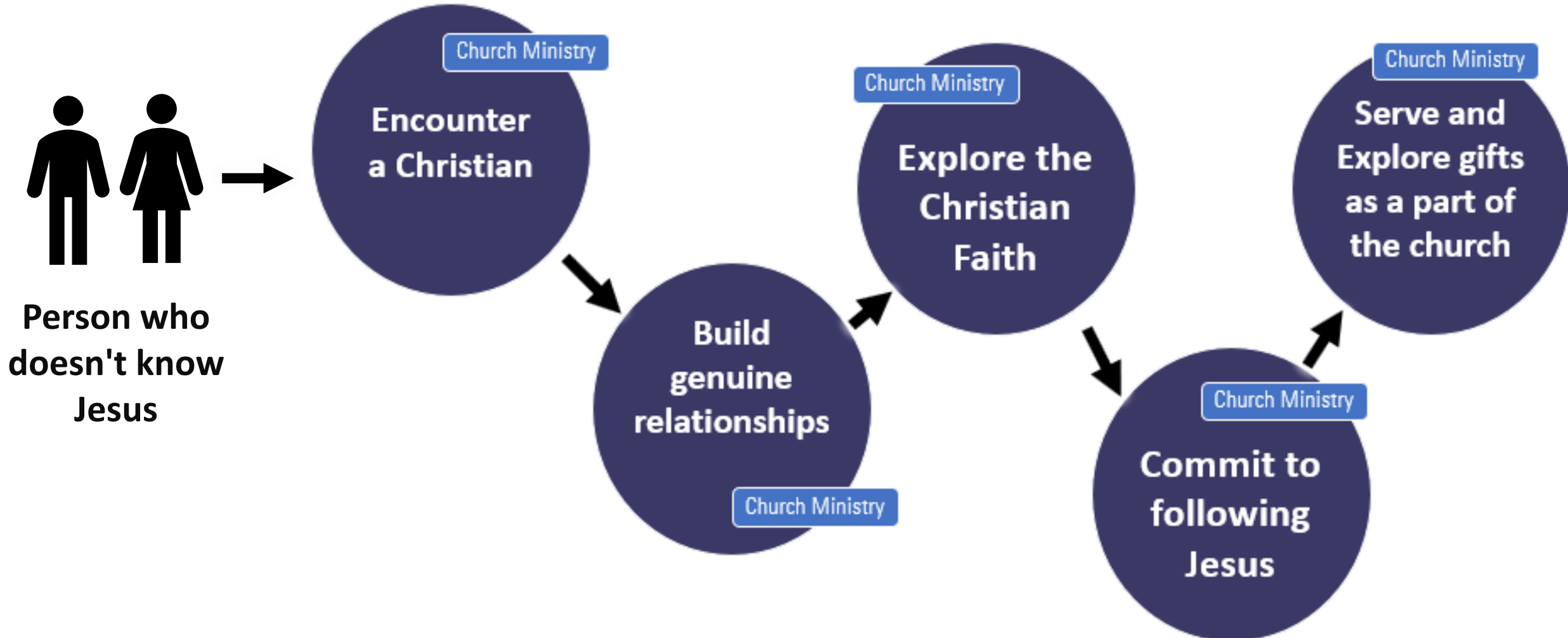
Our Vision:



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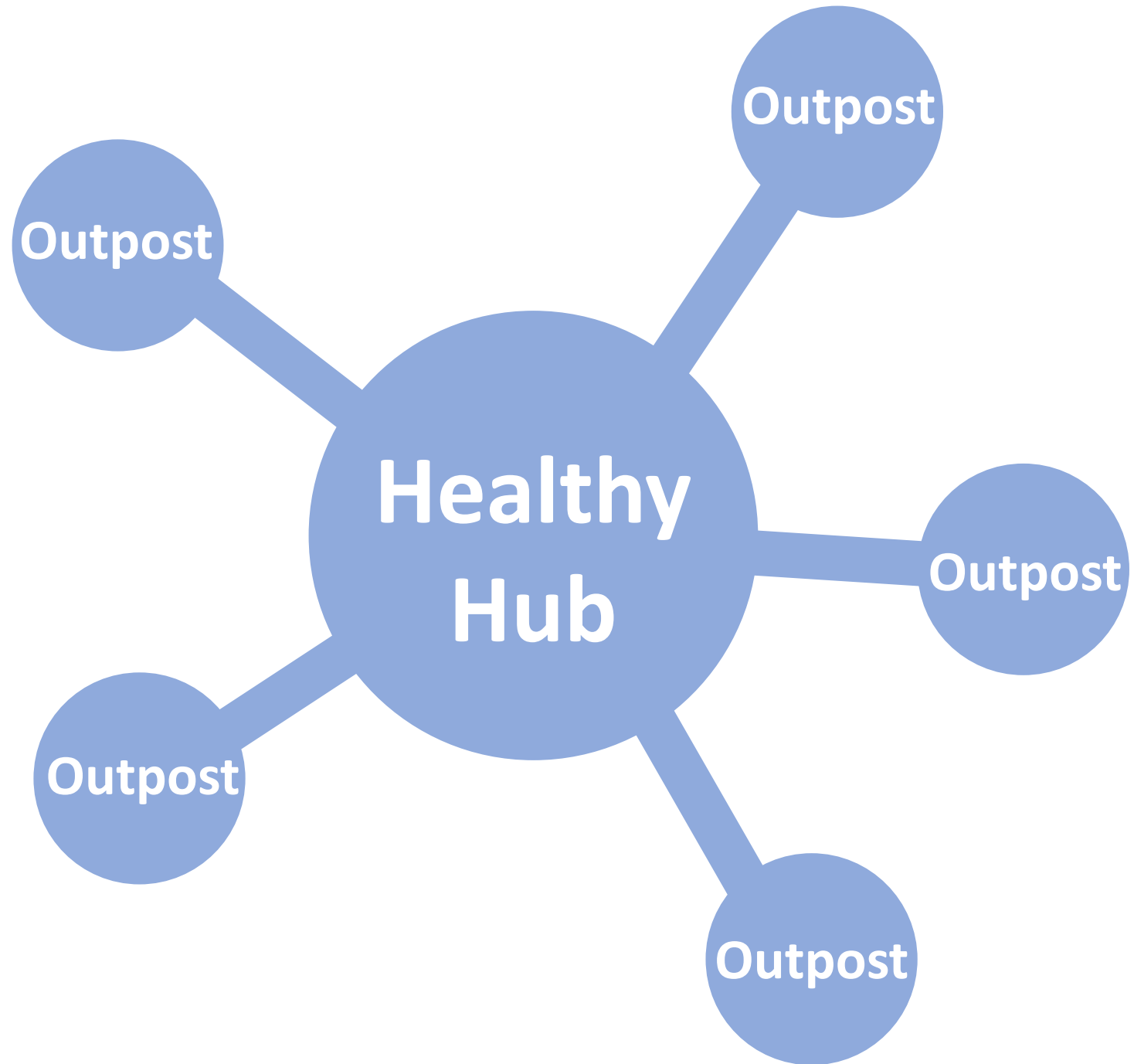
**‘Make Disciples Who Make
Disciples’**

Our Strategy: A Discipleship Journey



Our Shape:

**A healthy hub
with Spiritual
outposts**



Our Spiritual Outposts

- **Life Groups**
- **Renew 127 (inc. Bereavement course)**
- **Partnership with YFC**
- **Open the Book**

Where do we grow
from here?

Church growth - What next?


A team of leaders from our church met with regional Minister Alex Harris to explore different models of church that would fit our values.



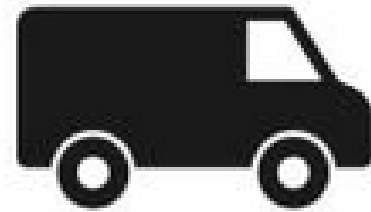
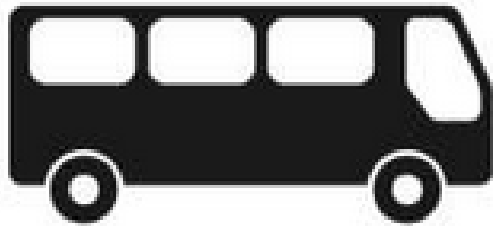


Values – core behaviours

In our church our core values are:

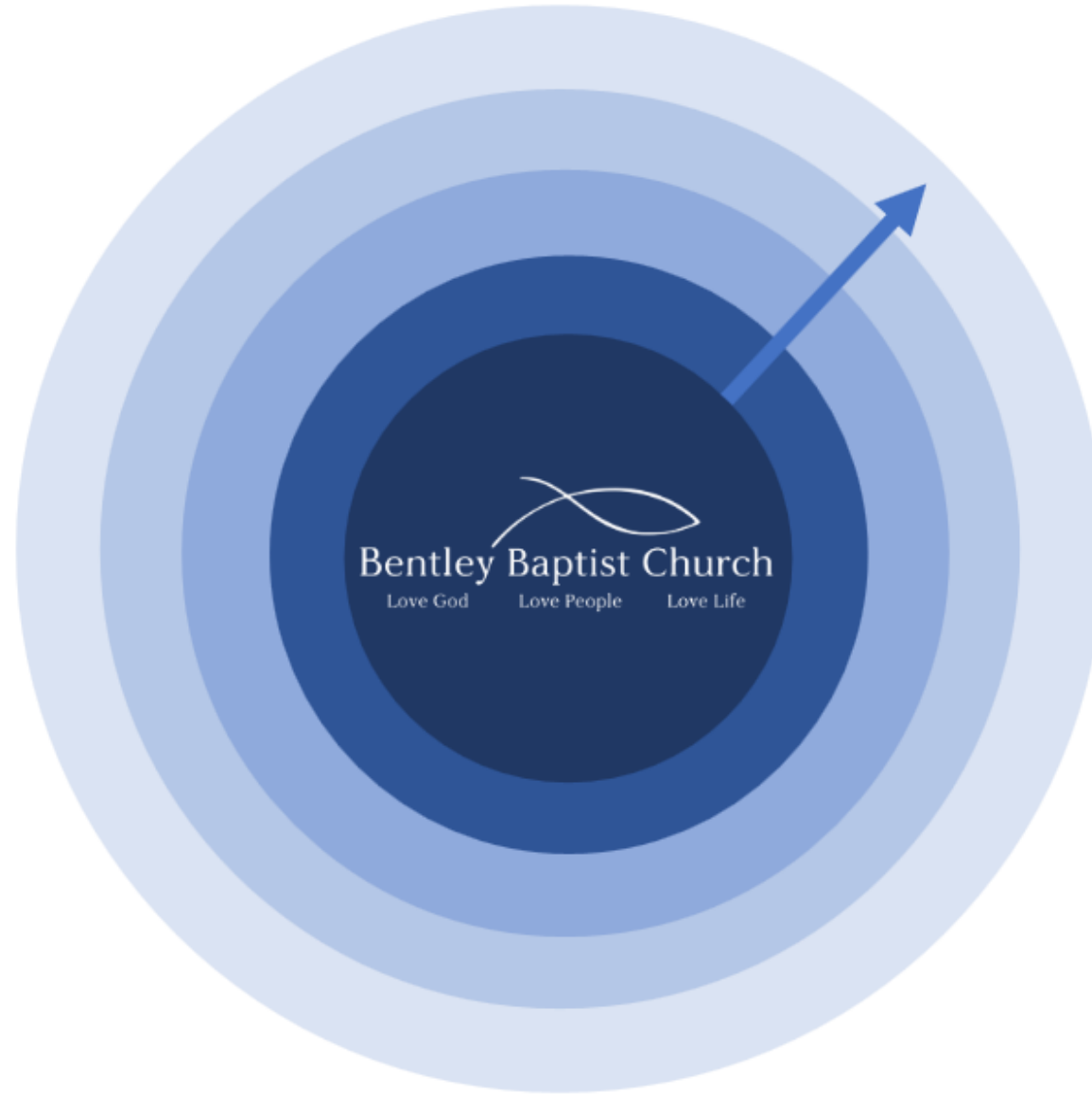
- **The Presence of God (Love God)**
 - **Genuine Relationships (Love People)**
 - **Transformed lives (Love life)**
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Vehicle – the right model to take us towards the vision, that fits our values...



5 Common models for church growth:

Model 1: Ever-expanding



Model 2: Stay and send



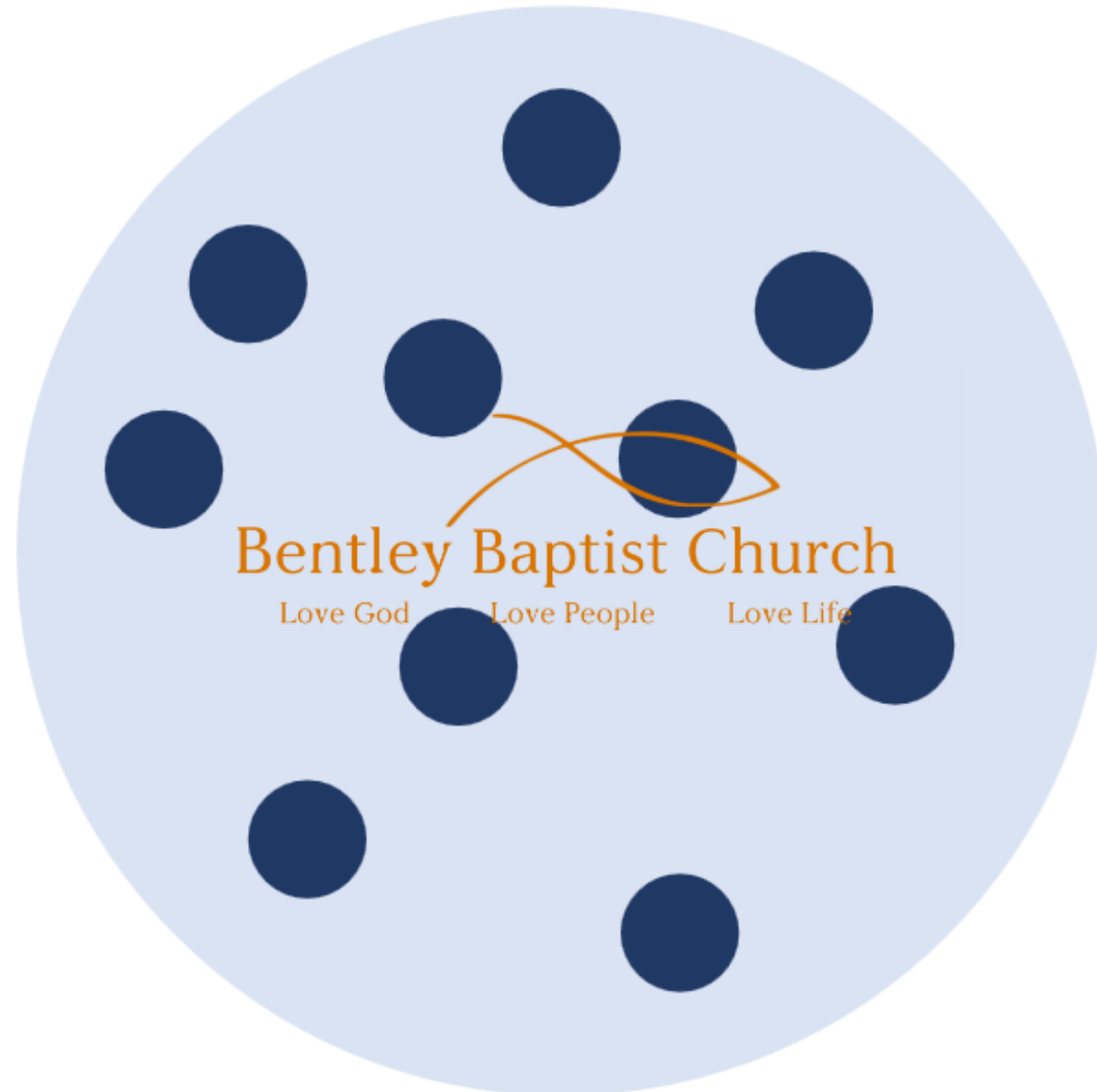
Model 3: Rinse and Repeat



Model 4: Hold and Release



Model 5: Pepper Pot



Prophetic words from January 2021

From Martin (a friend of Graham's):

I had a dream that as we talked, you told me that Bentley BC had 18 satellite churches planted and growing in the community.

Ian Williams, Pastor of Riviera Life Church:

'I sense Bentley being a central hub with many spokes (spiritual outposts) connecting into the centre. Expansion is a key word!'

Prophetic Word – Naomi Fennell*:

"I see Bentley Baptist church as a great old oak tree, with great branches reaching out and dropping seeds onto the ground around it for more trees to grow."

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*Our Vision is not about getting people into a
place, it's about getting people into Jesus*

Model 4: Hold and Release

We continue to journey together in the Hub*



Bentley Baptist Church
Love God Love People Love Life

We start new 'micro-churches' – Spiritual Outposts that are also Church where there is room for growth at different times/places

*we may still need new ways of creating capacity in the hub – e.g. Ever-expanding

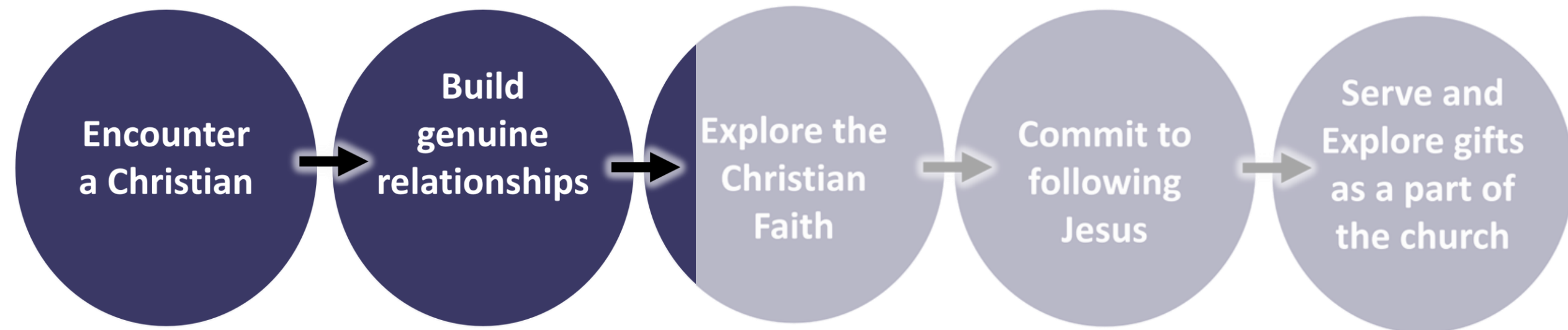
Our First micro-church

- We would like to try and start our first Micro-church from Renew 127.
- It will begin as a mid-week service.
- A team led by Joel will meet to pray, discern, train and plan to launch this next year.



Other Strategic Opportunities...

- **School Readers at Bentley New Village**
- **‘Sew-in-company’ (Kirkstone Close)**
- **Mid-week Kid’s club**



What's my purpose?

Life
Faith
Meaning



19th July
7-9pm

PLUS:
Youth
Alpha!

