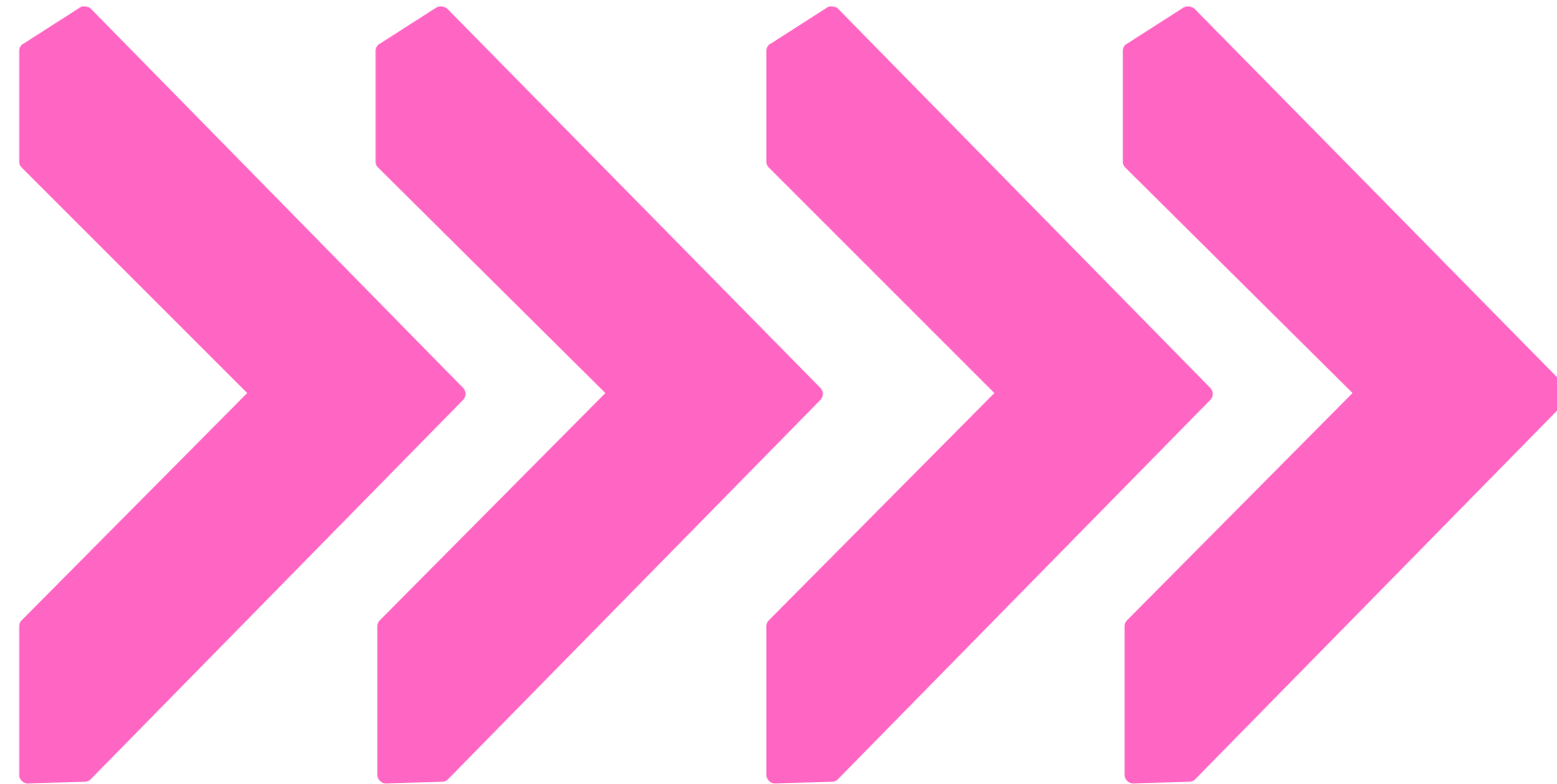


Discover Next



Discerning God's Vision for Your Church

3 Reasons Churches Do Not Move Forward



Spiritually Stuck



Resistant to
Transformation

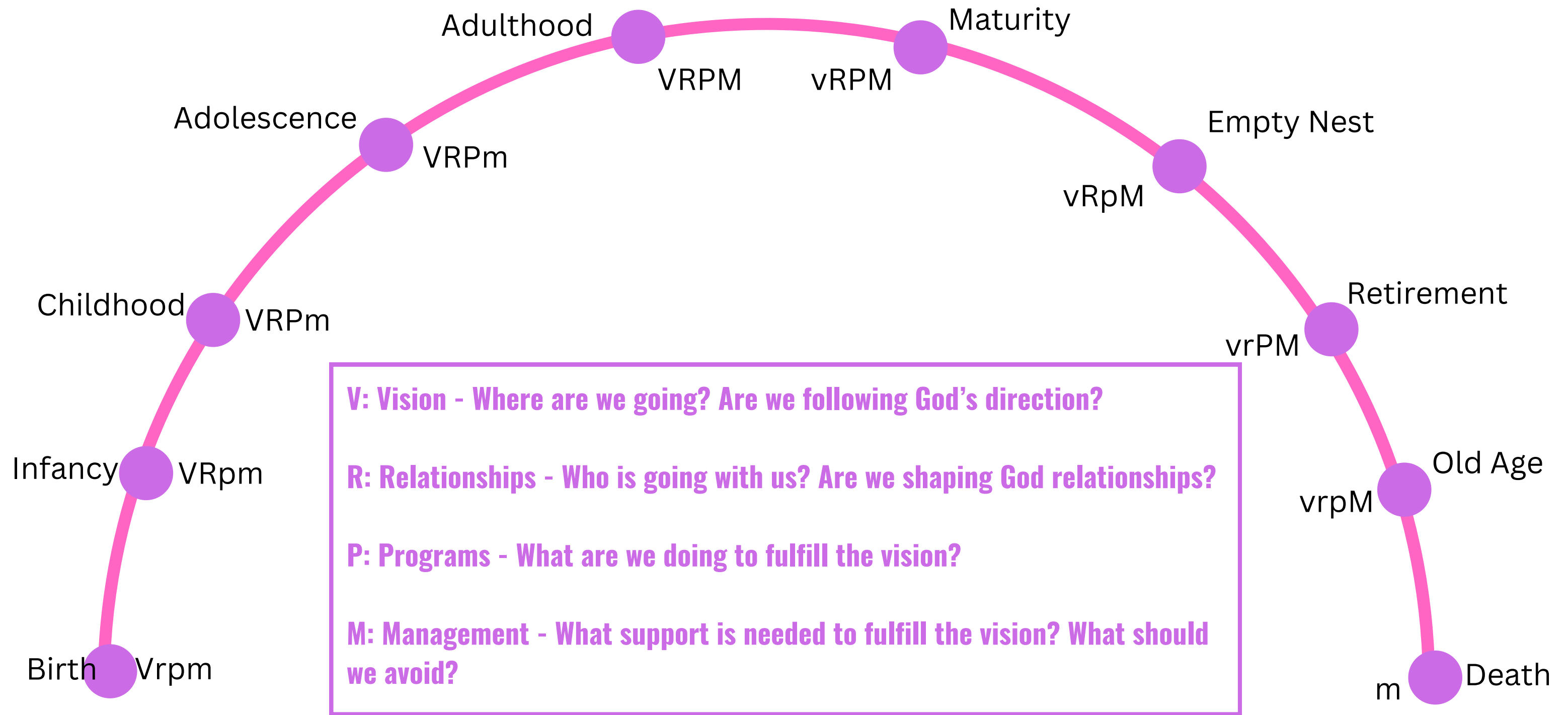


Unresolved Conflict



Walk Through the Door

Lifecycle of the Church



The Mission of the Church

Go, therefore, and make disciples,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and of the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19



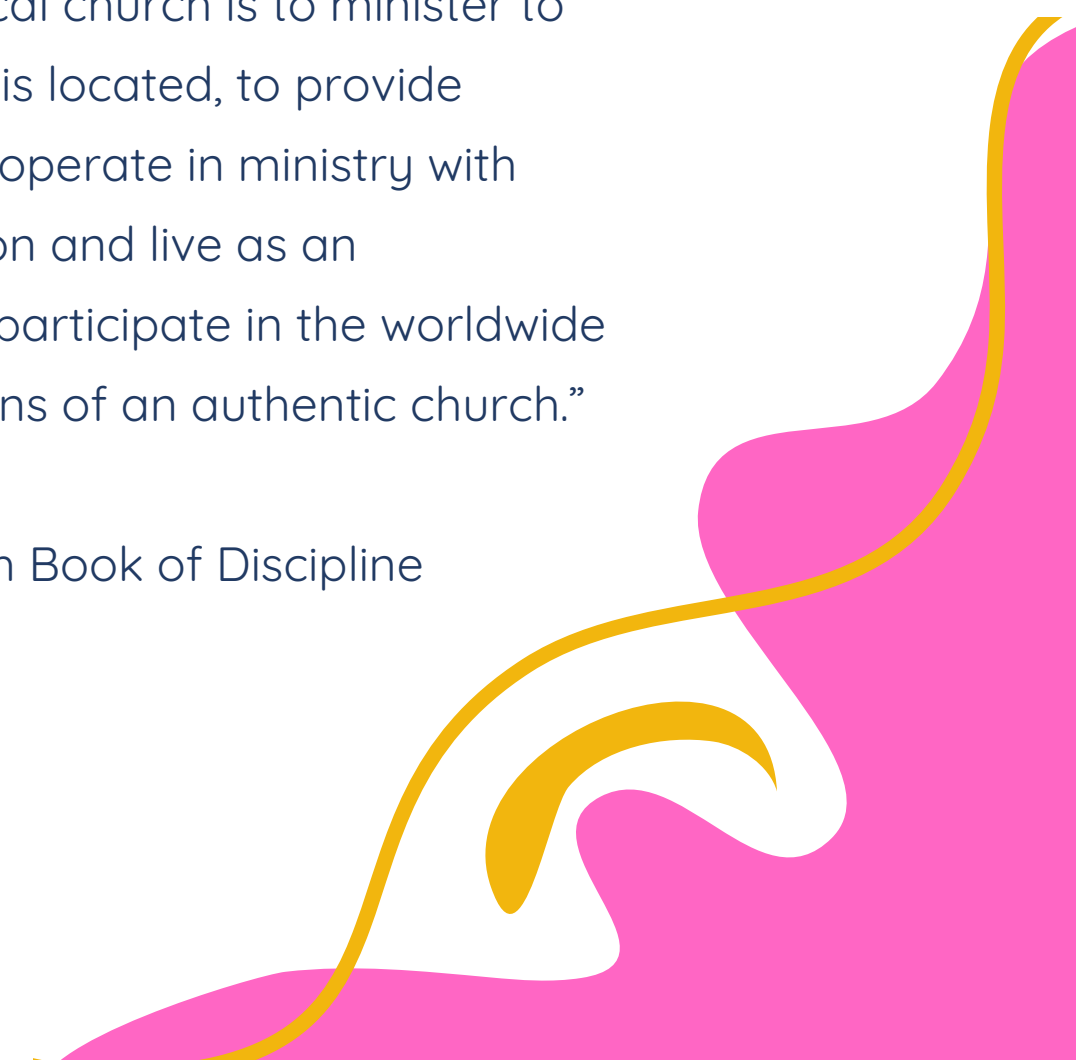
... to make disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of
the world.
The Book of Discipline, para. 120



The Function of the Local Church

“The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society. The function of the local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to help people to accept and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. Therefore, the local church is to minister to persons in the community where the church is located, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all, to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, to defend God’s creation and live as an ecologically responsible community, and to participate in the worldwide mission of the church, as minimal expectations of an authentic church.”

paragraph 202, The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline



What is Vision?

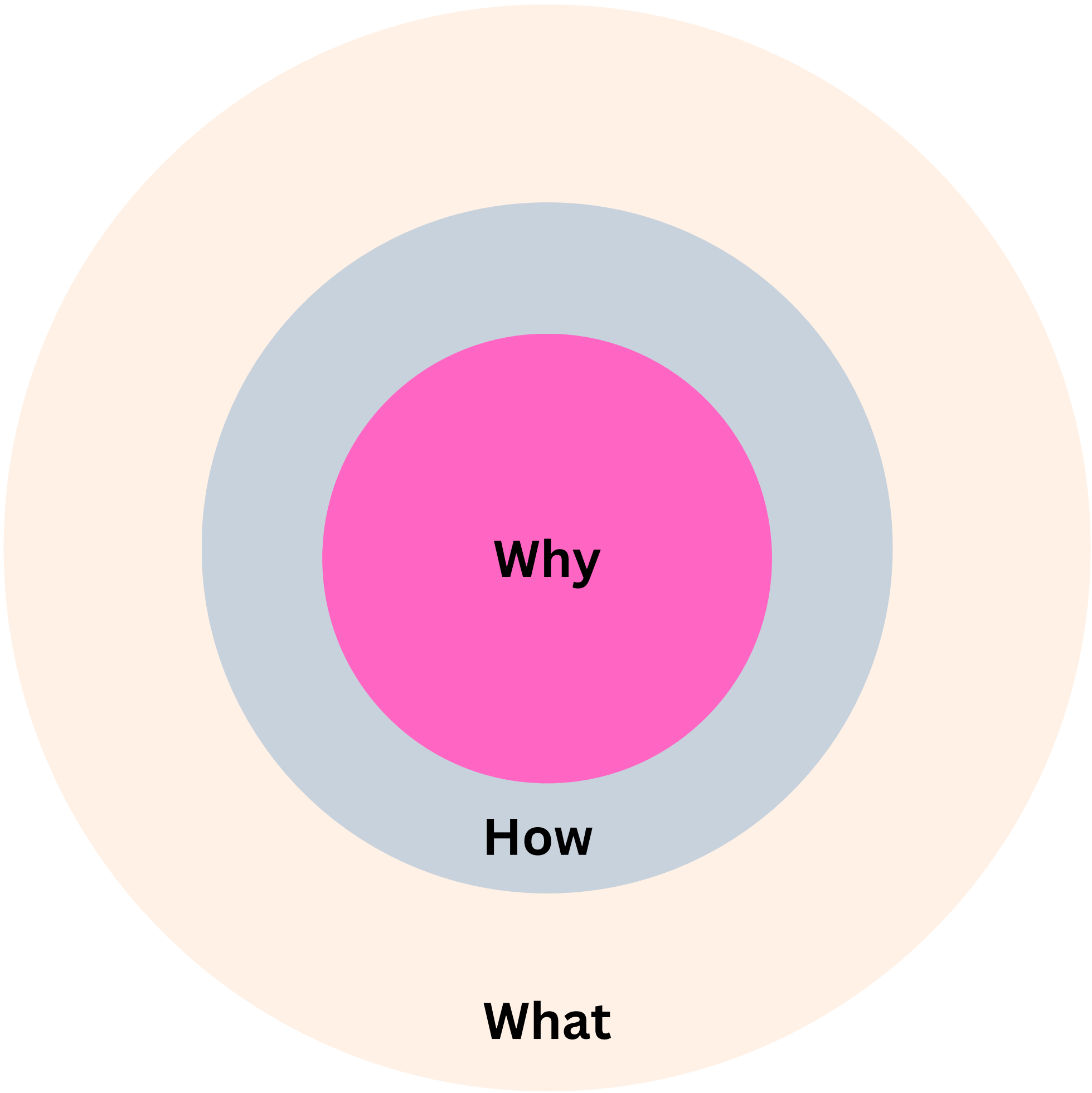


The “how” of making disciples of Jesus Christ

Strategic and measurable

Unique to the congregation.

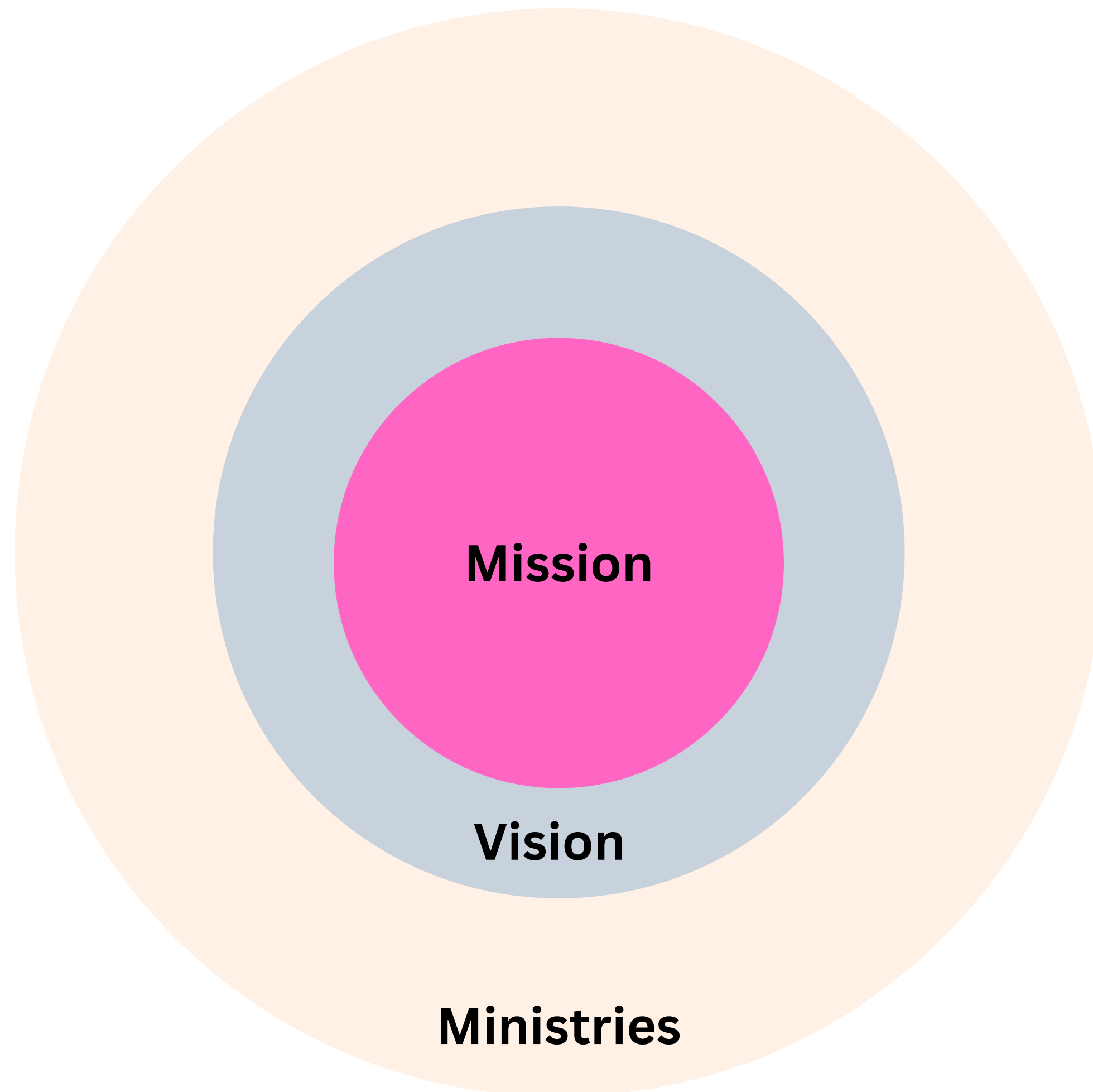
Reflects the congregation’s core values.



Why

How

What



Mission

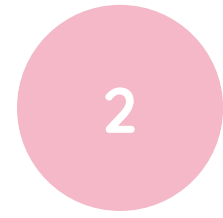
Vision

Ministries

The Vision Team



Forward-thinking



Visionary



Strategic



Passionate about God's will



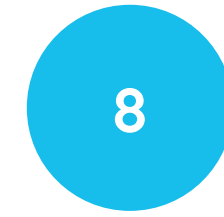
Spiritually mature



Trusted by congregation



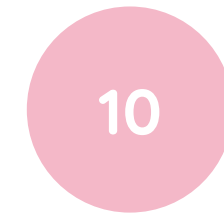
Trusted in community



Skilled communicator



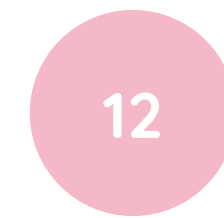
Newcomers



Young Adults



Youth



“Old Timers”



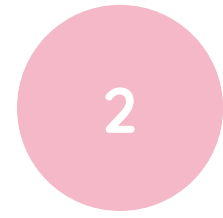
Discovering Vision



Steps to Discerning God's Vision



Intentional Prayer Practice



Leaders' Purpose



Dream Day



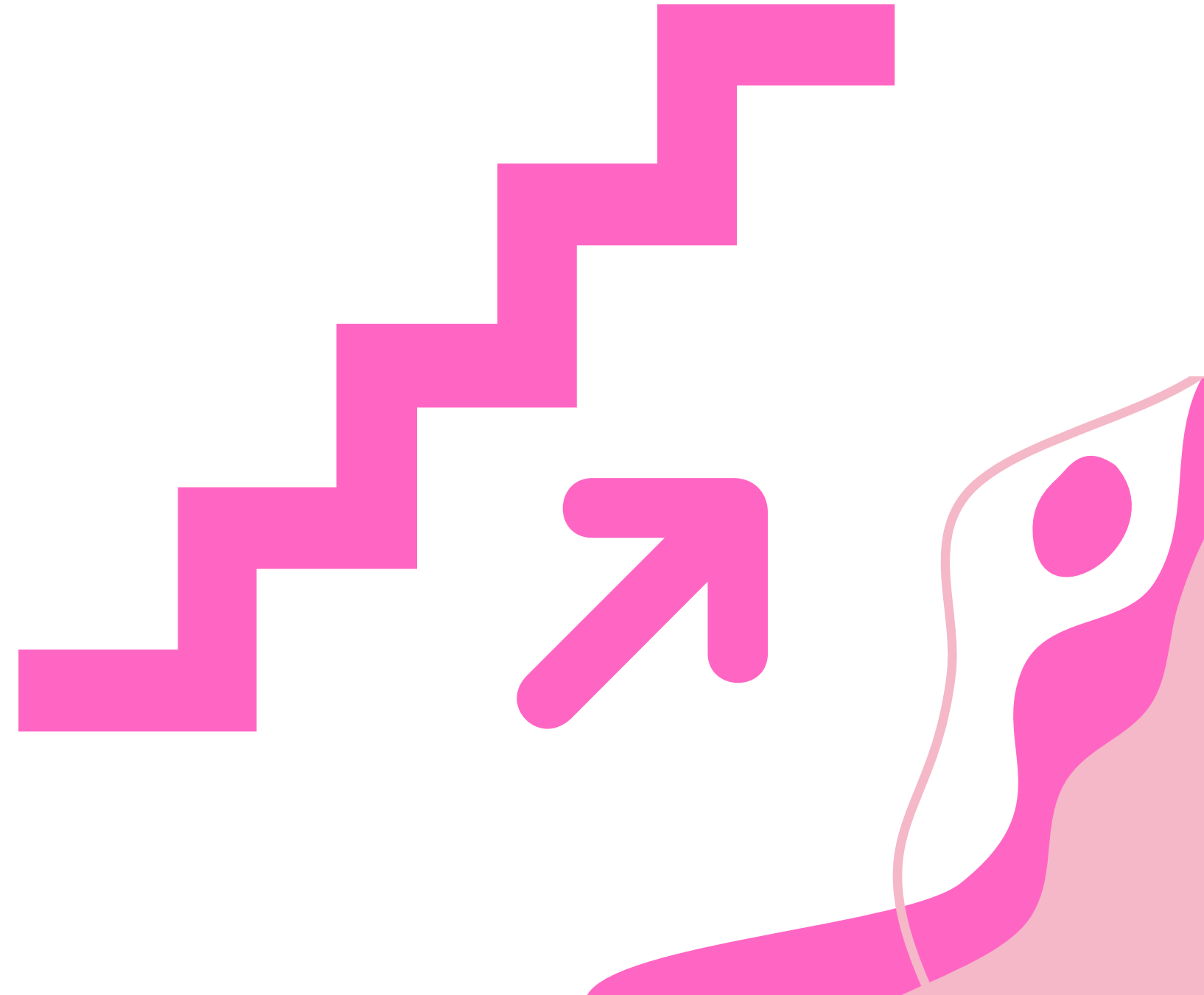
OR Congregational Listening



Listening to Community Voices



Vision Day



Vision Day



Intentional Prayer

Pray before, during, and after Vision Day.



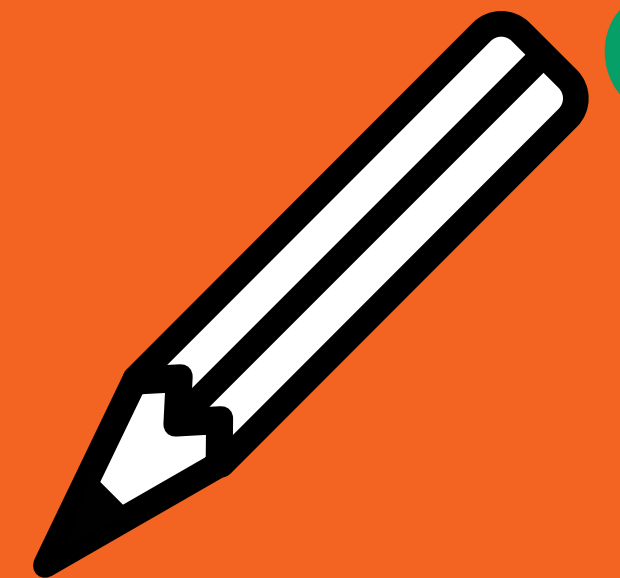
Vision Team Presents

Share key information learned from congregation and the community.



Discover Common Themes

Look for common themes and threads in the information gathered.



Draft Vision Statements

In groups, congregation members draft a vision statement based on the discovered themes.

A Vision Statement Should Be

- 1 Simple & Clear
- 2 Memorable
- 3 Powerful
- 4 Reflective
- 5 Measurable



Then, goals . . .



Right Now

What can be do right now to implement the vision? What is the communication strategy?



Short Term

What can we do in the next 3-6 months to implement the vision? Who will help us?



Long Term

What are the BIG goals for the next year? What are the resources needed?



“... learned that moms and their kids really valued predictability.”

from *Made to Stick* by Chip Heath & Dan Heath

Any Questions?

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