



reach

'26

engage & edify



**reach**  
ministries

# Consulting for churches

Encouraging pastors & their teams  
in godly & effective ministries  
which together make disciples for Jesus



**serious professions  
welcome in-service  
assessment, training,  
consulting & mentoring  
but...**



**evangelical training is generally front-loaded**

**denominational provision is often  
compromised or focussed on principles**

**2026 NMS reveals 94% of leaders want help**

**reach** occupies a largely empty lane

# where does **reach** fit?

## **Conferences**

general  
biblical  
principles

## **Training**

fixed course  
content for  
groups

## **Consulting**

content  
bespoke for  
individual  
leaders &  
churches

## **Coaching**

no fixed  
content –  
presenting  
issues

## **Counselling**

personal  
spiritual  
care

## **Denoms**

denom.  
priorities

# **the reach vision**

**Serve 500 churches – with the consulting they need**

**Train 50 ministry consultants & mentors**

**Shift church culture – to embrace consulting as normal, desirable & available**





**church  
assessments**



**leadership  
mentoring**



**online  
training**

**Prepared  
To Lead**  
**Prepared  
To Preach**



**HR  
consultation**



**regional  
clinics**



**national  
conference**



# Managing Churches for Mission Conference

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A conference for  
church leadership teams

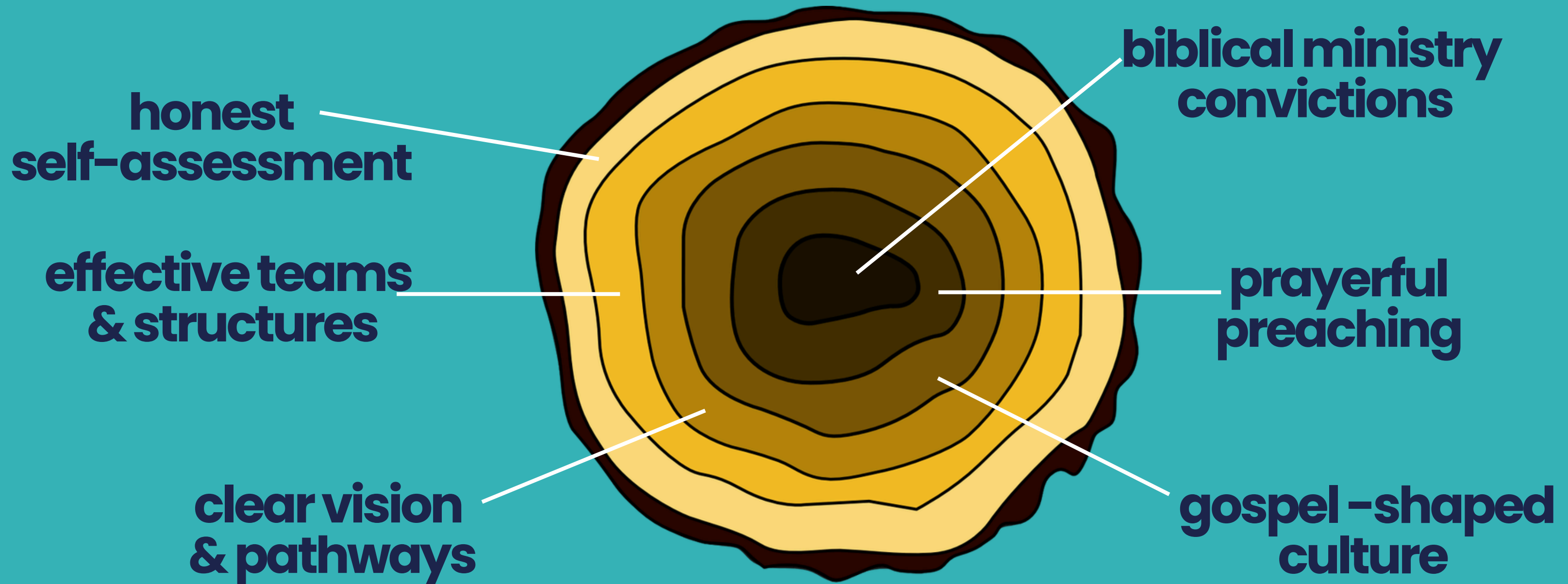
The Tron Church, Glasgow  
22-23 October 2026

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# **reach** distinctives

we believe for churches to grow by making disciples of all nations they need...



# **biblical ministry convictions**

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**God's Gospel is the greatest need of our world**

**God's churches are for urgently making disciples**

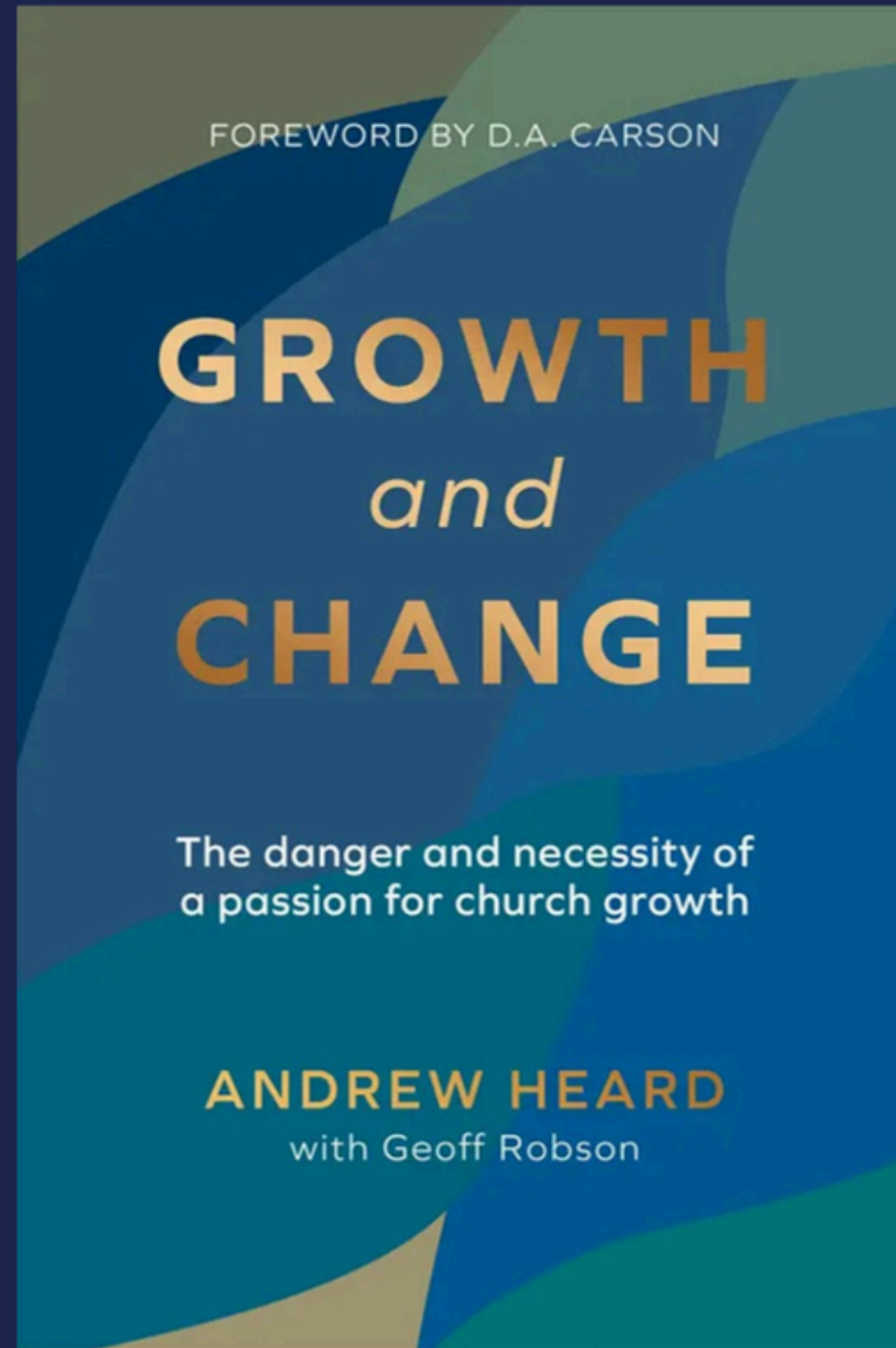
**God grows churches through active ministries**

**God uses strategies & structures to save**

**God gives teachers to equip his people for their ministries**

**God uses principled pragmatism**

**God holds leaders accountable**

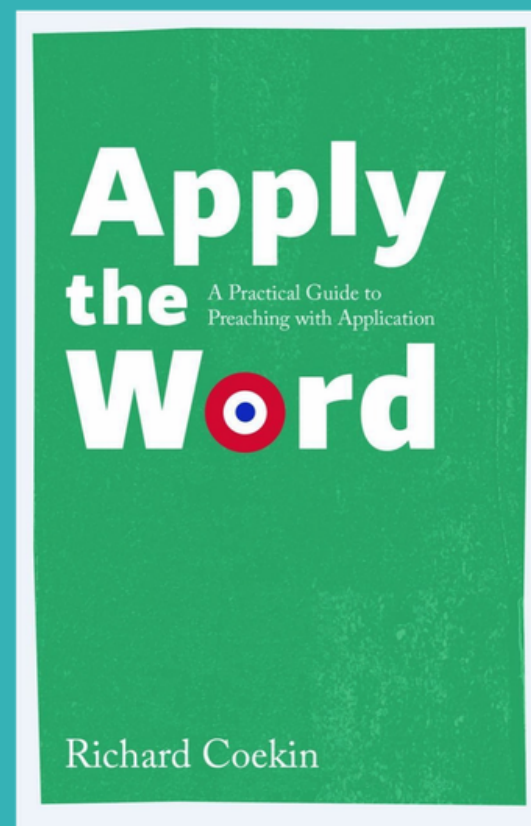
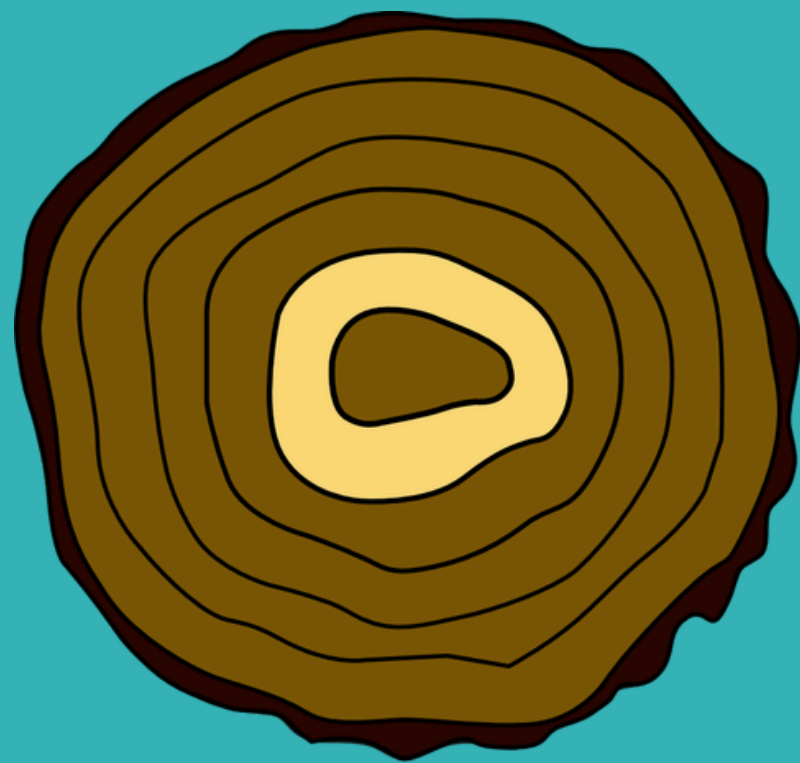


**Recommended reading: Growth & Change – Andrew Heard**

# prayerful preaching

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with prayer, gripping introductions, careful exegesis,  
engaging explanation, warm application & prayer (again)



Prepared  
To Preach  
with application

Why not refresh with a good book or preaching class?

# gospel-shaped culture

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not like



like lifeboat crews 24/7 dedicated to saving everyone drowning in sin and so are welcoming, humble, honest, gracious & zealous like Jesus

# clear vision...

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**Churches benefit from  
clarifying their local vision:  
of the church they're praying  
& working to become**

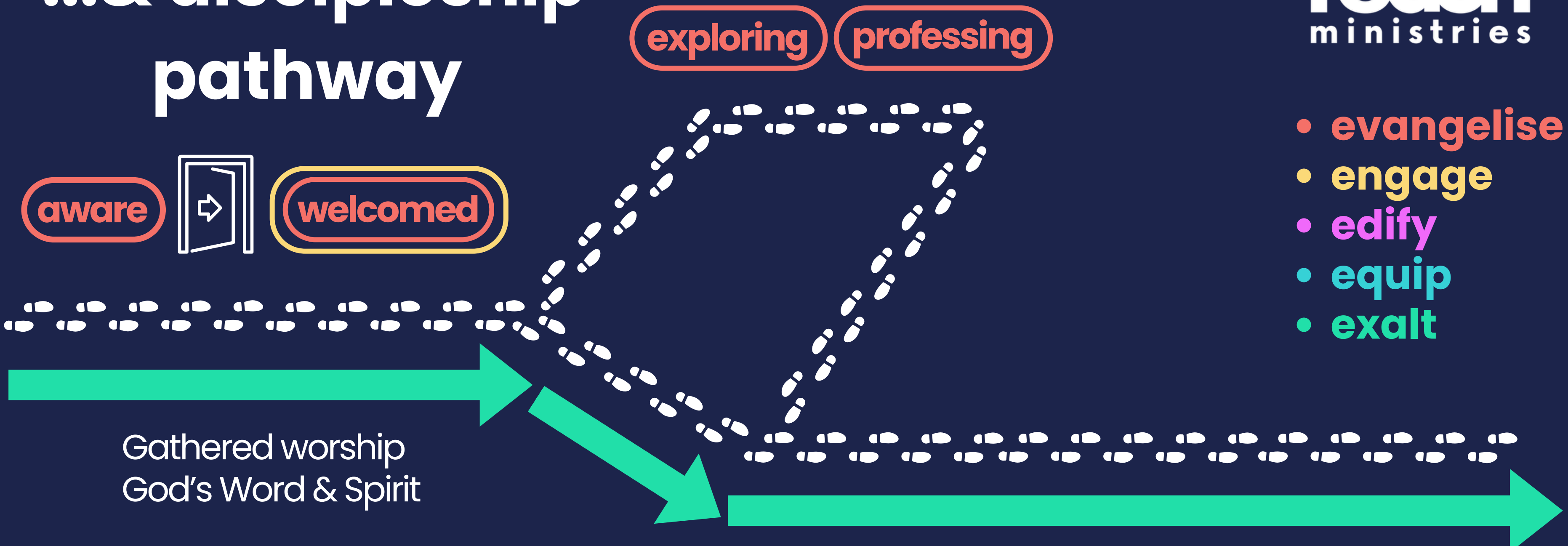
# **Symptoms of poor vision**

- **confusion in newcomers**
- **reluctance in members to serve, give or stay**
- **division & frustration among leaders**
- **mediocrity in ministries**
- **lurching randomly between poor decisions**
- **low mission heat & few being saved**

**leaders need prayerfully to clarify who they are & who they're trying to reach**



# ...& discipleship pathway



aware



welcomed

exploring

professing

- evangelise
- engage
- edify
- equip
- exalt

Gathered worship  
God's Word & Spirit

**MATURING:** Believing gospel, joining in church, living by word & prayer, serving others & worshipping God

attending

connected

growing

serving

leading



going

# effective teams...



## **a teams approach:**

- **enables more & better ministries**
- **involves all the church family**
- **avoids burn-out in leaders**

# ...& structures

**elders/council**  
oversee ministry strategy

**senior pastor/vicar**  
leads elders & staff

CHARITY

DENOMINATION

**evangelise**  
MISSION

Evangelism courses  
Outreach events  
Door-to-door  
World mission

**engage**  
MEMBERSHIP

Stewarding team  
Welcome team  
Welcome events  
Connect groups  
Care team

**edify**  
MATURITY

Preaching  
Small groups  
Kids/Youth ministry  
Men/Women  
Short courses

**equip**  
MINISTRY

Elders/Staff training  
Ministry Trainees  
Ministry Leaders  
Ministry Training

**exalt**  
MAGNIFICATION

Sunday Services  
Prayer Meetings  
Special Events  
Worship at work/  
at home

**operations team** provides ministry support

# honest self-assessment

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## Gingerbread Man Church Health Assessment

for diagnosing inter-related  
spiritual ailments



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heaven and on  
earth has been  
given to me

Go and make  
disciples of all  
nations

Christ's  
Great  
Commission

and surely I am  
always with you to  
the end of the age

baptising  
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(magnify)

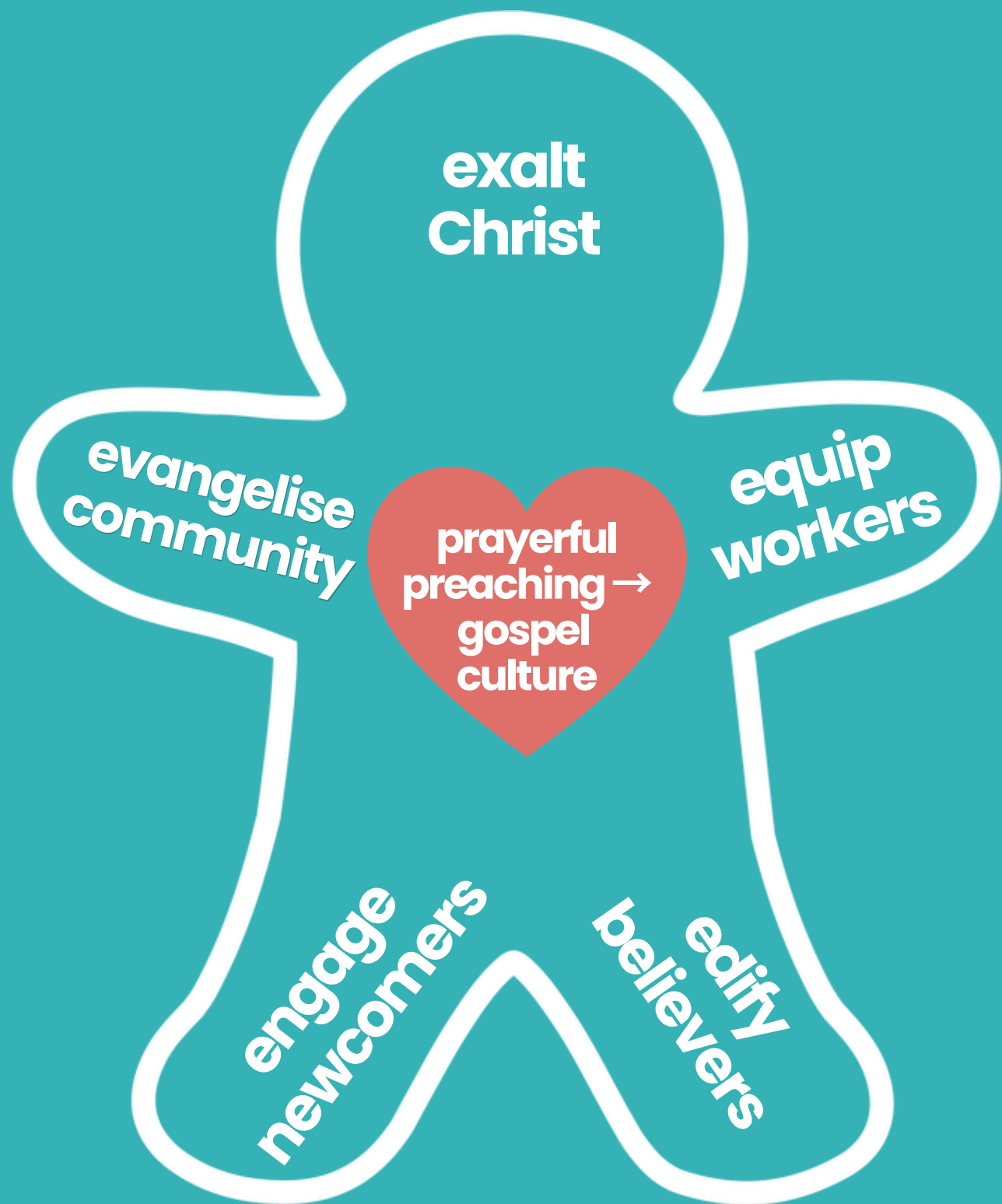
evangelise  
(mission)

prayerful  
preaching →  
gospel  
culture

equip  
(ministry)

engaged  
(membership)

edify  
(maturity)



# gingerbread tool

[reachministries.uk/gingerbread-tool](https://reachministries.uk/gingerbread-tool)



use code:  
**reach26**

# reach conference

**2025** evangelise

**2026** engage & edify

**2027** equip

# Jesus' Great Commission

Then Jesus came to them and said,  
'**all** authority in heaven and on earth has been  
given to me

Therefore go and make disciples of **all** nations  
baptising them in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

and teaching them to obey **everything** I have  
commanded you.

And surely I am with you **always**, to the very  
end of the age.'



# Jesus' Great Commission

He claims **all** authority in heaven & on earth

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**Making disciples begins with  
welcoming newcomers as  
graciously as God has welcomed us**



# Teaching from all the Bible is central to making disciples for Jesus





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He comforts us with assurance of his presence **all** our days

Jesus great commission is crystal clear:  
**'go and make disciples of all nations'**

spiritually speaking this is your neighbourhood



Jesus is clearly saying our **priority** must be making disciples

**74%**

churches report  
growth over last 3 yrs  
cf. 35% in 2021

**Could we help each  
other make this**

**84%**

**by 2036?**

**2.7%**

**p.a.**

lapsed or nominal  
returning  
c.f. 1.0% in 2021

**Could we help each  
other make this**

**5%**

**by 2036?**

**2.6%**

**p.a.**

from unchurched  
backgrounds  
c.f. 1.6% in 2021

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other make this**

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**by 2036?**

**Reach Ministries** exists and **Reach '26** is happening so we can help each other **reach the UK**

because hell is horrible, heaven is happy and eternity is a very long time and our risen Lord Jesus has commanded us...

**'go and make disciples of all nations'!**