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Mission Church is in the business of helping you move from **unfaith to faith** in every area of your life.

Let me unpack this a little... Use your imagination (or use the handy diagram at the side of the page). Picture a circular diagram with the God of the Bible in the middle.

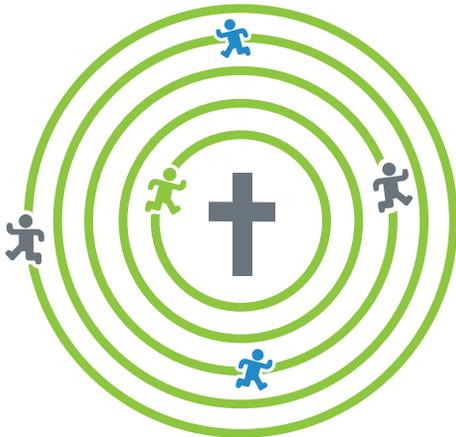


FIG. 1: HANDY DIAGRAM

Around God, in concentric circles are all the people in the world. Yes, there we are just flying around and around getting dizzy. Some people appear to be close; some seem to be far away.

At Mission Church we believe it doesn't matter where you're at, we're just helping



everyone move in faith toward God. That's it. Everyone belongs. To attend Mission you don't have to believe a particular thing. Just come and **belong**. But, of course, we're being upfront about this... we really do believe that life is better when you move from unfaith to faith in every area.

So, back to this circular diagram... it shouldn't be thought of as a flat 2D map (which is where our handy diagram at the side of the page lets us down). The diagram should represent depth and dimension... it's 3D, 4D, dare I say 5D? All of us are orbiting in multi-dimensionality. This is important to imagine because if it's just 2D then the appearance of getting closer to God can become the goal. But the truth is, so much of what is going on in our lives is hidden. Of course we should be aware of the external, physical life but it's the internal, unseen things that really make up who we are. If it's a 2D map, people who are far away are simply far away. But if it's multi-dimensional then people who ostensibly are far away from God... well, with just a prayer, with just a turn, they can be very close to God. Conversely, those who seem to be close...? Doing all the outward things that seem right and proper...? They can be far away. Because it's not really about geography or behavior or physical location... it's **about the heart**.

Irrespective of how far away you think you are from God, we want to help you move toward Him.

OK, now let's take this thought a little further... Again, we've got this multi-dimensional map here... we're all spinning around (some of you are getting motion sickness with all the spinning but just work with me here).

Inside of your multi-dimensional self there are all kinds of emotions and thoughts, willful attitudes, perspectives and habits. When you start to move toward God you're going to run up against some barriers. (Barriers come from within you, from the world and from our spiritual enemy.) When you take a step or two toward God I guarantee you a barrier is going to pop up. One aspect of your life will be working but the other won't. Maybe your mental understanding is growing because you've been reading God's Word and praying but your relationships are suffering. Or something completely different... maybe you're starting to get a handle on some negative habits because the Truth is shedding light in your life but now you're being tempted at work to take short cuts. Here's my point: I believe the God of the Bible longs to have a relationship with you that ultimately winds up drawing **all of you** toward Him, reconciling everything, making all of it work in **peace** for you. This is the whole goal of moving from unfaith to faith in every area of your life.

If you start to move in one area and hold back in another you'll wind up living a duplicitous life... fragmented... out of harmony... fighting against itself. This might sound pretty simplistic but I believe God wants you to stop fighting. We all learned this in kindergarten but I think it has deep implications the older you get. You cannot be saved, have a fulfilled life and be at peace if you're fighting. I think God wants you to stop. Obviously this is true on the outside...but the outward is always connected to the inward. Notice the progression... throwing a punch is preceded by a harsh word, brought about by anger, which is present because of fear.



So, to stop fighting... To walk toward Him through doors he's opening... To bring your whole, multi-dimensional self to Him...

Means arriving at peace with Him while arriving at it with yourself. The bible has a nice 6-syllable word for all of this called, **reconciliation**. In fact, Colossians 1:20 says, he's reconciling all things... people, things, animals and atoms... Reconciliation means to harmonize. That's what Mission is in the business of doing! We're helping you harmonize all of life to God's great melody. And this happens when you move from unfaith to faith in every area of your life.

Ways to learn more...

- Check out our videos [here](#) →
- Join us for Sunday gatherings [here](#) →
- Grow in contemplative, communal and missional ways by joining a Mission Group [here](#) →
- Most importantly:
 - Read this** → The Bible
 - Pray this** → The Lord's Prayer
 - Be this** → Yourself