

# Our Ultimate Objective: Glorify God

#### **Our Vision:** To change the heart and soul of Northwest Arkansas and the world.

#### **Our Mission:** To produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world.

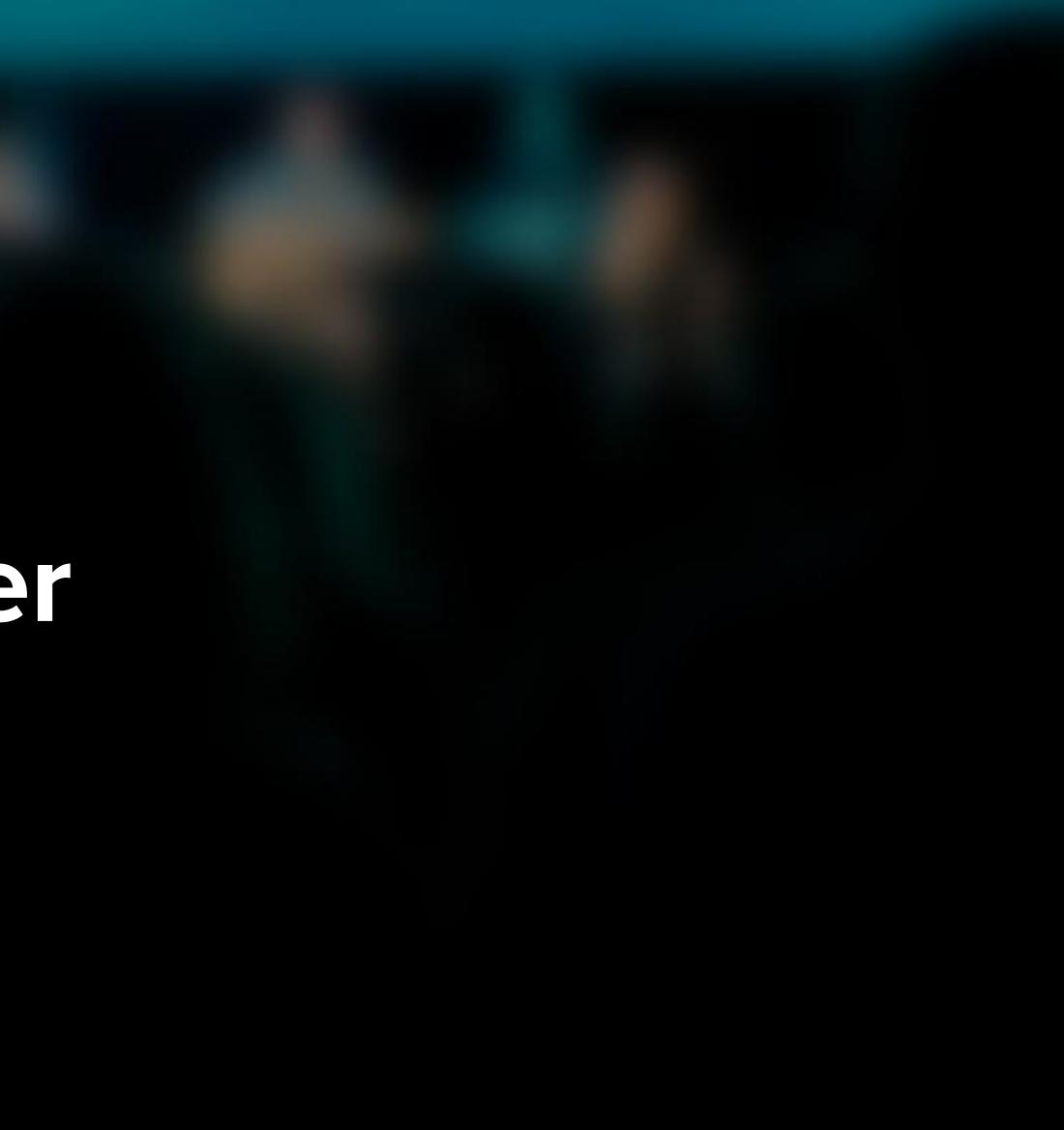
# A healthy church is driven by Biblical ministry principles.



## A healthy church...

Empowers spiritual leaders.
Embraces change without compromising it's calling.
Is incarnational, not just attractional.

# **Priesthood of the Believer**



Old Testament

#### Exodus 19:5-6 *niv*

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." New Testament

#### 1 Peter 2:9-10 niv

But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood,** a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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#### Luke 5:10-11 niv

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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#### Luke 9:1-2 *niv*

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

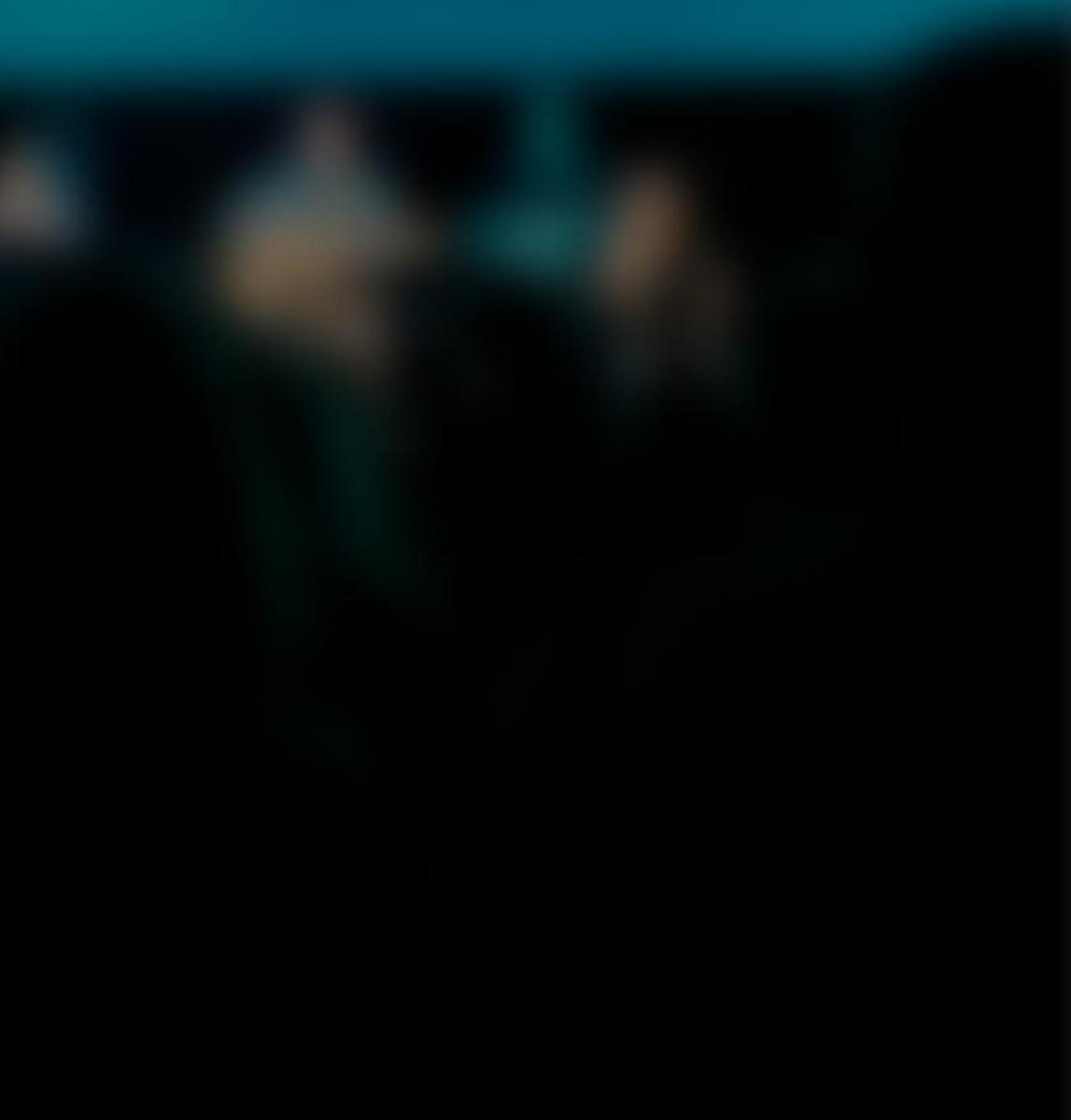
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#### Luke 10:1-3 *niv*

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.<sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

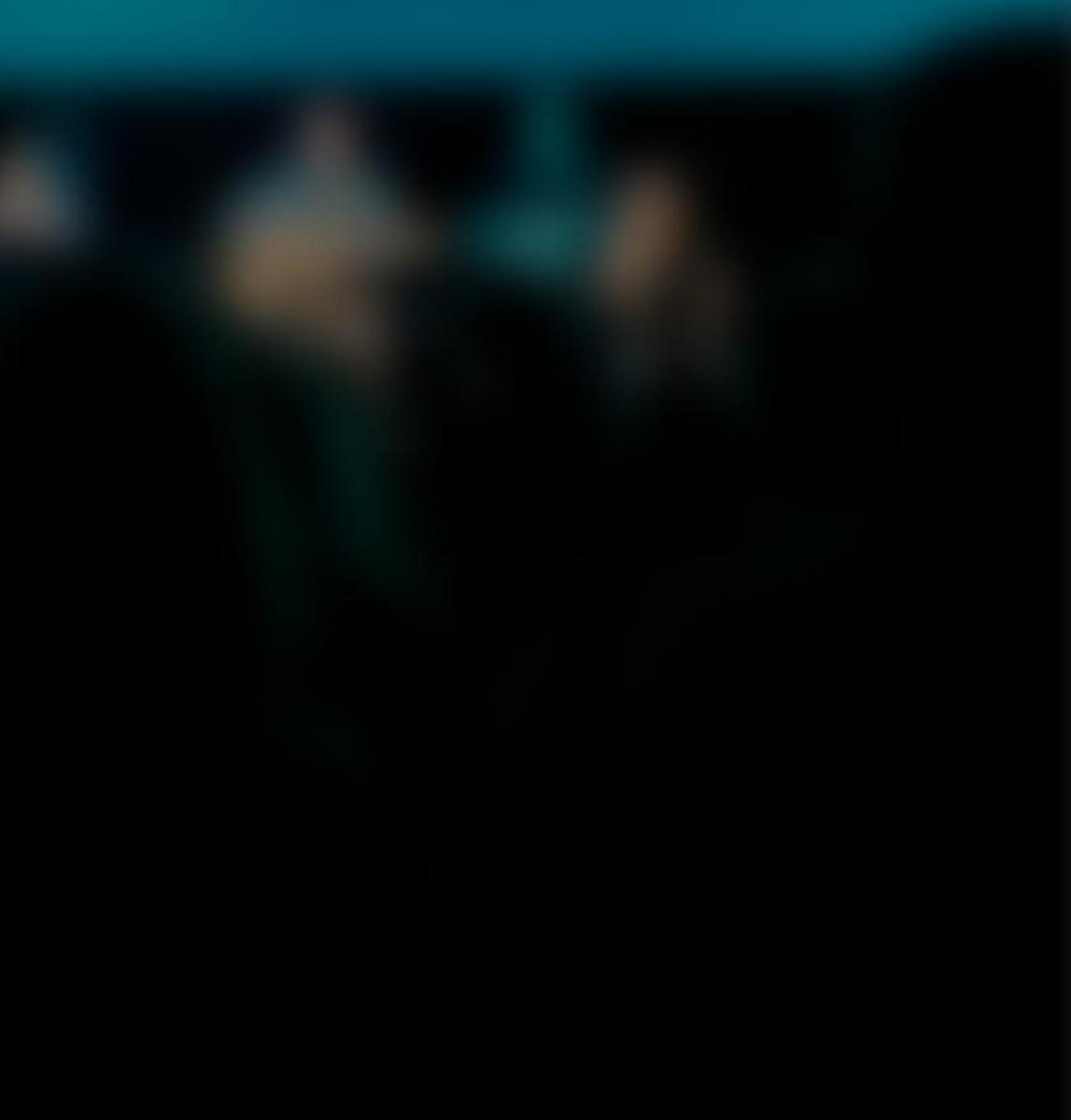


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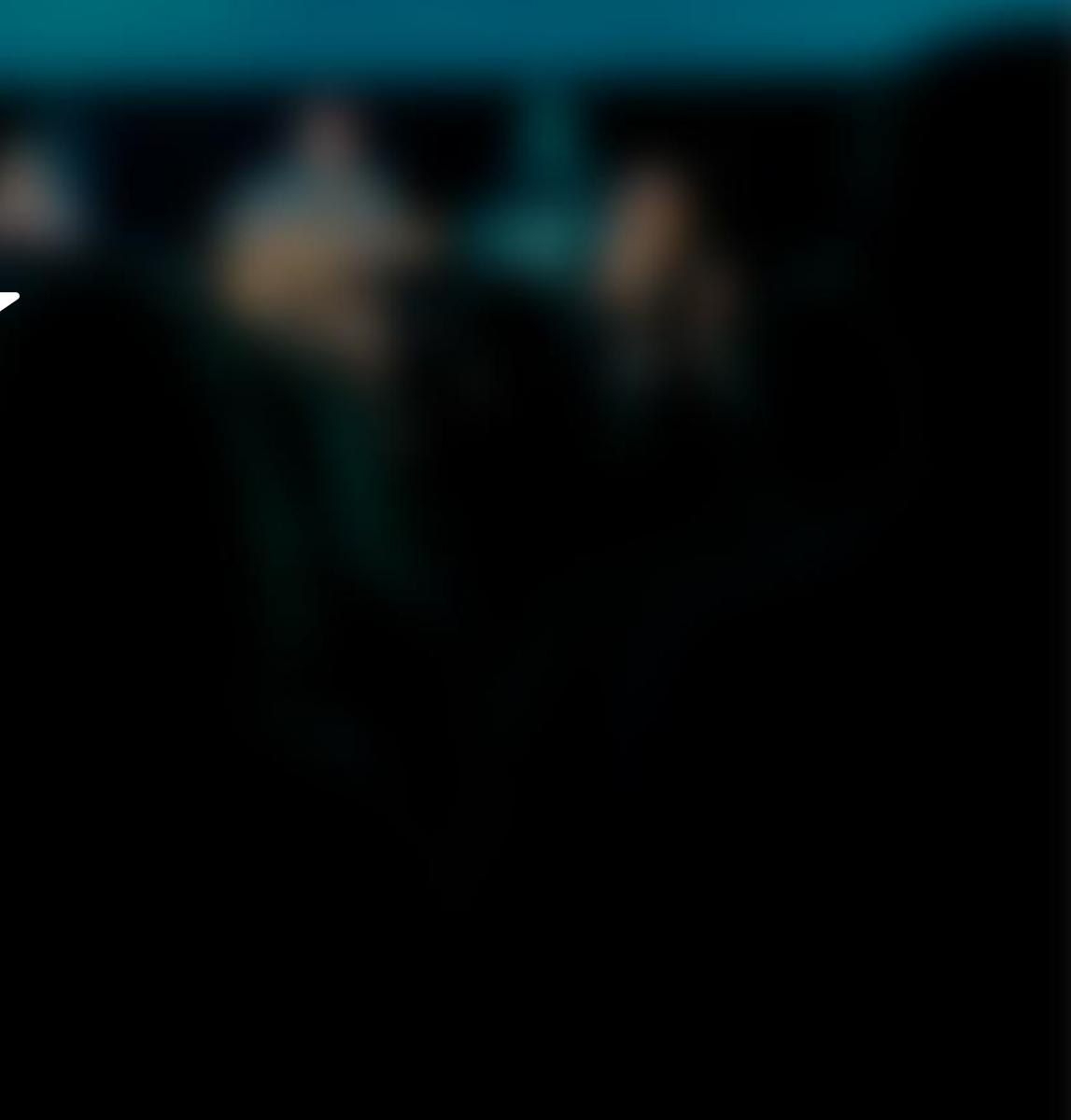


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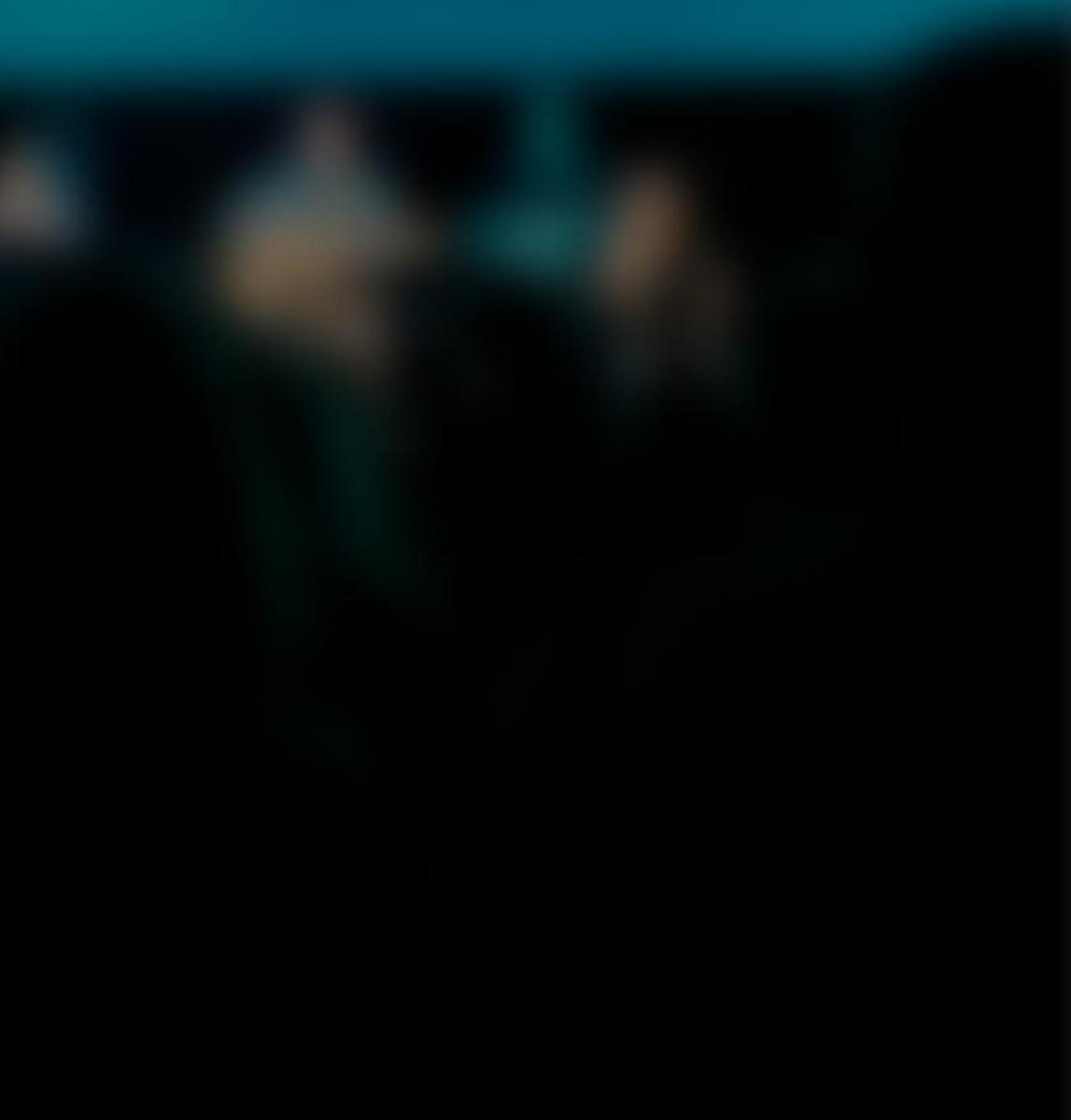


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#### **Spiritual Leaders**









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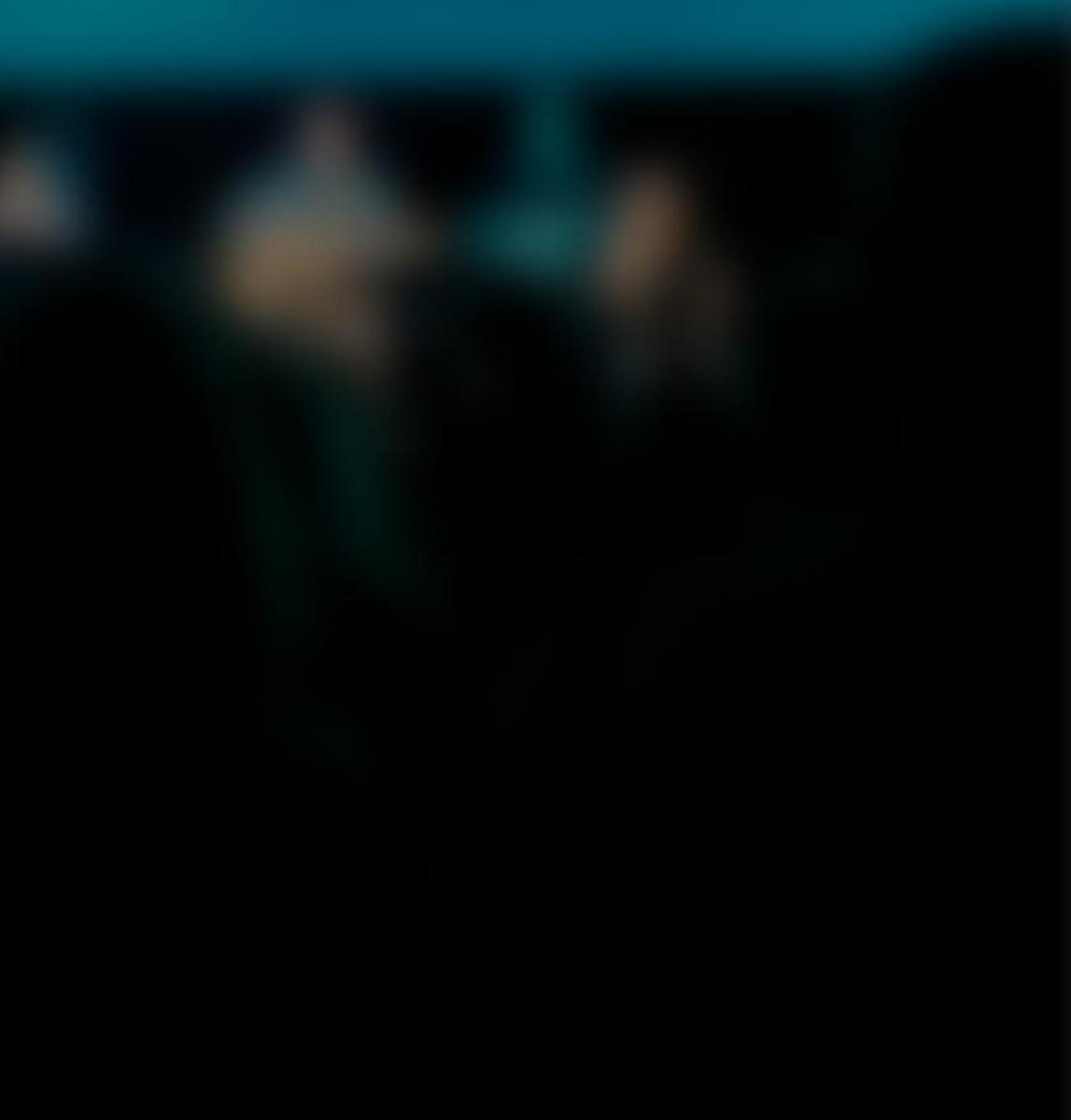


# A healthy church empowers people to do ministry.





## **Form & Function** 1 Corinthians 9:19-23



#### Function

#### Form

A Biblical responsibility assigned to the church by the Lord

The manner in which a function is accomplished

## Function

- Timeless
- Static
- Unchanging
- Non-Negotiable
- Mission
- Anchors

## Form

Timely Method

Flexible Changeable Negotiable Adaptable

#### 1 Corinthians 9:19 niv

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

#### 1 Corinthians 9:20-23 niv

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law, so as to win those under the law.<sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law, so as to win those not having the law.<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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#### John 1:14 *niv*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# A healthy church is not just a place, but a people who live the message.

