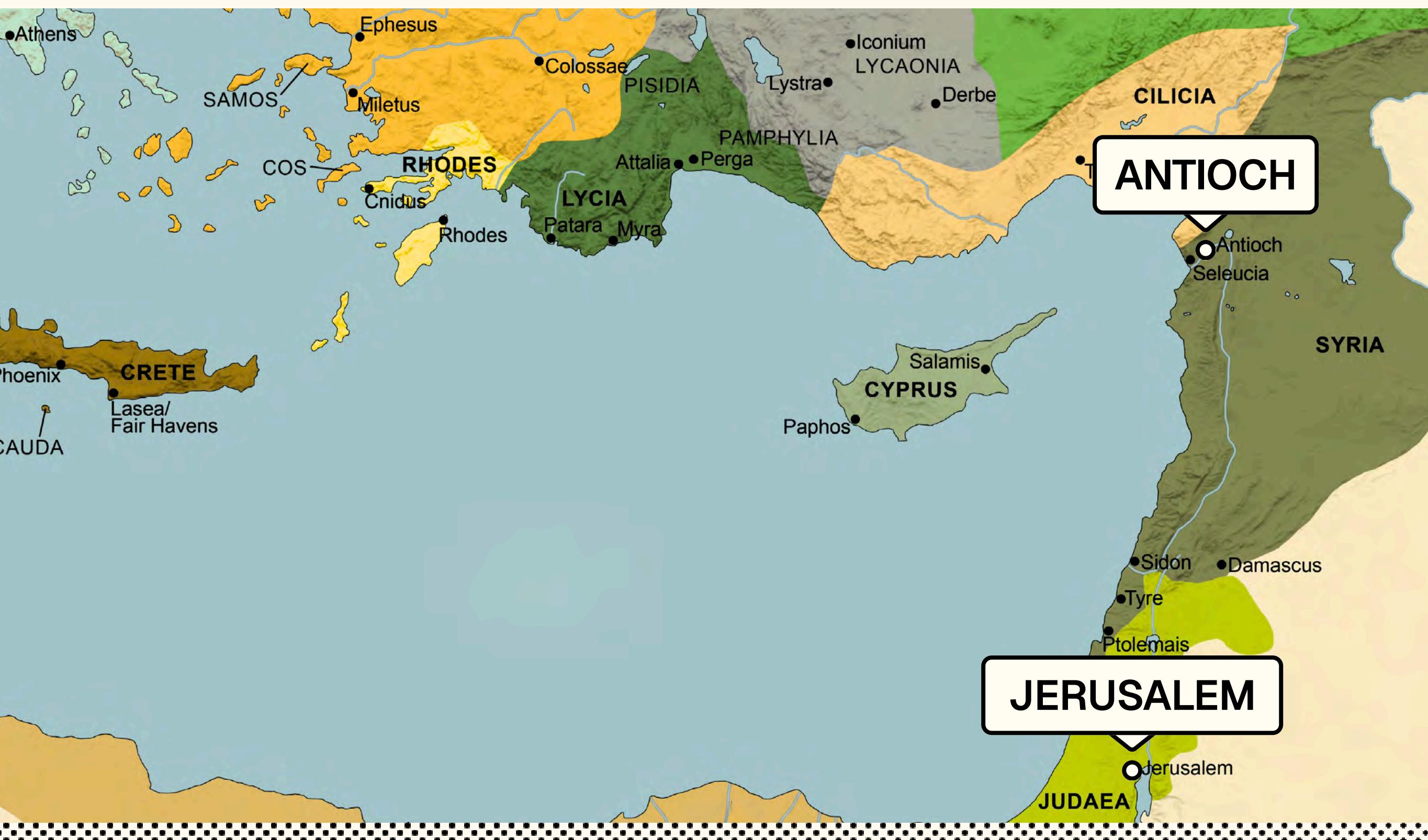


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ACTS 11

# Church in Antioch

- Launched from persecution
- Jerusalem church sends Barnabas
- Barnabas brings Saul from Tarsus
- Saul & Barnabas teach the Antioch church for a year
- Prophets come from Jerusalem
- Agabus predicts a famine
- Church sends gifts to Jerusalem via Saul & Barnabas

ACTS 12

# Church in Jerusalem

- Herod persecutes believers
- Herod arrests & imprisons Peter
- Church prays earnestly
- Angel frees Peter from prison
- Peter rejoins the believers
- Herod is struck down by the Lord
- Paul & Barnabas return to Antioch

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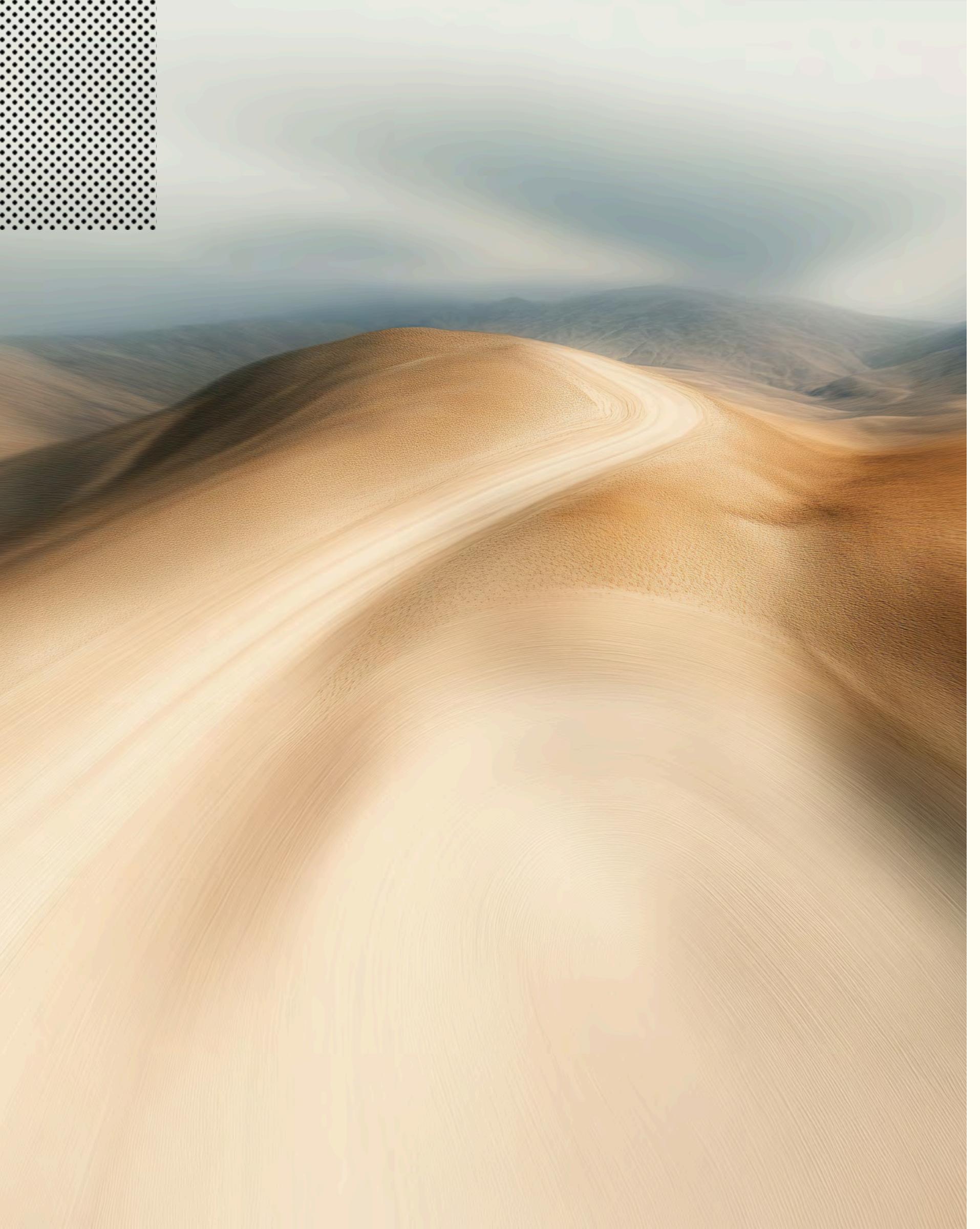
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# Prophets

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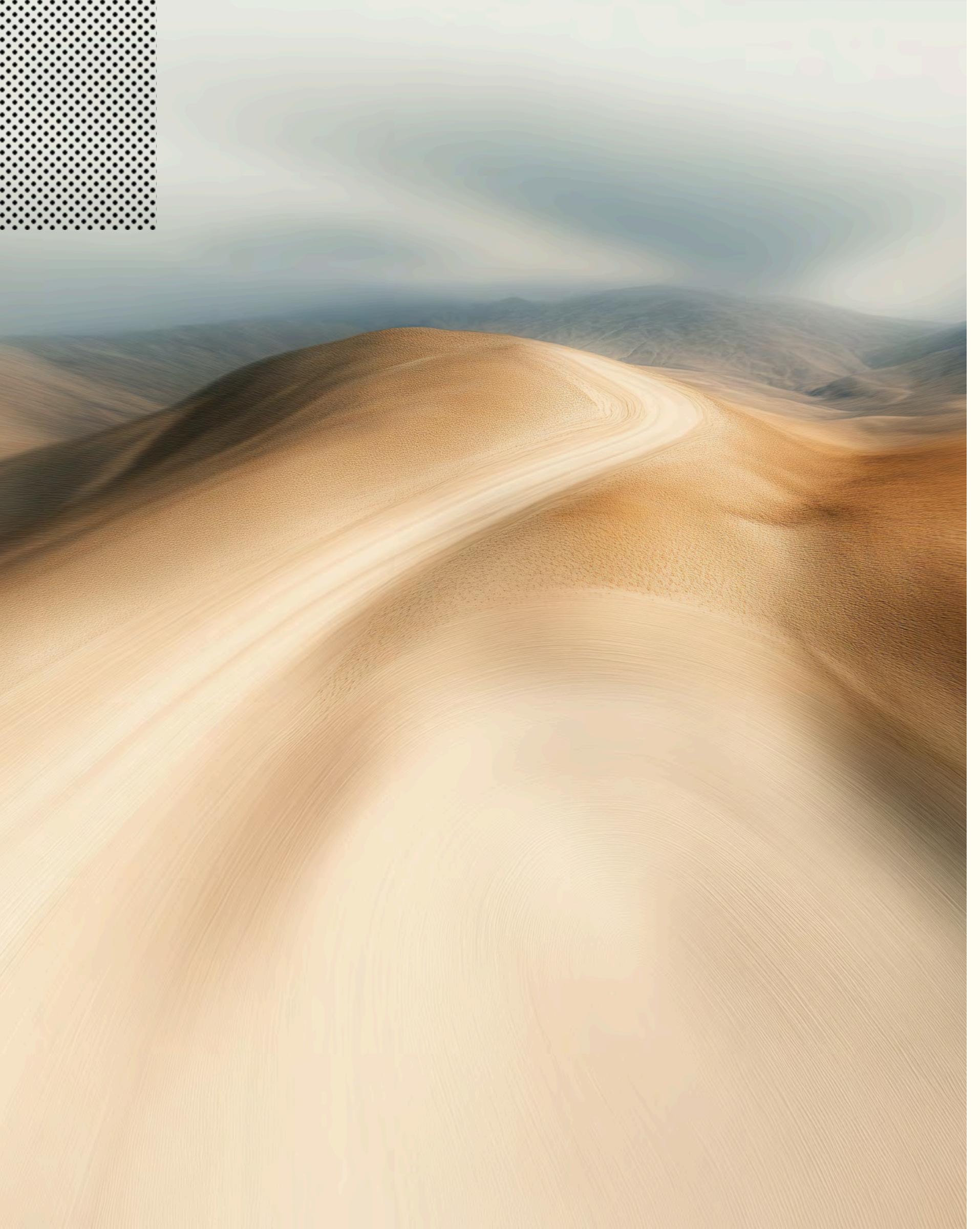
God's Messengers	Traits	Cautionary Behaviors
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They are given divine enablement to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance or edification.

Discerning  
Compelling  
Uncompromising  
Outspoken  
Authoritative  
Convicting  
Confronting

Judgemental  
Negative  
Mean  
Condemning  
Insensitive

Blunt  
Harsh  
Loud  
Unloving



# Teachers

/'tēCHər/  
noun

Enablers	Traits	Cautionary Behaviors
<p>They are given divine enablement to understand, clearly explain, and apply the word of God, causing greater Christ-likeness in the lives of listeners.</p>	<p>Hungry to Learn Perceptive Disciplined Accurate Articulate Practical</p>	<p>Puffing Up with Knowledge Weaponizing Knowledge</p> <hr/> <p>Stuck in the information rather than emphasizing transformation</p>

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# Discipleship

→ For more information,  
visit the Foyer after service.

- + Life & Truth Transference
- + In the Context of an Authentic Relationship
- + For the Purpose of Producing
- + Reproducers of Jesus

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# Barnabas

- + Generous (4:36-37)
- + Believed In People (9:26-27)
- + Willing to Risk (11:25-26)
- + Grace Finder (11:2)
- + Example to Follow (11:24)
- + Provided Opportunities for People (11:25-26)
- + Experienced Ups & Downs of Life with People (13:2,5)
- + Pressed into Conflict when Necessary (15:2 & 15:39)
- + Ready to Give a Second Chance (15:36)
- + A Movement Player - Jerusalem (4:36), Antioch (11), Asia Minor (13)

# Are you a leader who **multiplies** leaders?

How do you spot potential in others?

When is the last time you took a risk with a potential leader?

What signs of God's grace do you look for in leaders around you?

Do you ask others to follow your example?

Are you looking for opportunities to promote others?

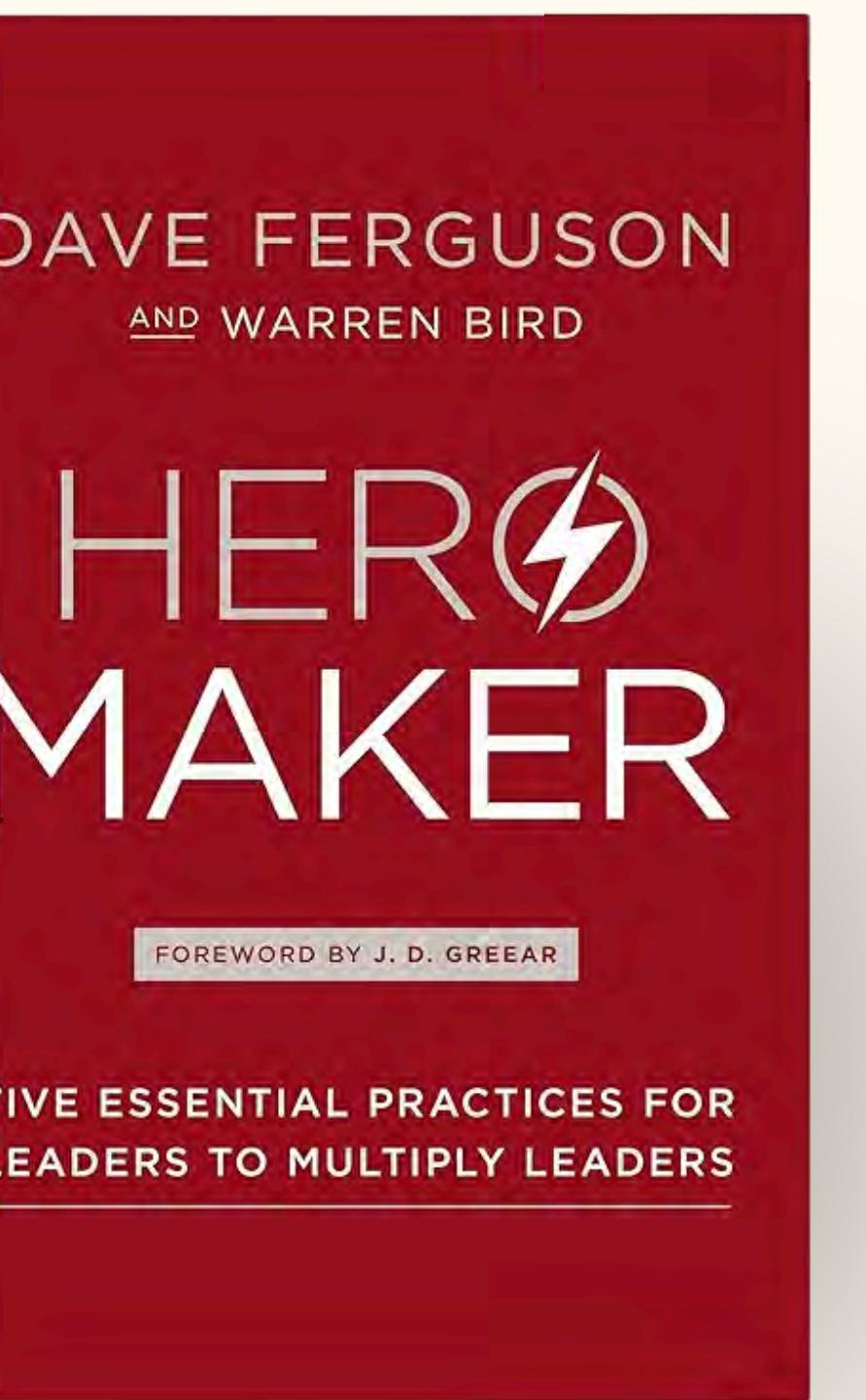
Are you willing to do life with potential leaders?

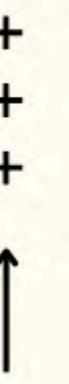
Can you rejoice at the success of others?

Do you speak the truth in love and confront when necessary?

Are you willing to give people a second chance?

How much time are you investing in people outside the church?





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→ How do you **individually**  
seek the Lord?

→ How do **we** as a church  
seek the Lord?

## SUNDAY

# Prayer Team for the Congregation and Individuals

→ For more information, visit the Community Booth in the Foyer.

## MONDAY

**Cell Groups/Students,  
Community Groups and Leaders**

## TUESDAY

**Revival and Gospel Movement  
in our Community**

## WEDNESDAY

**Global Workers  
and International Missions**

## THURSDAY

**Ministry Areas within our Local Church,  
other Churches and Across the Globe**

# A Challenging Encouragement

↳ Begin each gathering with prayer!

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COMMUNITY  
GROUPS

45+

MEN & WOMEN  
GROUPS

26

STUDENT  
CELL GROUPS

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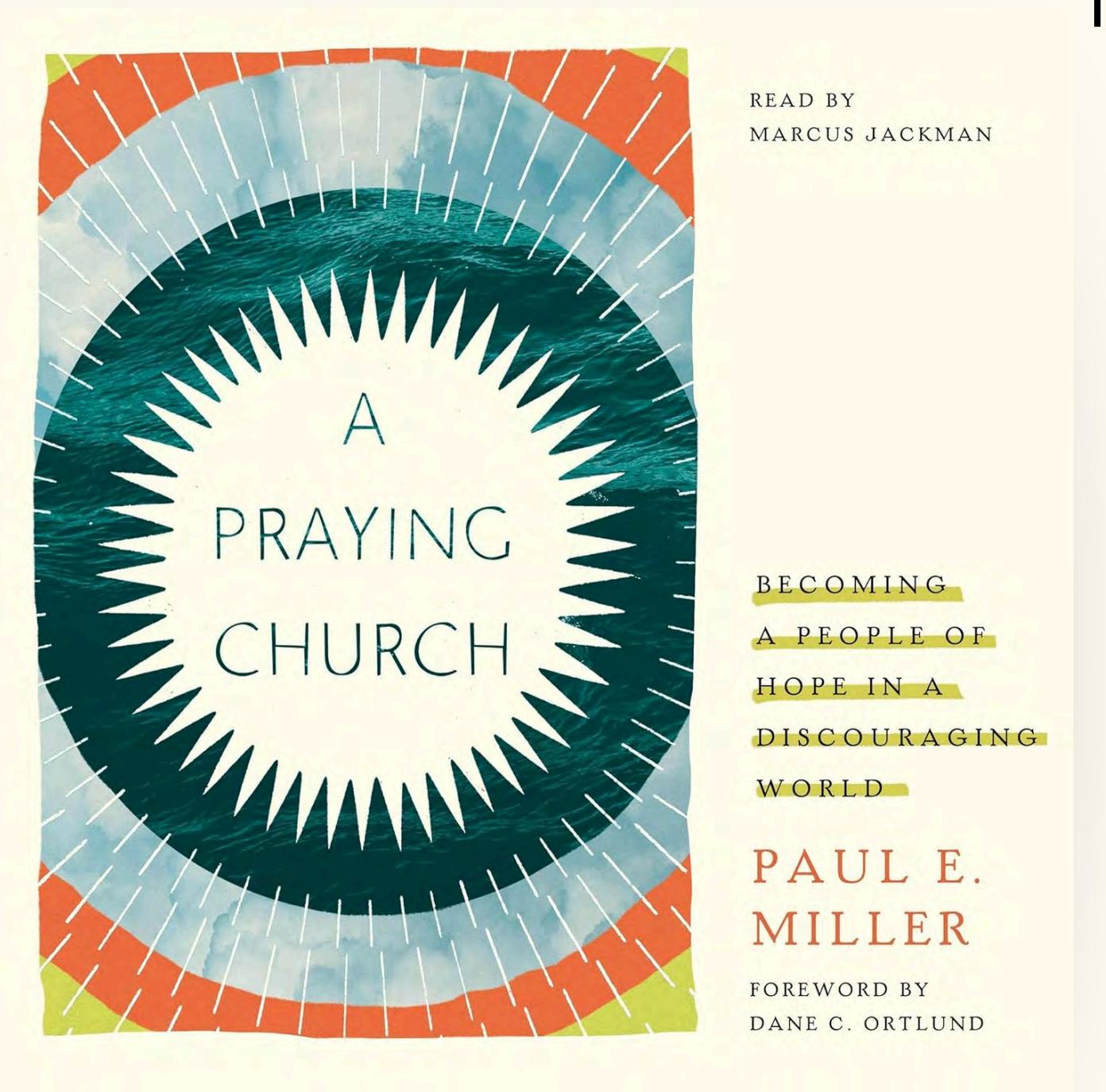
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# Noticing the Spirit's Direction

- PAUL E. MILLER, A PRAYING CHURCH

Surprise  
Imagination Explosion  
Repentance  
Dying & Rising  
Hiddenness  
Mystery  
The Least of These

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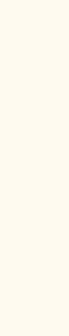
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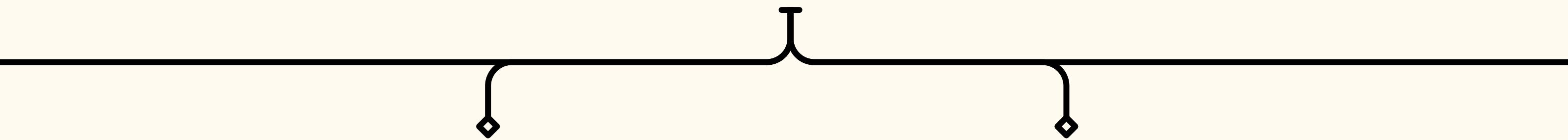
The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.<sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

ACTS 13:4-5 NIV



How can we continue to be  
a sending church?

# How can we continue to be a **sending** church?



Diverse Leaders  
using our Gifts

Seek  
the Lord

Listen & Follow  
the Holy Spirit

Commission  
our Best

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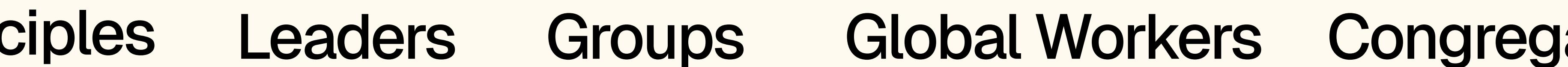
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# How can we continue to be a **sending** church?

BY MULTIPLYING



Disciples   Leaders   Groups   Global Workers   Congregations

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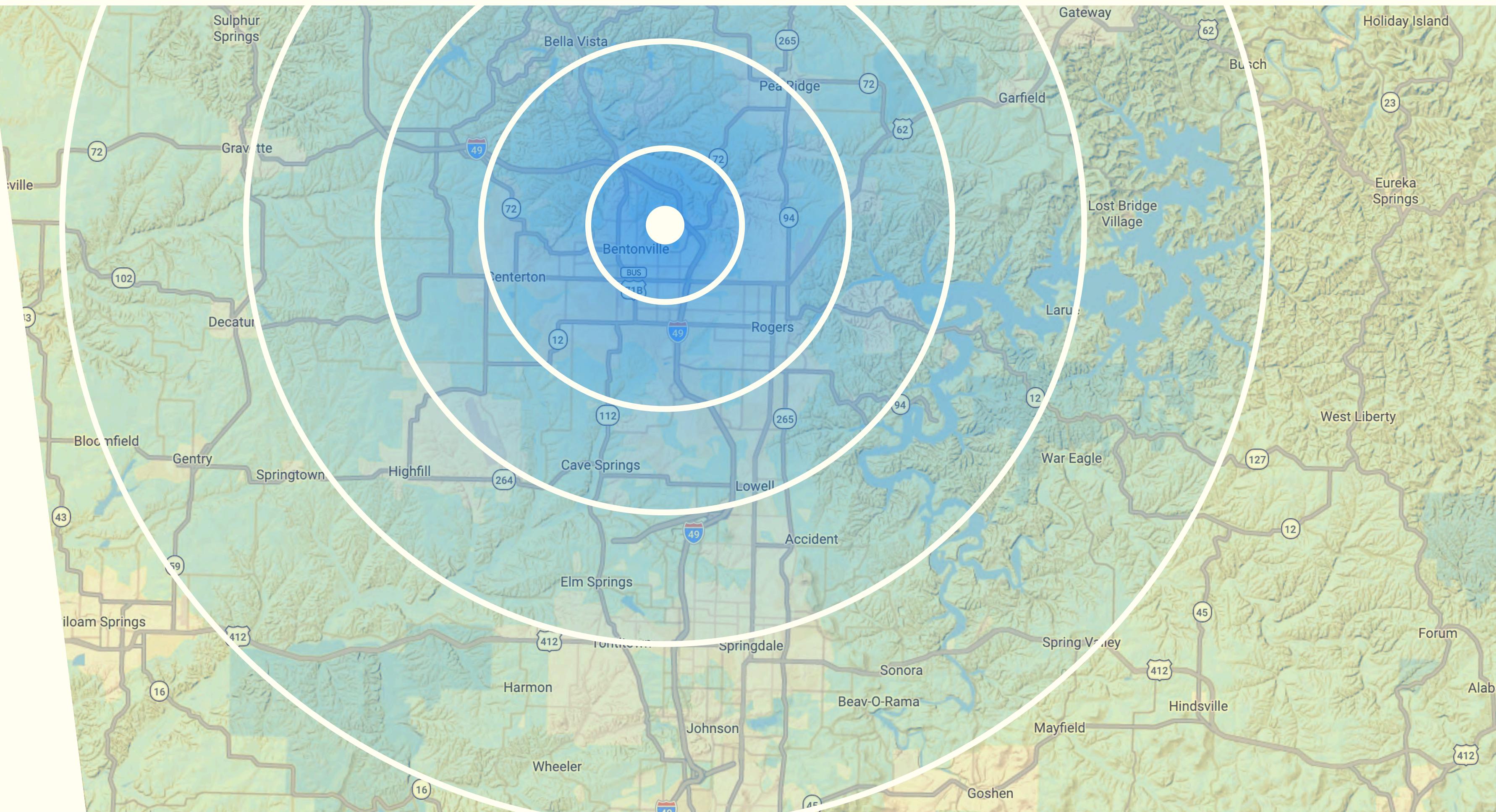
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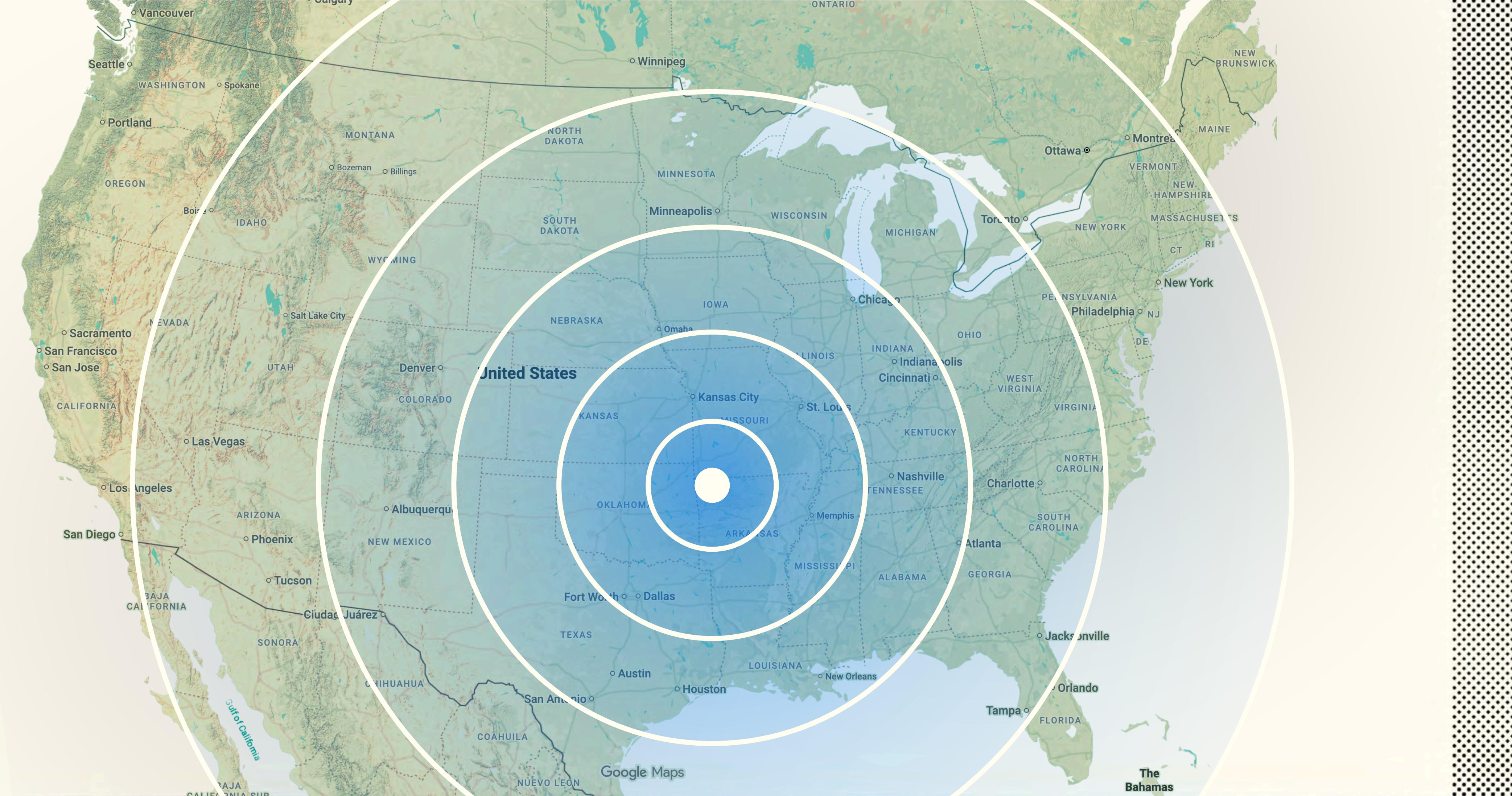
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# How could the Lord use you?



How could the  
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