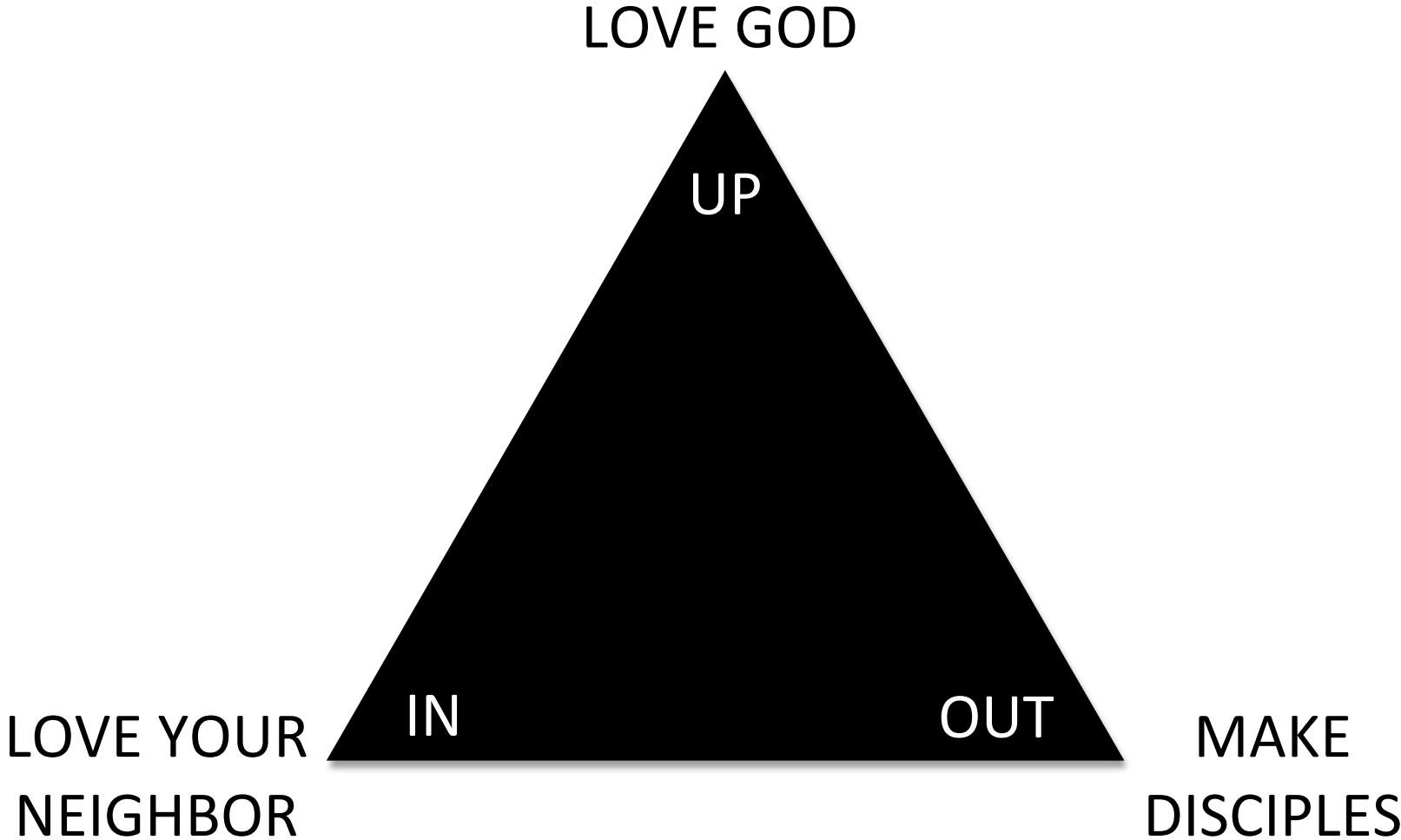
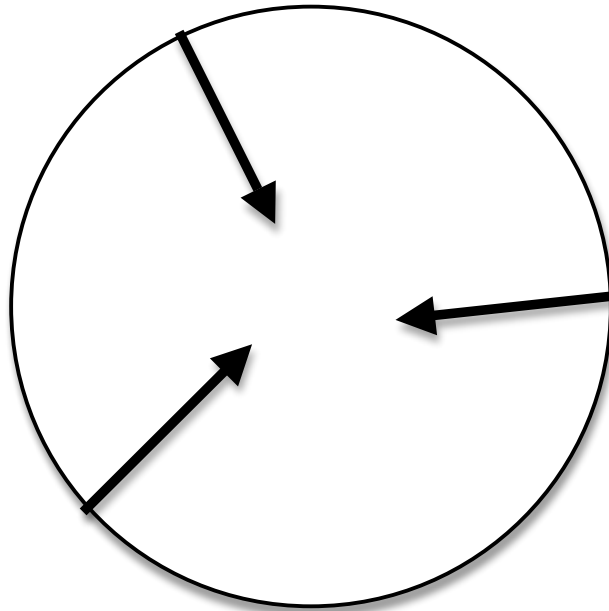


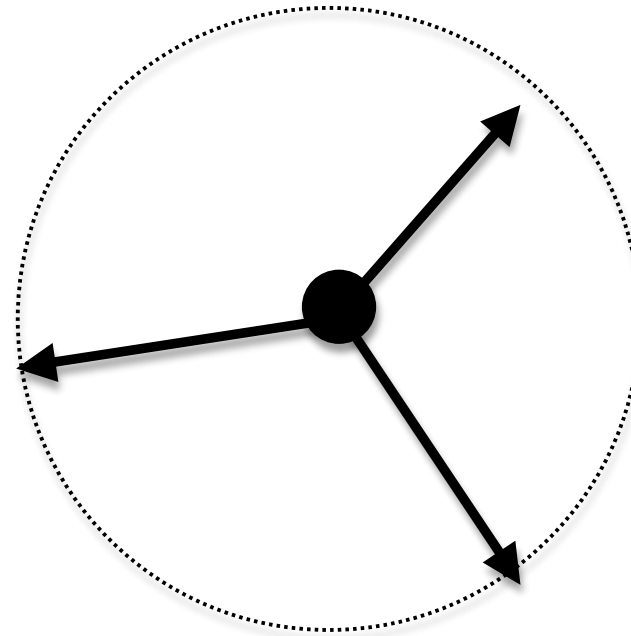
GREAT COMMANDMENT + GREAT COMMISSION



PASTORAL CHURCH



MISSIONAL CHURCH



Leaders form an EXOSKELETON around the people, feeding them and taking care of them.	Leaders form an ENDOSKELETON: training, equipping and resourcing people on mission.
"We want to be fed and taken care of while we try to be good people."	"We want to love God and each other and lay down our lives for the last, the least, the lost, and we take care of each other."
Western church over the past few decades	Early church, Moravians, Methodists, Franciscans, Salvation Army, Chinese House Church Movement
Intervention - help from a distance	Incarnation - life on life
Primary expression of church is where we show up and help the programs run and listen to the sermons {not bad things, but can't be primary focus}	The primary expression of church is an extended family where everyone participates out of their Holy Spirit gifting for the benefit of everyone else
I give God Sunday mornings and perhaps other parts of my life and generally try to be a good person.	God gets everything! Everything is filtered through the lens of my missionary identity: time, energy, money, thoughts, words, actions, rest time, leisure time, work time, hobbies, interests, sports.
Like a Charter Bus: a few people do most of the driving/work, most are along for the ride, comfort is expected.	Like a Motorcycle Gang: almost everyone participates, different bikes, but a common culture keeps us together.

Christ Church Gatherings: Their Functions and Rhythm

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS {large gatherings}

WHY? For { MOMENTUM / INSPIRATION / STORY }

WHEN? { SECOND and FOURTH SUNDAYS of the month }

A Worship Celebration is where all MCs come together to be inspired and inspire one another toward further missional engagement. Here we seek to steward the missional momentum of the church and inspire current and future MCs with fresh preaching from God's Word, stories from MCs around the city, and an atmosphere of celebration and joy.

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES {medium-sized gatherings}

WHY? For { COMMUNITY / MISSION / TRAINING }

WHEN? { FIRST and THIRD SUNDAYS of the month + LIFE-ON-LIFE }

Missional communities are mid-sized groups of 20-50 people who gather around a specific mission focus, joining God in the renewal of a neighborhood or relational network. They focus on being community together and engaging in practical mission together. MCs also provide an ideal space for people to be trained in various aspects of ministry (leading worship, praying for the sick, exercising spiritual gifts).

Since MCs are life-on-life communities and not simply events, people in a MC will naturally be gathering spontaneously and informally throughout the month in addition to the regular rhythm.

SMALL GROUPS {small gatherings}

WHY? For { SUPPORT / CHALLENGE / FORMATION }

WHEN? { MIDWEEK }

Small groups are communities of 6-12 people who gather to grow as apprentices of Jesus together. Leaders cultivate an atmosphere that is both supportive and challenging. These are the places we share on a deeper level what is happening in our lives. We discover how God is at work in our lives, and are challenged to respond in ways that open us up to the transforming power of the Spirit.