



CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

A work of the Missionaries of God's Love

Missionary Discipleship I: Discipleship as the Response to the Kerygma

1 Spirituality of Missionary Leadership

Kerygma

Missionary Discipleship

Testimony

Prayer

} Jan intensive

} March retreat

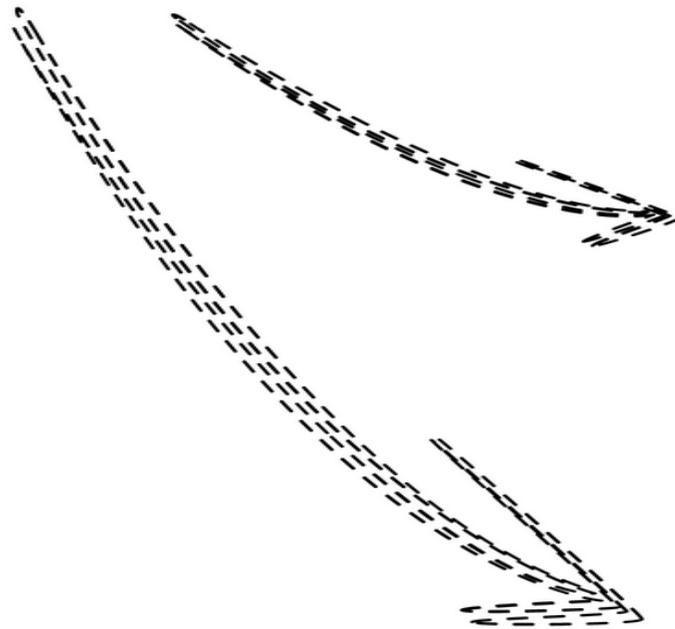


Kerygma



Initial response

Repentance
Faith
Initial conversion



Initiation

Baptism
Confirmation
Eucharist

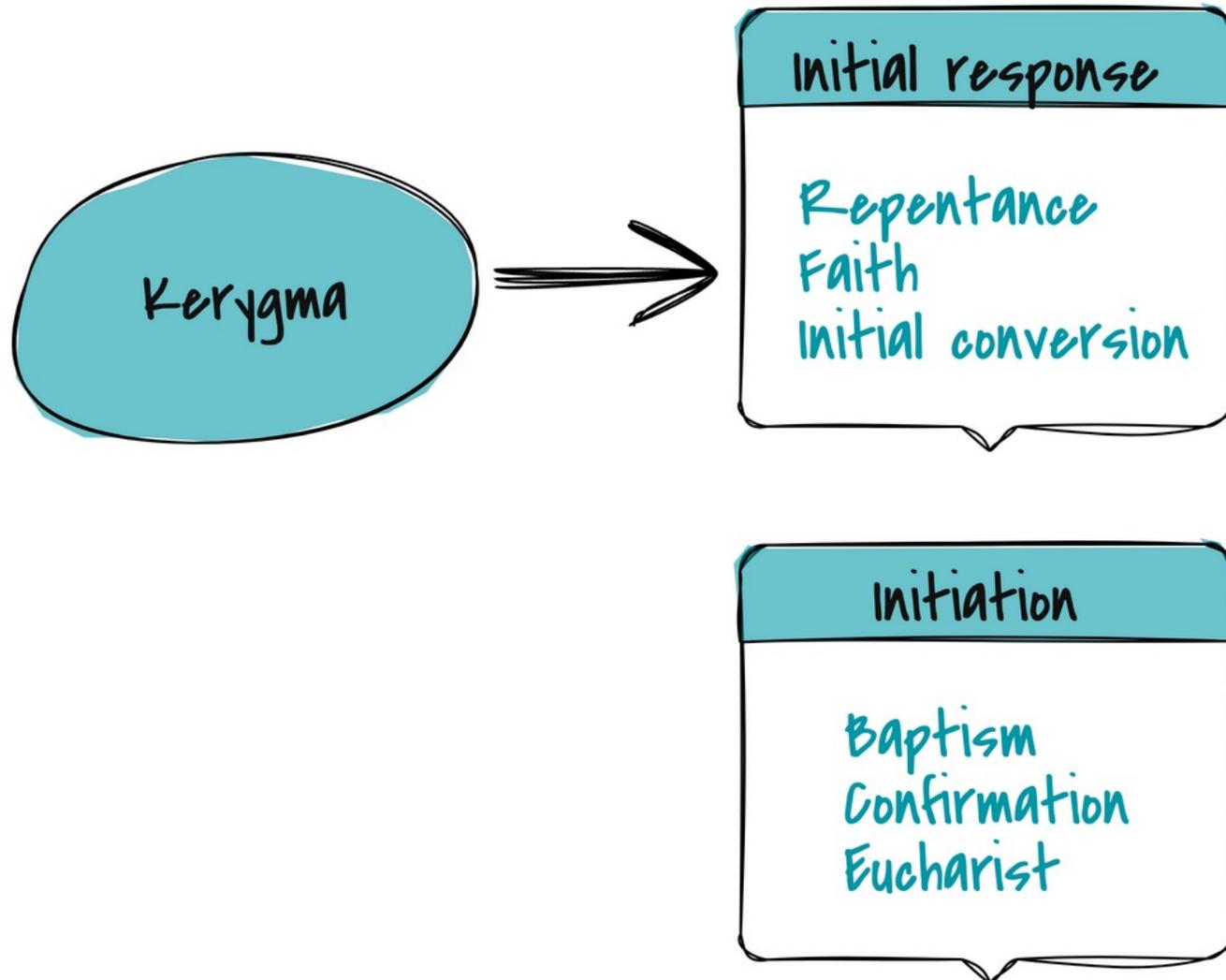
missionary Discipleship

Following Jesus,
in communion,
and on mission



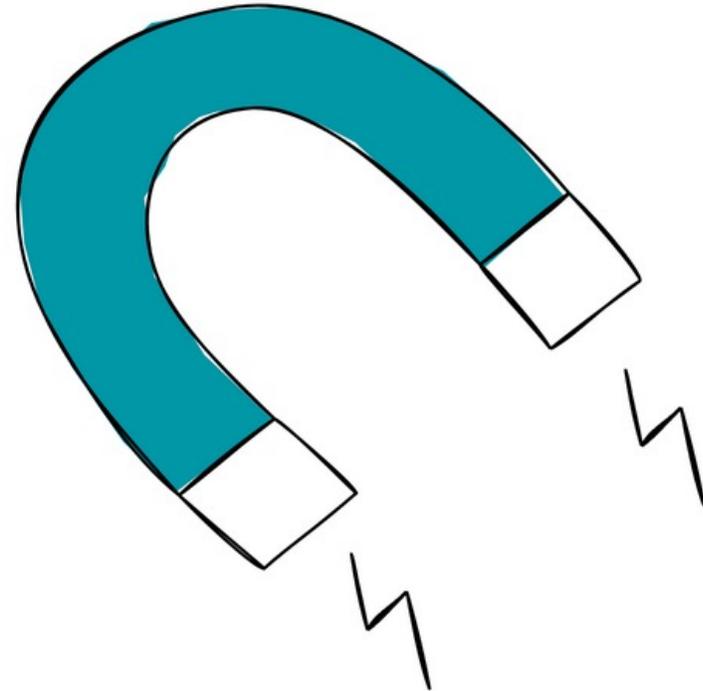
Peter's Pentecost Speech

Acts 2:14-42



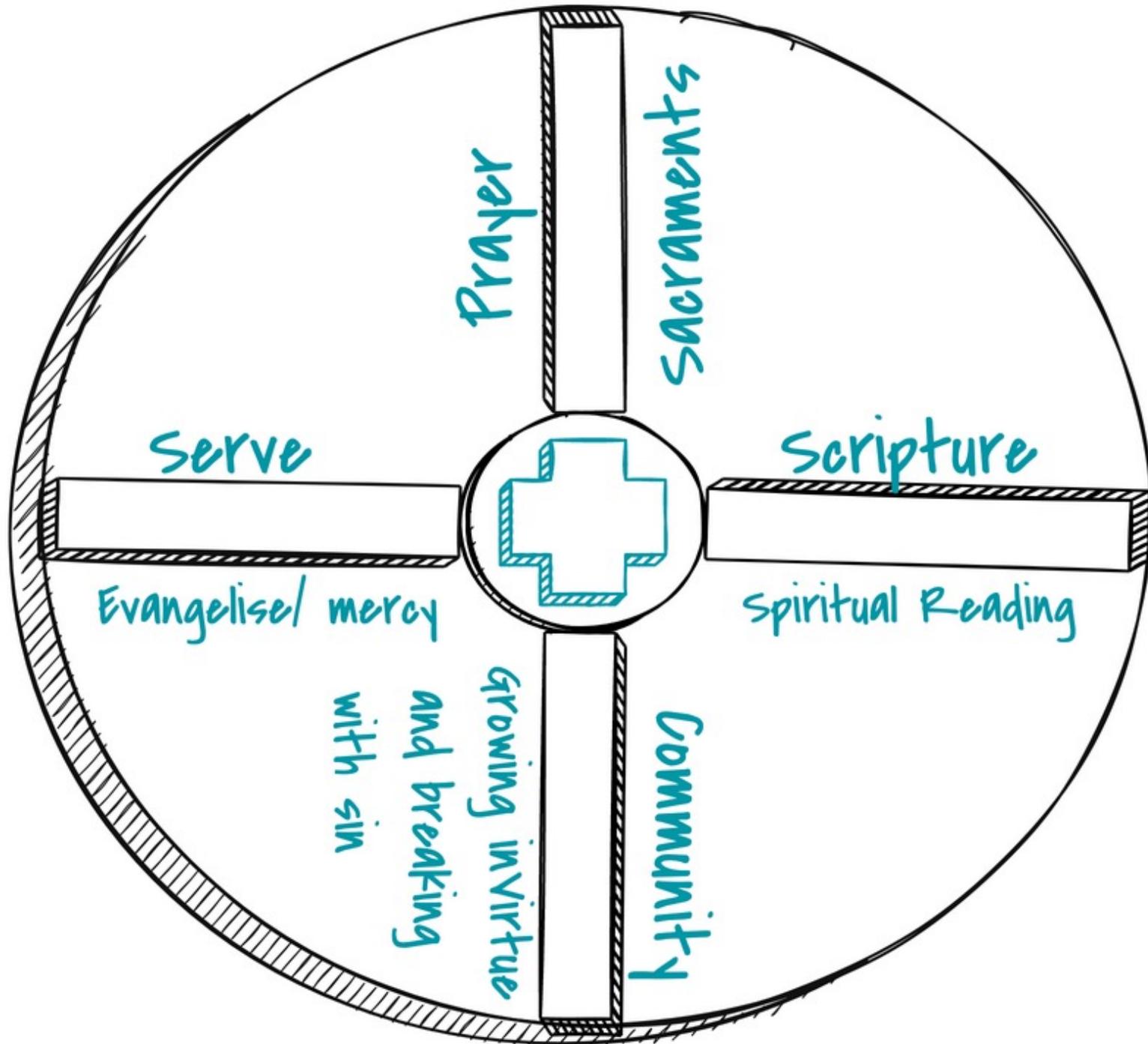
calling of the Disciples

Luke 5:1-11



Discipleship is Becoming Like Jesus





Making a “Plan of Life”

- Giving priority to what the Lord wants – his agenda
- Make a plan
- Balanced and healthy life
- Check your plan of life with – spiritual director, or a wise leader



Personal Prayer

- No.1 priority – a daily personal prayer time (PPT)
- 1:1 with Jesus
- Cannot have a friendship with someone we do not spend time with
- Daily bread – fresh, not stale
- We have time to pray – it is about our commitments and priorities. Jesus is our model
- Solitude and silence
- Get control over the mobile phone



Sacraments I

- Eucharist
 - Our 'daily' bread – if possible
 - Make Sunday Eucharist the center of your week
 - Emmaus – With Burning Hearts
 - Emmaus - Communion with the Crucified and Risen Jesus
 - We eat the Body of Christ in order to become the Body of Christ: to be more fully the Church, to be more fully like him



Sacraments II

- Reconciliation
 - Power of the sacrament – forgiveness
 - Deeper conversion – freedom to change
 - Deepen in the mercy of God
 - True forgiveness – brings freedom and joy (no need for false guilt or anxiety.
Can trust in the Lord's mercy



Scripture

- Scripture is the story of salvation – story of God’s action with and on behalf of the human race. It is also a personal love letter to me
- The Holy Spirit makes the Word come alive
- Has power to change our minds and hearts
- Will talk (and experience!) more about ways of praying with scripture in the next intensive



Learning

- Spiritual Reading
 - Feeds both mind and heart
 - Books (videos and podcasts) on prayer, lives of the saints, material that inspires and uplifts
 - Not so much about study (to become more learned), but to be encouraged and challenged to be holy
- Church Teaching
 - Important that we know our faith and the Church's moral teaching
 - Feeds the mind (obviously), but also the heart
 - Be guided by the Church's wisdom (re-visit what we think of the Church's teaching in the light of a new or renewed encounter with Christ)



Community

- Acts 2 – all things in common; one heart, one soul – ancient expressions of friendship. Christian community is therefore to be friends in faith
- Where the Holy Spirit is, there is communion
- Antidote to the individualism (and resultant loneliness) of our time
- Church is not a “spiritual service station”
- We grow holiness within the context of community (rationale for small groups within parish)



Growing in Virtue/Breaking with Sin

- Moral dimension to being a disciple
- Growing in Virtue
 - Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22-23)
 - Growth in faith, hope, and love (theological virtues)
 - Prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance (cardinal virtues: all other virtues are “hinged” upon them)
- Breaking with Sin
 - Resisting “the world, the flesh, and the devil” 1 Jn 2:15-17
 - Overcoming patterns of sin



Evangelising and Doing Works of Mercy

- When we grow like Jesus as disciples we grow in sharing his Gospel and loving as he did
 - Intercession
 - Evangelization
 - Works of Mercy
 - Corporal: feed the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead
 - Spiritual: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead



Serving

- Getting involved in ministry – evangelising ministry or ministries devoted to the corporal and/or spiritual works of mercy
- Ministry in the parish
- Faith grows when it is given away

