

Centred around Jesus

Colossians 1:13-23

Common Purpose – 3D Disciples

- ❖ **UP** (Worship and Word);
- ❖ **IN** (Loving our church family – being a Transforming Community);
- ❖ **OUT** (Mission and service – inc. witness and caring for creation)

Common Values

1. Centred around Jesus
2. Built on right relationships
3. Welcoming and open to all
4. Encourages all member ministry (Every Person Counts)
5. Embraces growth and the change that comes with growth
6. Generous
7. Compassionate
8. Prayerful

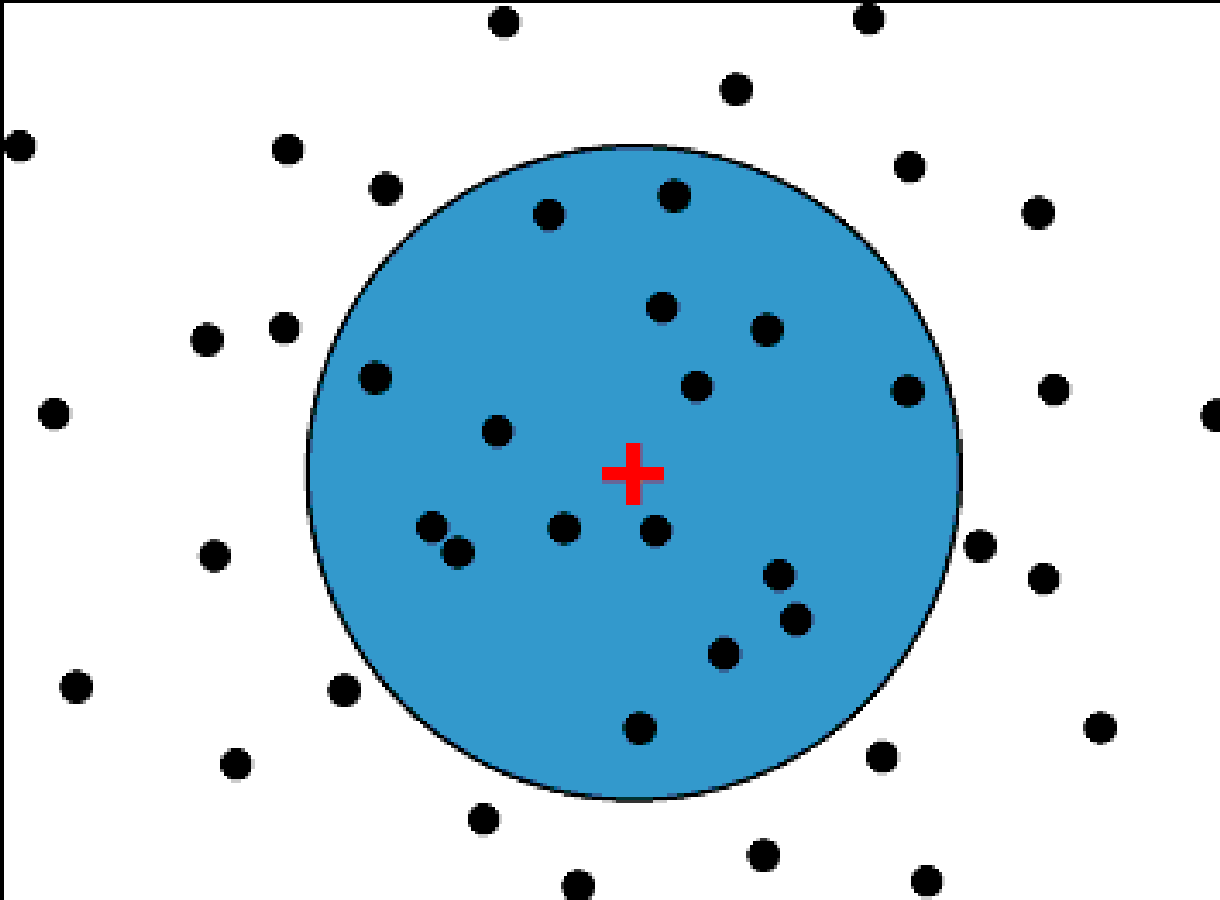
Imagine a church like this!

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- ❖ Do we have a big enough picture of Jesus?
- ❖ Is Jesus supreme and Lord in your life?

The closed-set model:

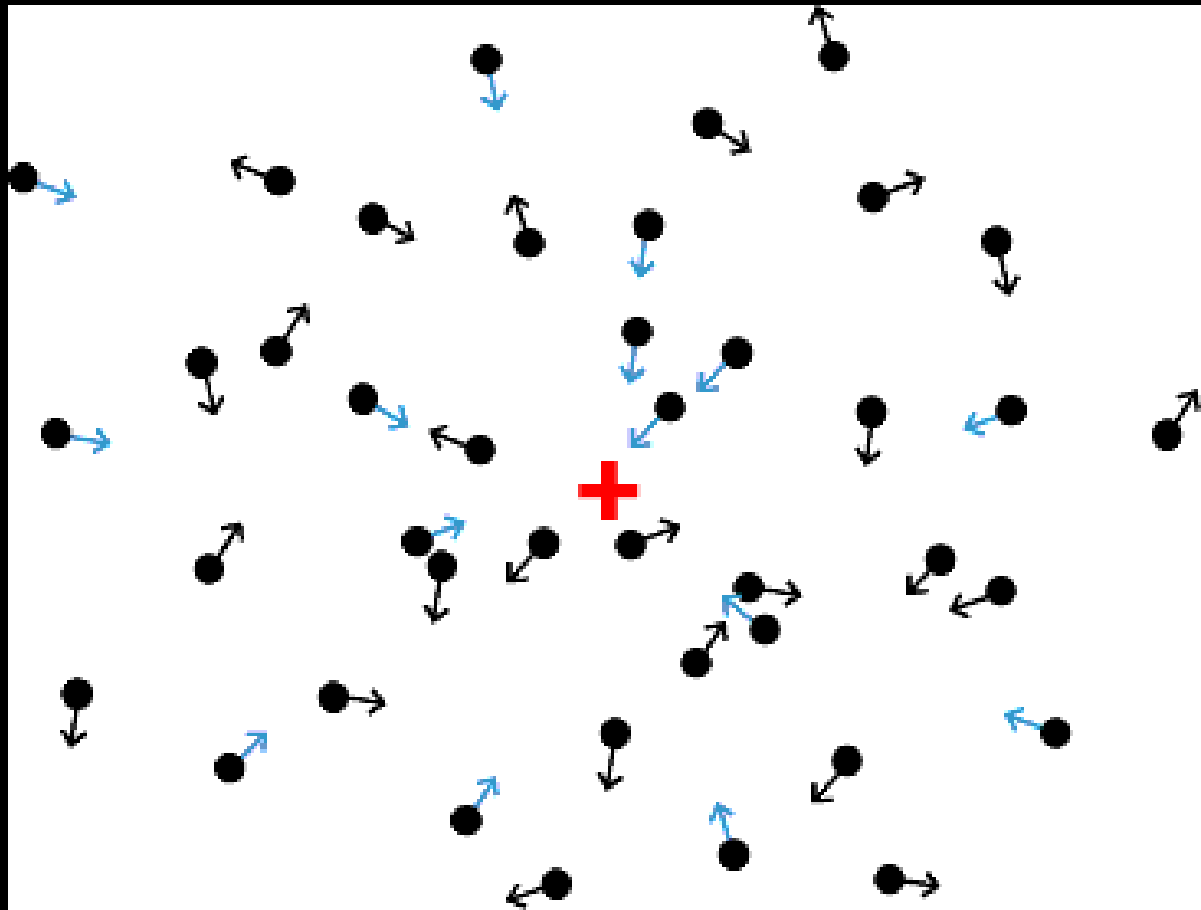
- ❖ A 'closed set' is defined by a boundary –
- ❖ all that is inside belongs to the set,
- ❖ all that is outside does not. (*Blue signifies Kingdom*)



The open-set model:

- ❖ has no 'territorial' boundary,
- ❖ defined by **relationship with a centre**: all that is moving towards the centre, seeking relationship, belongs;
- ❖ all that is moving away, abandoning relationship, does not.

Membership of the Kingdom is defined by movement towards or away from Christ as centre.



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- ❖ Faith is a **journey towards Christ** – “we turn to Christ”
- ❖ Church is a **family centred around Jesus** – a **transformative community**
- ❖ The Church is literally **his body here on earth** – his hands and feet
- ❖ Our aim is to become more like Jesus
 - ❑ spending time with him and those who know him!
 - ❑ Be **reading the Bible regularly**
 - ❑ see him in the least, the last and the lost –
- ❖ the Christian life is about **reflecting Jesus** to the world around us – as we become more like Jesus, others notice.

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- ❖ What does it mean for each of us?
- ❖ What does an authentic Christ follower look like?
- ❖ How does being Jesus centred affect our lifestyle? Our priorities?

- ❖ How would we know as a church that we are more Christ Centred in a years time?
- ❖ What would we see? Indicators?