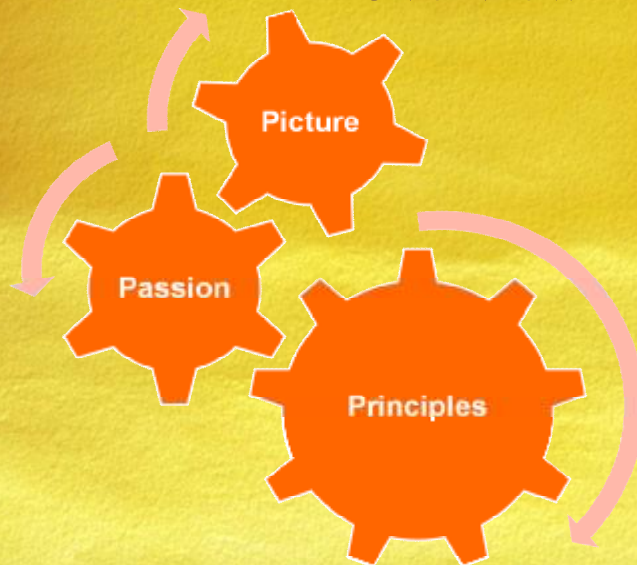


Preparing the Leaders

Session One

Overview



Big Picture for small groups

@ God

- ✧ Perichoresis: “dance + around”
- ✧ God lives in community
- ✧ “I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

(John 17:21)

Big Picture for small groups

@ God

@ God's image

- ✧ Relational, not rational
- ✧ God is reflected in community
- ✧ “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)



Big Picture for small groups

- ☉ God
- ☉ God's image
- ☉ God's body
 - ☐ God works through community
 - ☐ "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1Cor 12:27)



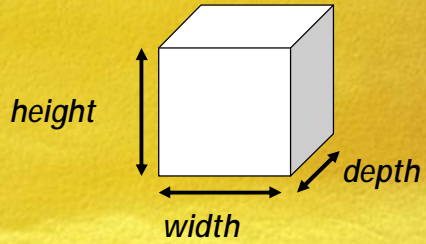
Big Picture for small groups

- ☉ God
- ☉ God's image
- ☉ God's body
- ☉ God's command
 - ☐ God shapes life in community
 - ☐ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

Three Dimensions of SG

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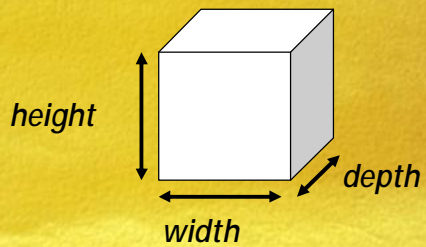
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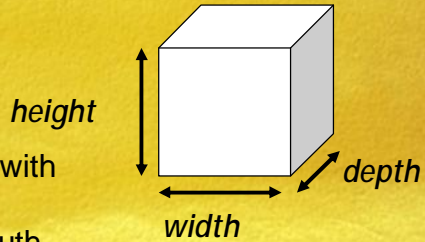
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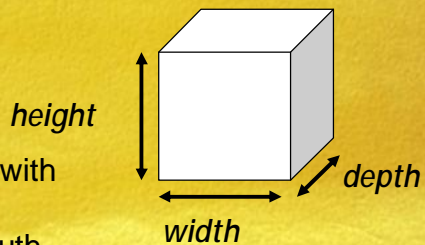
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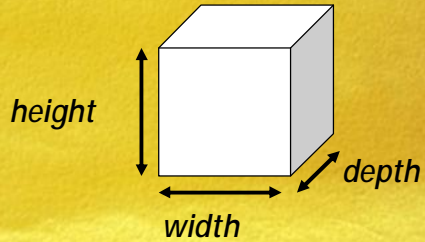
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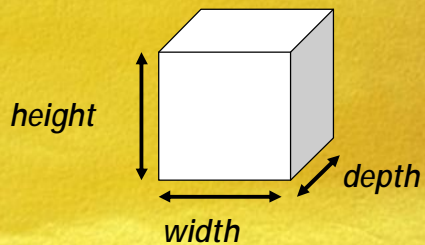


Three Dimensions of SG

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this in order to

make our joy complete.

(1Jn 1:3-4)



The Right Passion

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

(Acts 2:42-47)

Good Motives

- £ Glorify the Lord
- £ Bear fruit
- £ Care for others
- £ Use your gifts
- £ Spread God's gifts

Low 1 2 3 4 5 High

Not So Good Motives

- £ Self-Exaltation
- £ Self-Righteousness
- £ To feel important
- £ To feel needed
- £ Guilt

Low 1 2 3 4 5 High

Mixed Motives

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Cor 4:7

