

Jesus said ...

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life** for the sheep. He who is a **hired hand** and not a **shepherd**, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and **leaves the sheep and flees**, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:11-15

How do I present the gospel to the lost in a way they'll accept?

How do I encourage a brother or sister to be at services?

How do I help transform others to become more like Christ?

Start by telling them WHY they should care in the first place! 🥰

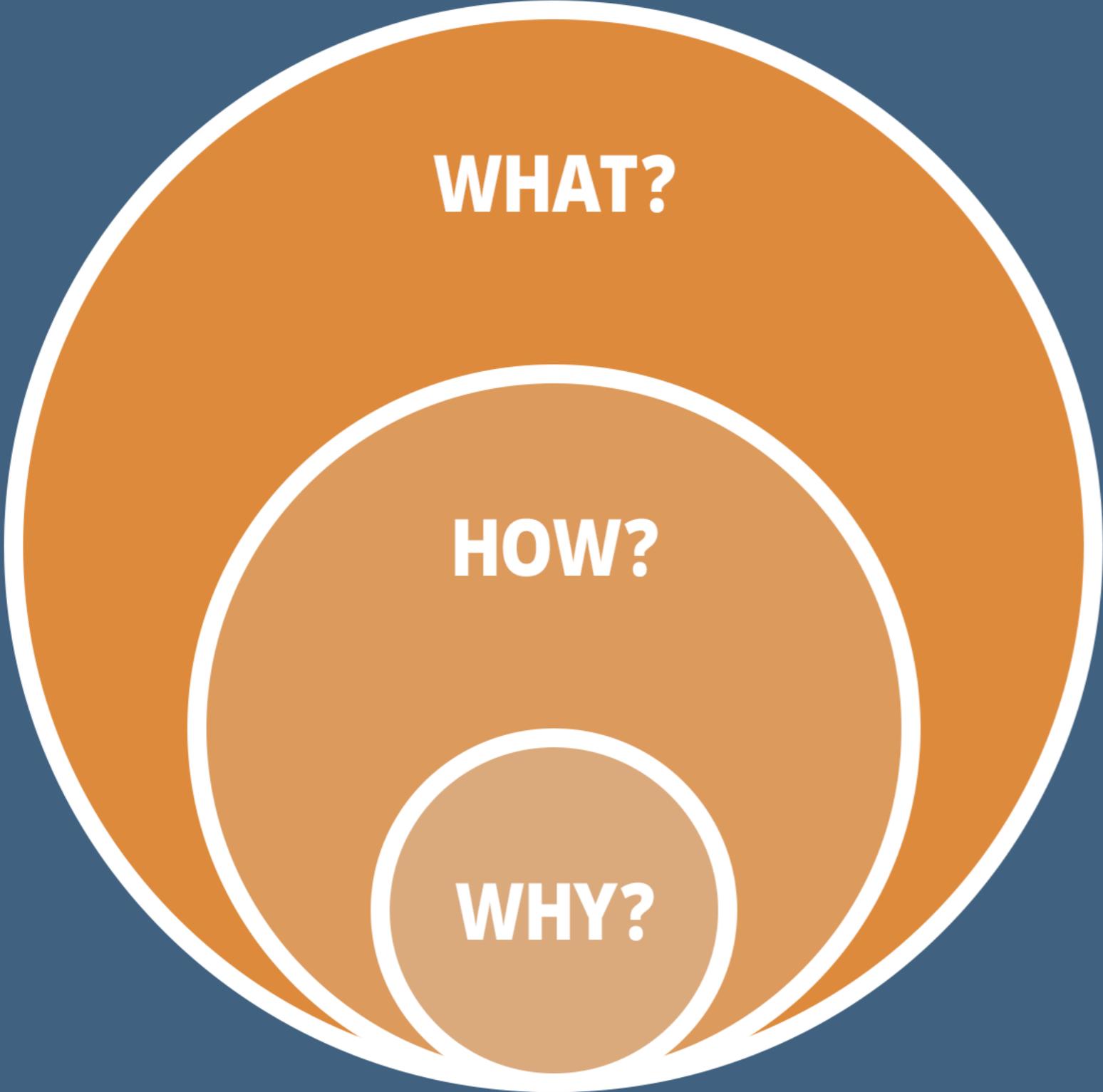
A CHURCH BUILT ON

PURPOSE



GROWING IN COMMITMENT AND INVESTMENT

POWER IN PURPOSE



WHAT?

Everyone knows
WHAT

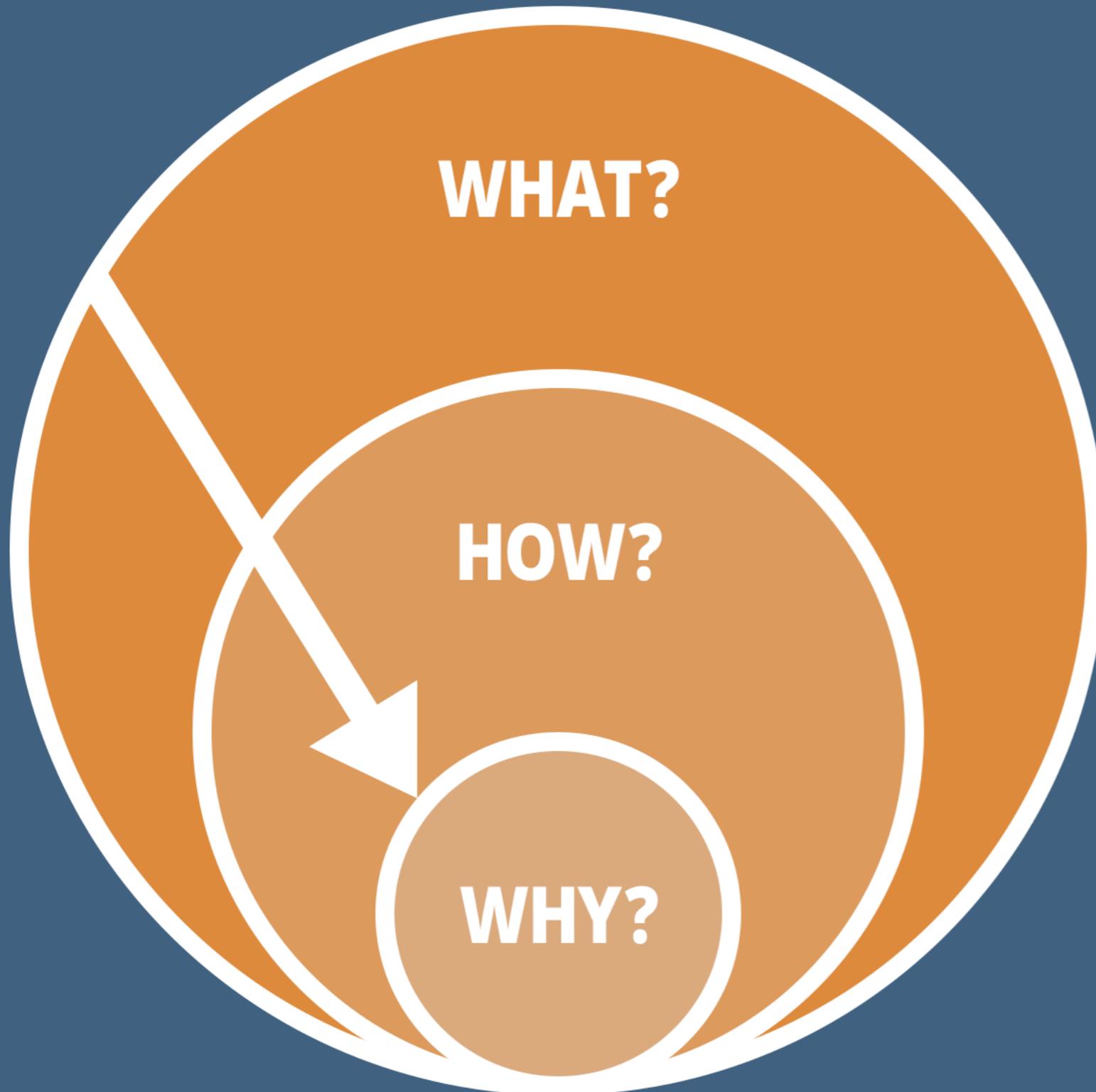
HOW?

Some know
HOW

WHY?

Few know
WHY

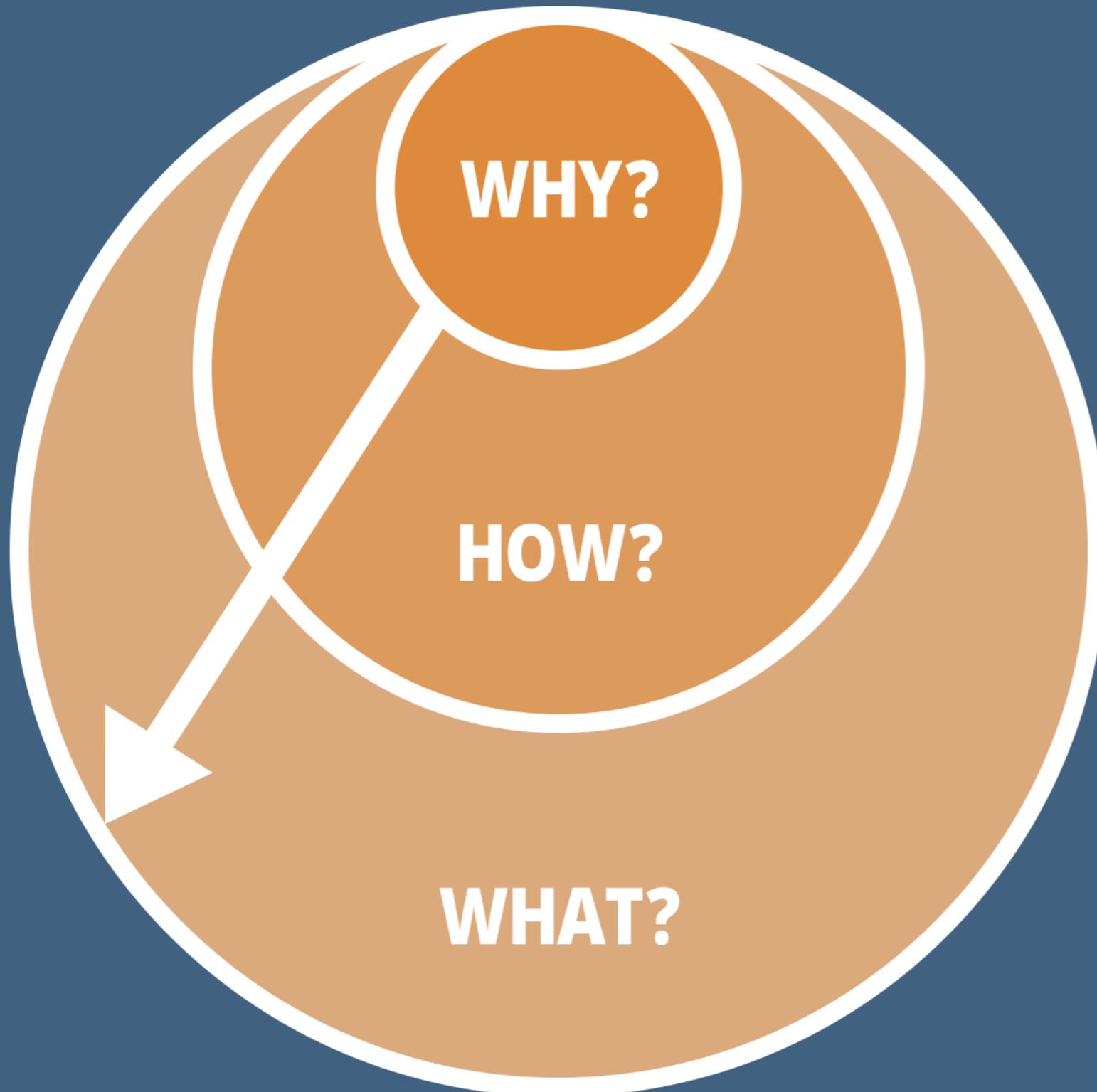
POWER IN PURPOSE



Starting with
WHAT & HOW

Unconvinced and unchanged
Outward service (for a time)
Without root

POWER IN PURPOSE



Starting with
WHY

Convicted and changed
Committed to the cause
Rooted in purpose

EXAMPLE 1

EVANGELISM

ACTS 2

WHAT? You need to be saved from sin (38)

HOW? Repent and be baptized (38)

WHY? Obviously, God is amazing!

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EVANGELISM

WHY?

Jesus is amazing (22-23), God raised Him (2:24; 31-32), prophecy announced Him (25-28; 34), He is exalted to glory (33), He is Lord and Christ and you killed Him! (36)

HOW?

Repent and be baptized (38)

WHAT?

You need to be saved from sin (38)

EXAMPLE 2

ATTENDANCE

HEB 10

WHAT? Love and encourage each other (25)

HOW? Don't forsake the assembly (25)

WHY? Obviously, God's family is important!

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WHY?

Access to God through Jesus' blood (19),
He opened a new way by His death (20),
He is our great priest (21), He wants to be
near to us (22), He is faithful to us (23)

HOW?

Don't forsake the assembly (25)

WHAT?

Love and encourage each other (25)

EXAMPLE 3

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

EPHESIANS

WHAT? Live like a Christian (4-6)

HOW?

Speak truth, be united, become a new man, avoid anger, love each other, be a good spouse, be a good child, be a good parent, be a good employee, study your Bible (4-6)

WHY?

Obviously, our way of life matters!

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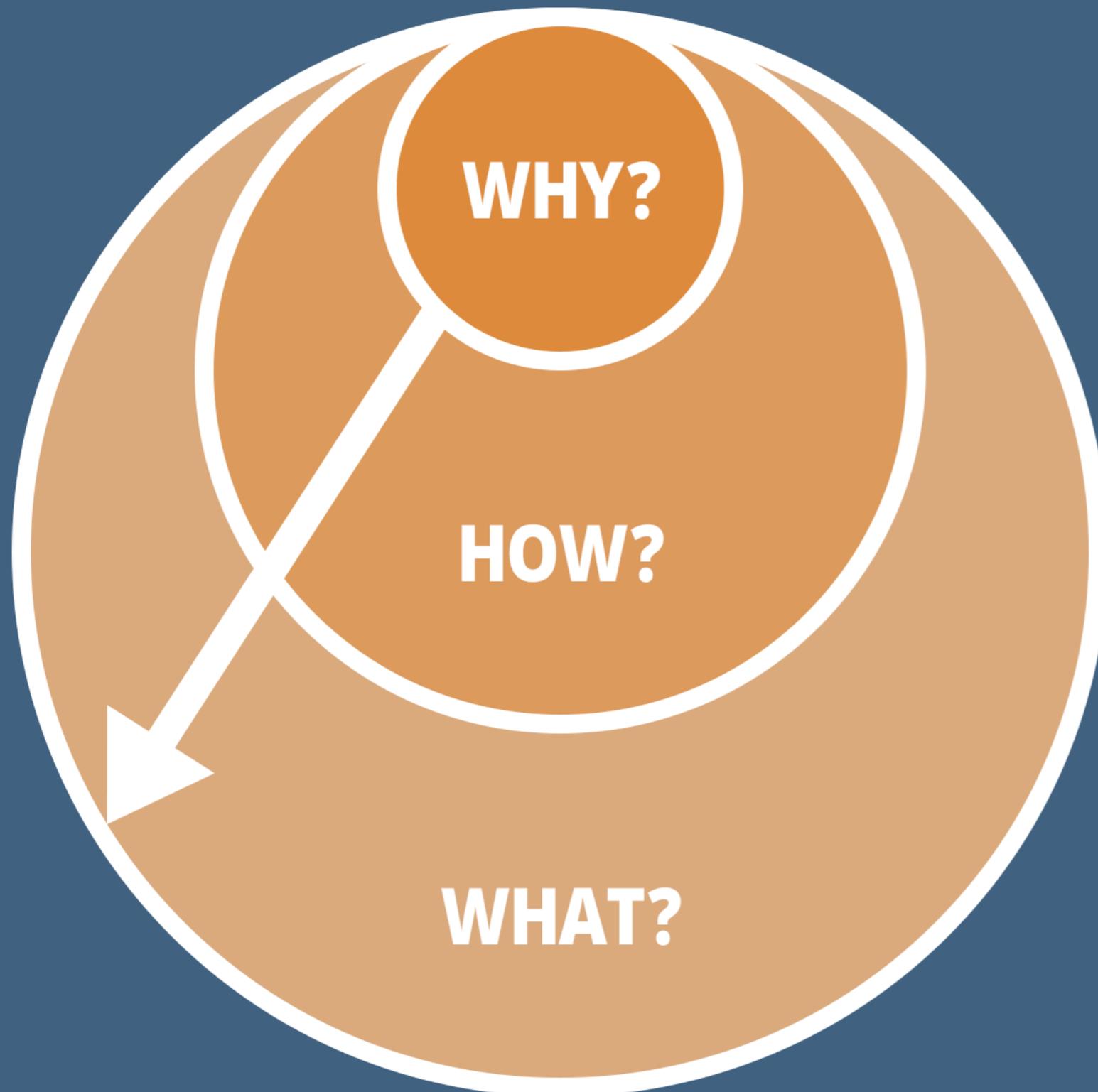
All spiritual blessings (1:3), chosen before creation (1:4), adopted as sons (1:5), brought to life by His mercy (2:4-5), seated with Christ (2:6), reconciled with God (2:16), citizens and family (2:19), God dwells with us (2:21), bold access to God (3:12), He strengthens us through His Spirit (3:16) ...

HOW?

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WHAT? Live like a Christian (4-6)

A CHURCH BUILT ON PURPOSE



HOW can we become the church that God wants us to be?

HOW can we get our membership invested in and committed to the work that we're doing here at Monte Vista?

A CHURCH BUILT ON PURPOSE

WHY?

Encouragement in Christ, comfort from love, fellowship in the Spirit, affection and sympathy, the same mind, the same love, in full accord, be of one purpose (Php 2:1-2)

HOW?

Cultivate stronger bonds, encourage weaker members, integrate newer members, welcome frequent visitors, fight for us (not just me)

WHAT?

Worship, work groups, service of our deacons, visiting the shut-ins and widows, small group / individual Bible studies, meeting from house to house, etc.

Jesus said ...

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!”

Matthew 23:23–24

A CHALLENGE

Write down

WHY you're a member at this place,
HOW that purpose changes you, and
WHAT steps you're willing to take to
help this place grow.