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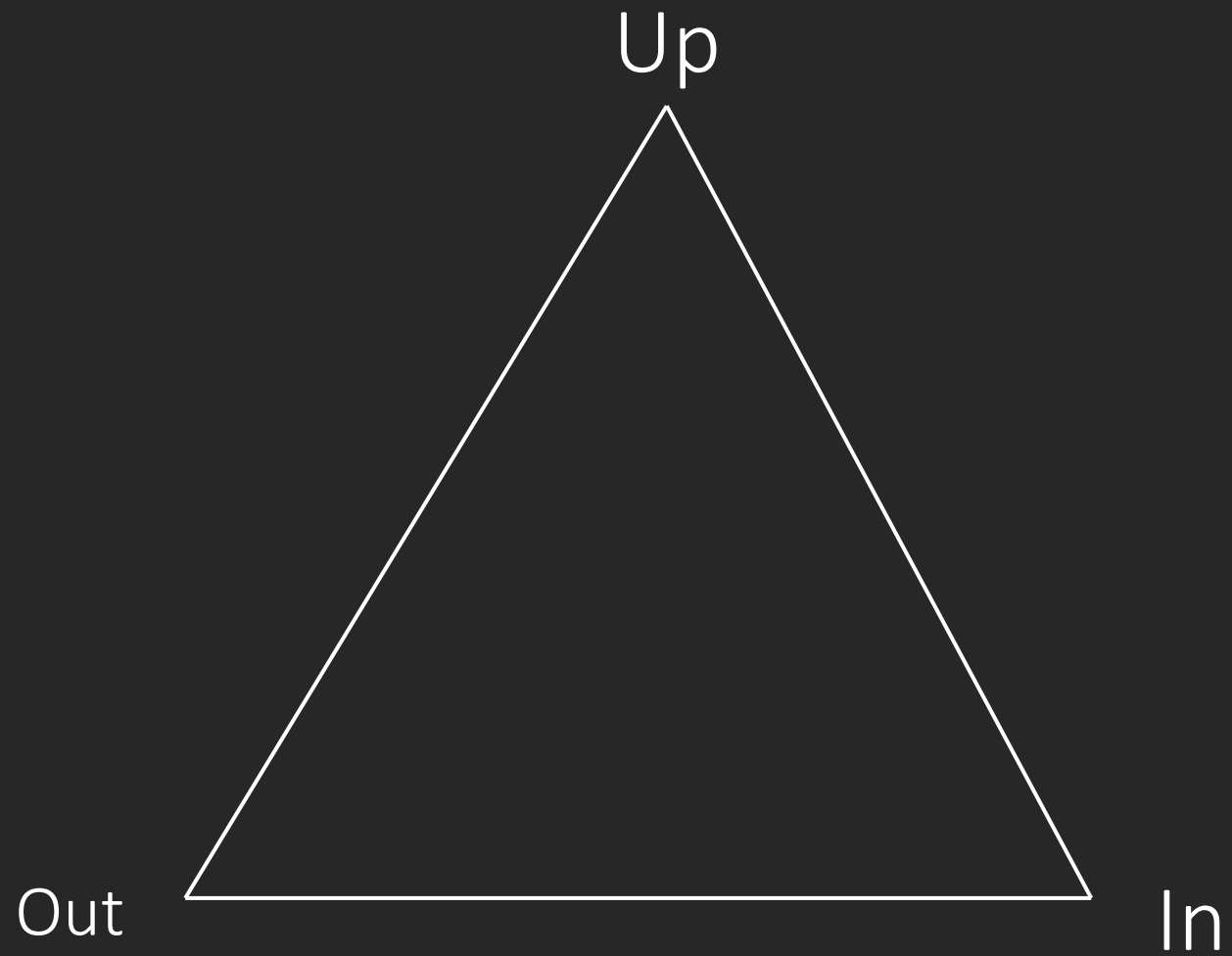
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The Pursuits of Virtue



What would a church look  
like that only focused on  
pursuing “Up” & “In”?



“Most churches are strong in only two of the three elements...Jesus showed us how and calls us to live in the fullness of three dimensions”

Mike Breen, *Building A Discipling Culture*

Isn't being committed to my  
relationship with God & living in  
intentional community with  
other Christians good enough?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used  
to his own advantage;

Philippians 2:3–8 NIV

rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:3–8 NIV

Somewhere in our Journey  
“Up” & “In” we need to  
consider those who are still  
“Out”



1

The message of Christ  
literally needs to go “Out”

# Times have changed

- Many people don't have a history of going to church
- People are not sold on absolutes

“We continue to offer answers to questions that most unchurched people are no longer asking”

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# Times have changed

- Many people don't have a history of going to church
- People are not sold on absolutes
- People are more isolated



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We need to re-examine our  
ideas of what sharing the  
Good News looks like

# Ideas of taking the message “Out”

- Share your life, share in their story
- Engage with people you are already know
- Listen to the Holy Spirit

# Philip (Acts 8)

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

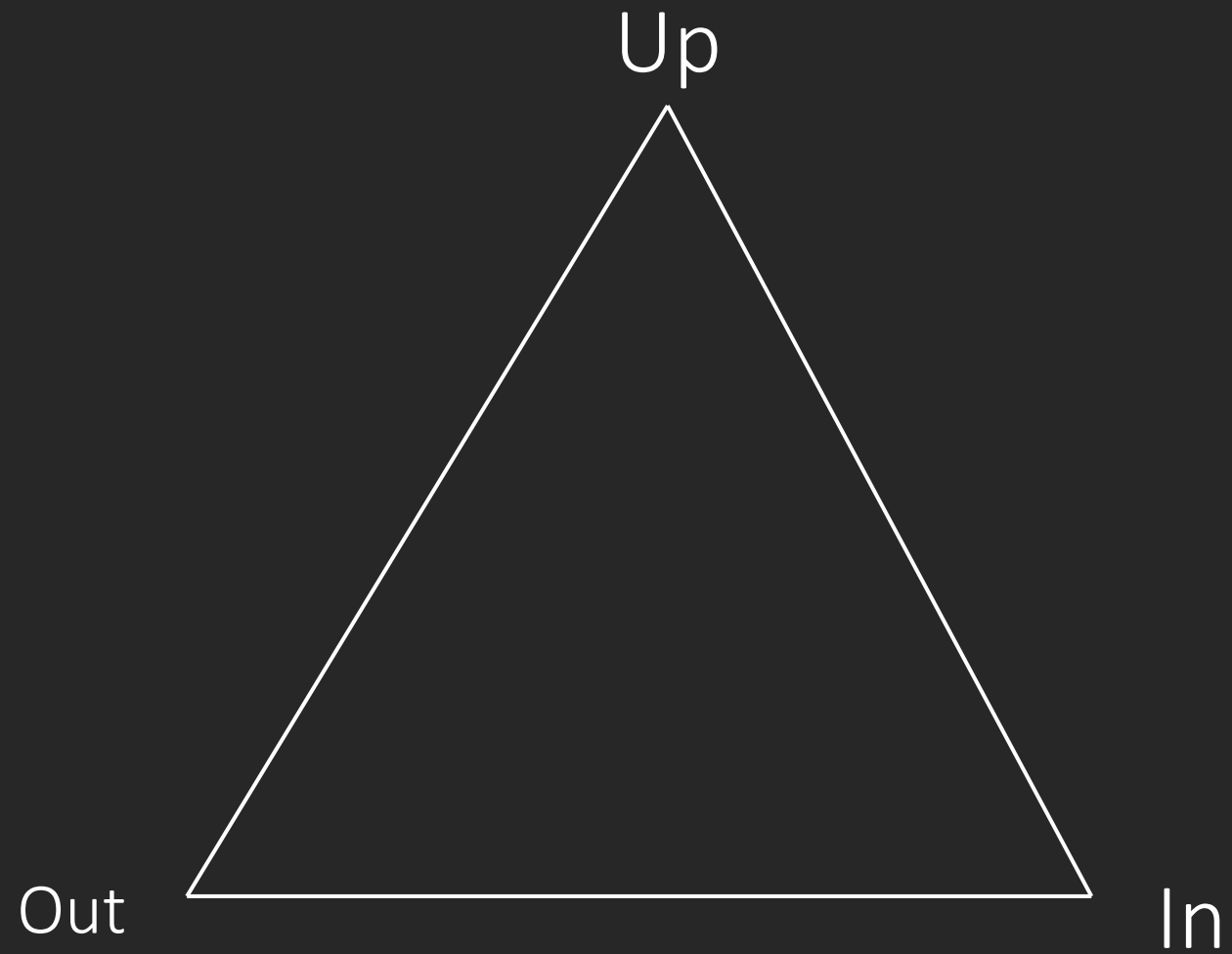
<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.



<sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.





# Easter

at LCSC Activity Center

**April 1, 2018 || 10:30am**

CrossPoint Alliance Church

