

An open Bible with a brown ribbon bookmark, resting on a dark surface. The pages are slightly aged and the text is visible but out of focus. The background is dark, making the white text stand out.

Sunday 9AM Equipping Class

Study the Foundations of Christian Theology

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Checkpoint

Doctrine of God

Doctrine of
Scripture

Covenant Theology

Reformed
Distinctives

Doctrine of the
Church – Structure
and Worship

Doctrine of the
Church – Baptism
and the Lord's
Supper

Table Discussion

If you were talking to someone who had never been to a church in their life, how would you define the church?

What makes it different from a synagogue, mosque, country club, CrossFit gym or temple?

What is the Church?

The People of God

The Body and Bride of Jesus

Visible and Invisible

Universal

The Marks of the Church

The People of God

Romans 9:6b-8

For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

The People of God

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

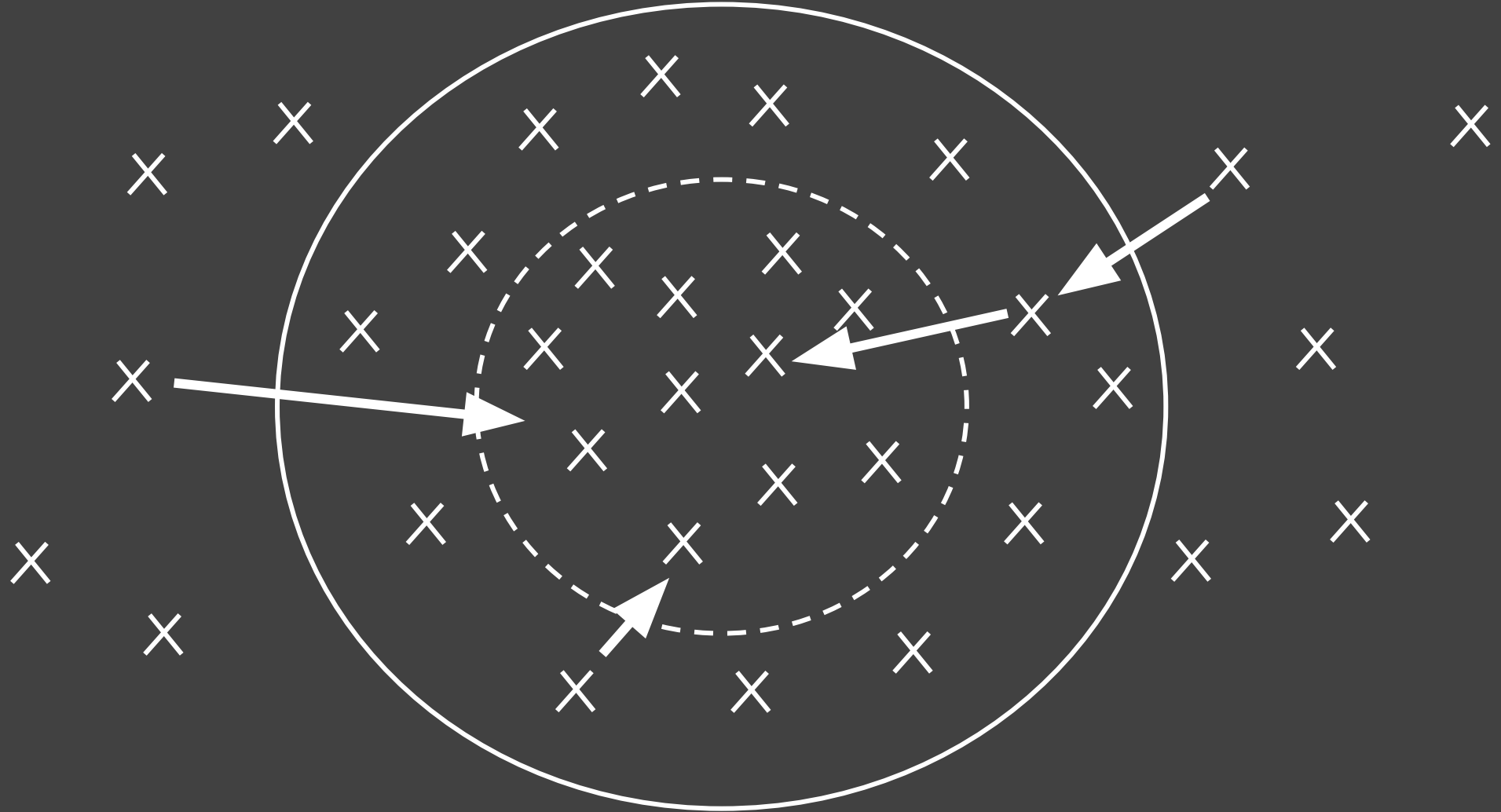
¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

The Body and Bride of Jesus

Ephesians 5:25-32

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Visible and Invisible



Universal: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Universal: The Nicene Creed

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Marks of the Church

The Preaching
of the Word

Church
Discipline

The
Sacraments

Table Discussion

Read the following passages together. How do each of these passages help you understand what life in the church looks like?

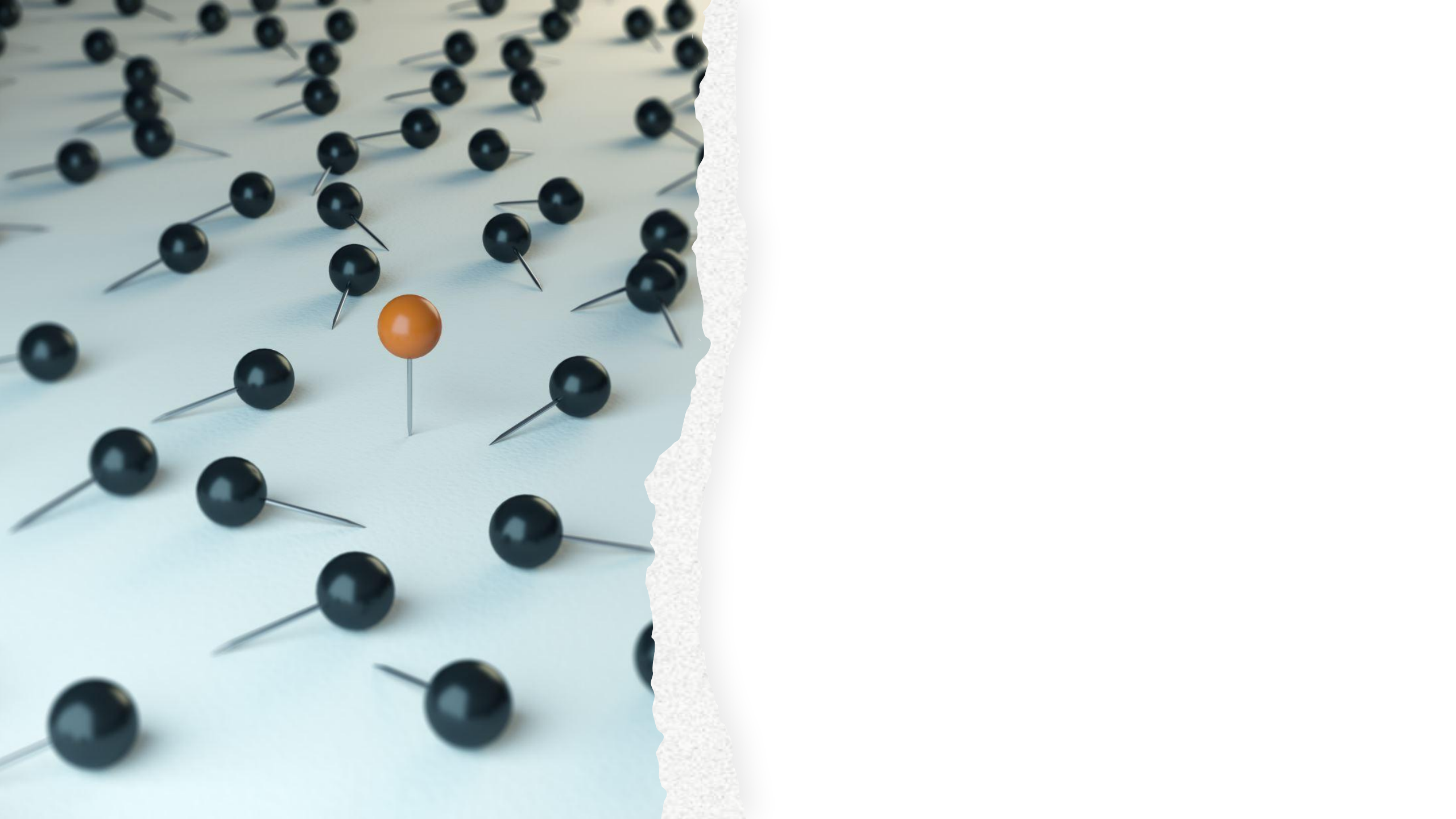
- 1 Cor 12; 1 Peter 4:8-11
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- Matthew 18:15-20
- James 5:16, Ephesians 5:17-21

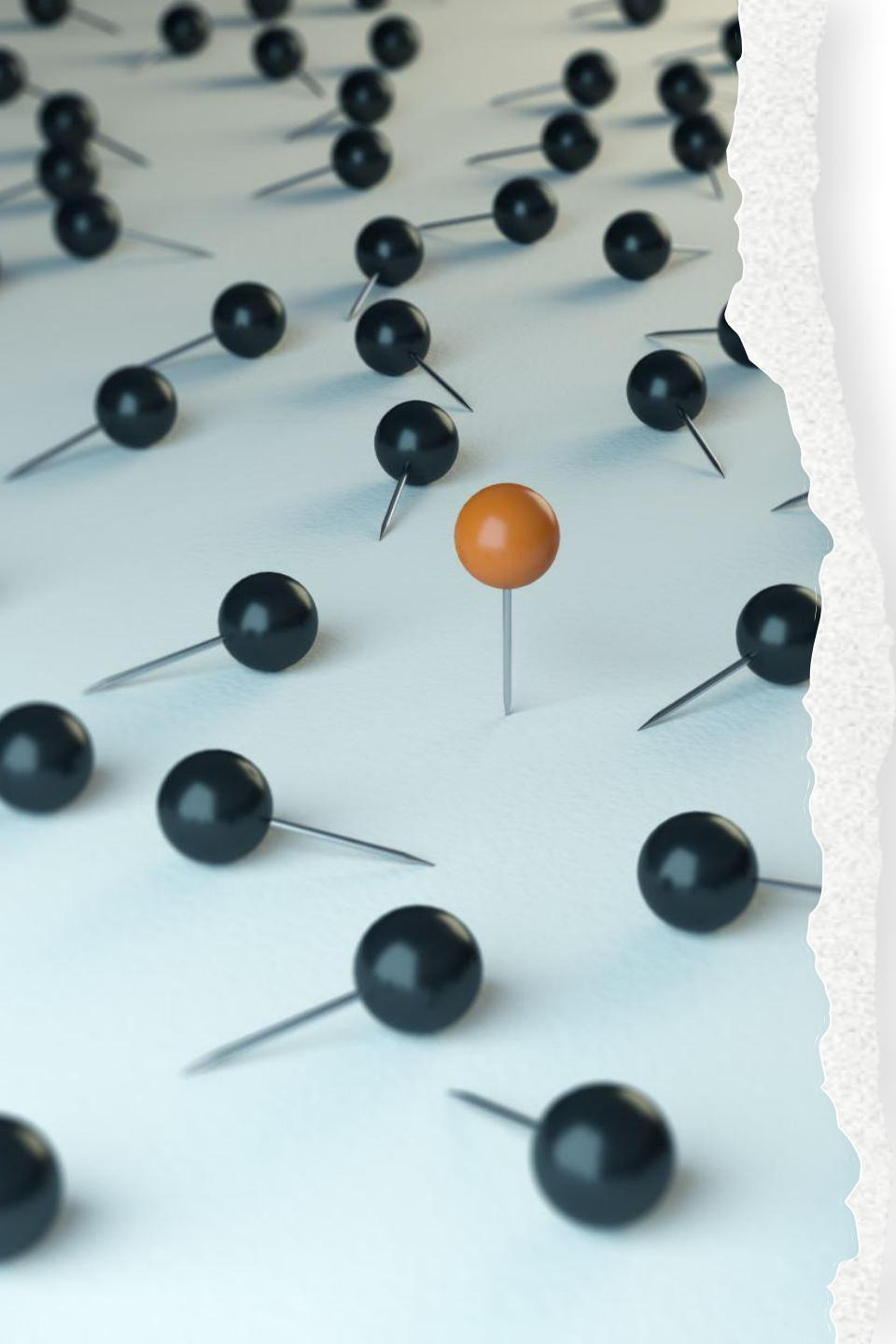
Life in the Church

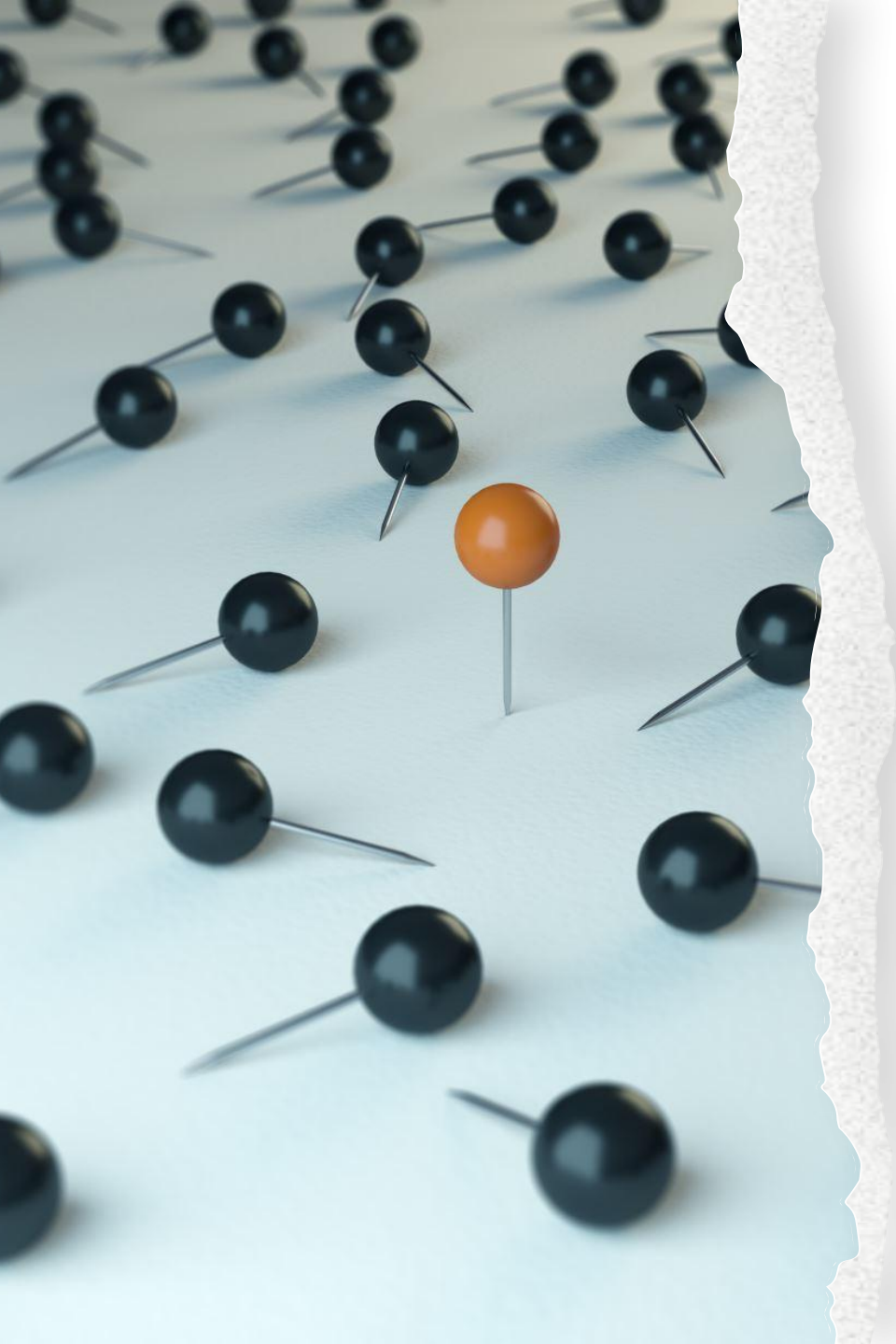
Being The People of God

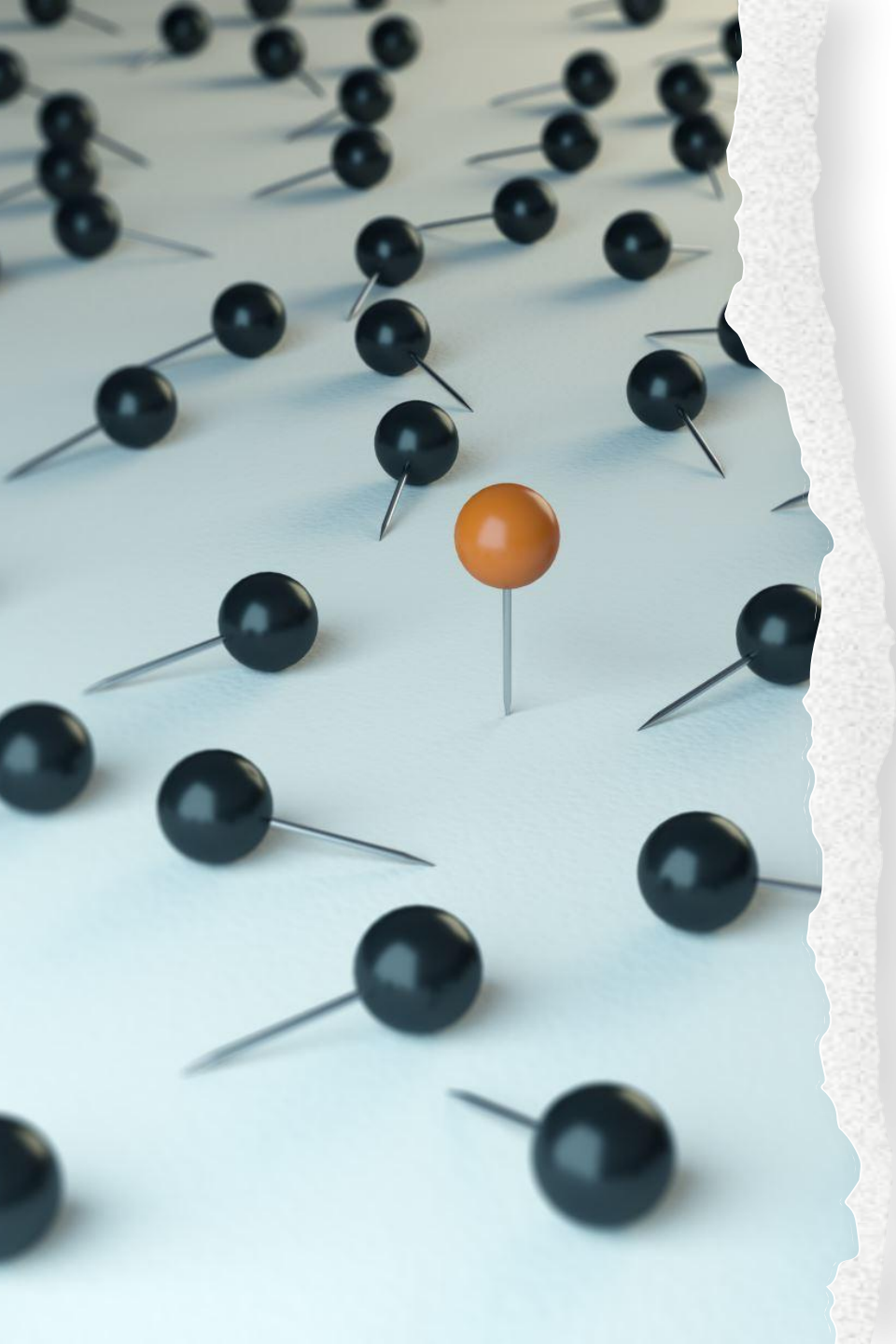
The Authority of the Church

Corporate Worship











Discipleship

The Authority of the Church

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- Elders
- Deacons
- Discipline

Table Discussion

Read the passage associated with each topic. What does the Bible say about the role or purpose of each in the church? What do you think would happen to a church if one of these were absent?

Elders – 1 Peter 5:1-11

Deacons – Acts 6

Discipline – Matthew 18:15-20

Corporate Worship

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Liturgy
- Singing
- Prayer
- Preaching

Singing

Ephesians 5:18-21

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Preaching

Luke 24:25-27

²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Table Discussion

*What is your big takeaway
from this morning?*

*How does it affect the way you
engage in the life of the
church?*