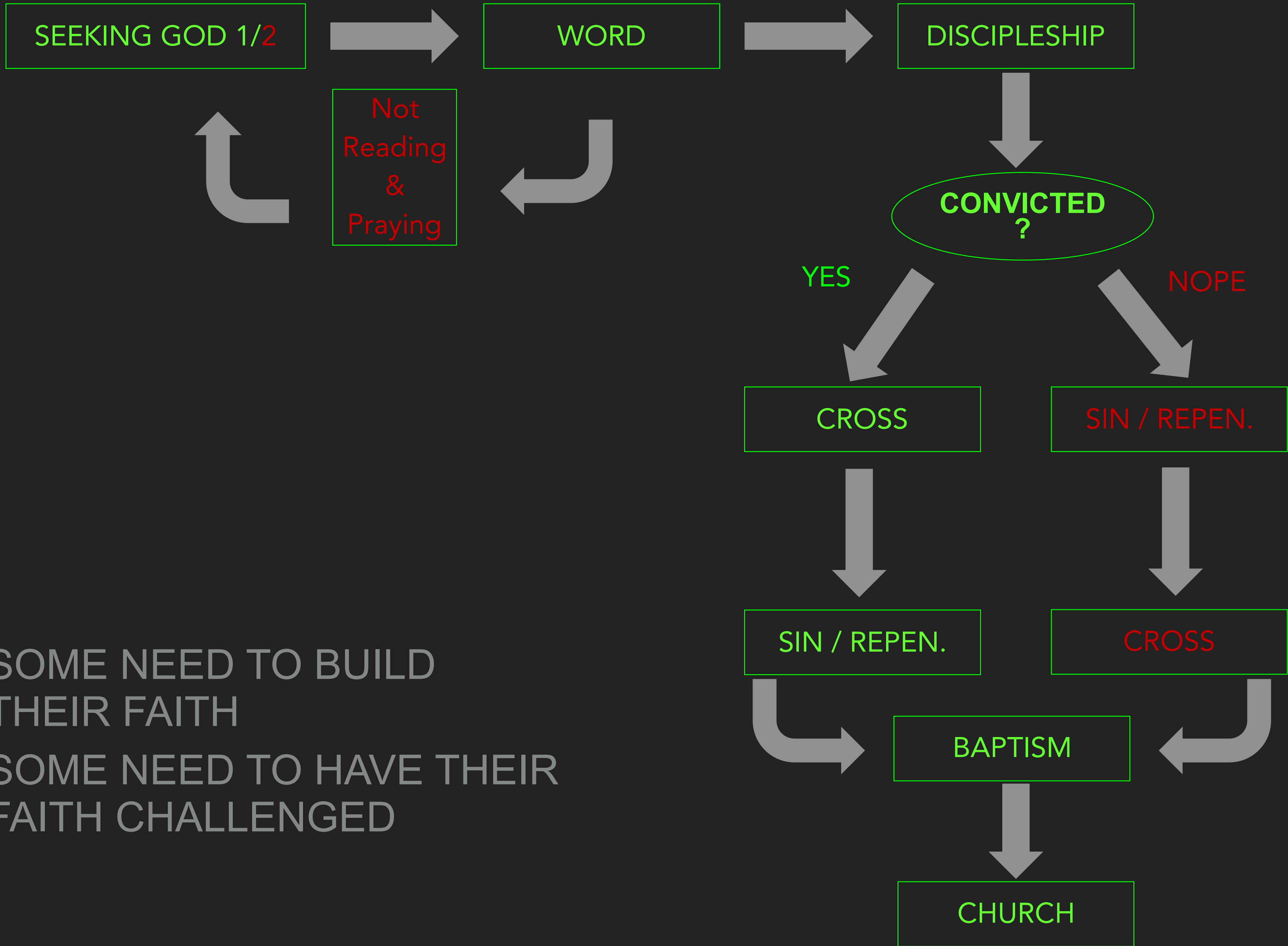


THE CHURCH STUDY

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**FIRST PRINCIPLES**



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- SOME NEED TO HAVE THEIR FAITH CHALLENGED

# THE CHURCH STUDY GOALS

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- Establish biblical importance of the church/body
- To encourage, inspire and teach God's plan for success as Christians.
- His plan is for total commitment to the church, which is the body of Christ
- Reinforce convictions on going to church
- Attend a church that watches life and doctrine closely



# HEART

## INTERPRETATION:

WHAT DID IT MEAN THEN  
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ORIGINAL AUDIENCE?

## APPLICATION:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR  
US HERE AND NOW?

## CHALLENGES:

WHAT CHALLENGES WILL  
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LIVE THIS OUT?

# IF YOU HAVEN'T COVERED THIS...DON'T MOVE FORWARD!

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- Have they repented?
- Have you done light and darkness/baptism?
- Personal relationship with God
- Modeled the church so they see a difference.
- By sin and repentance they should be coming to church.
- **ADVICE, ADVICE, ADVICE!**

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JOHN 17:20-26  
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ROMANS 12:4-8  
COLOSSIANS 2:18-19  
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ONE ANOTHER PASSAGES:  
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ROMANS 12:10  
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# COLOSSIANS 1:18



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- Jesus is the true head of the church, which is the body
- Church is not an institution, corporation, or denomination. It is the body of Christ
- Not an organization, but an organism.
- Design was for their to be ONE body.

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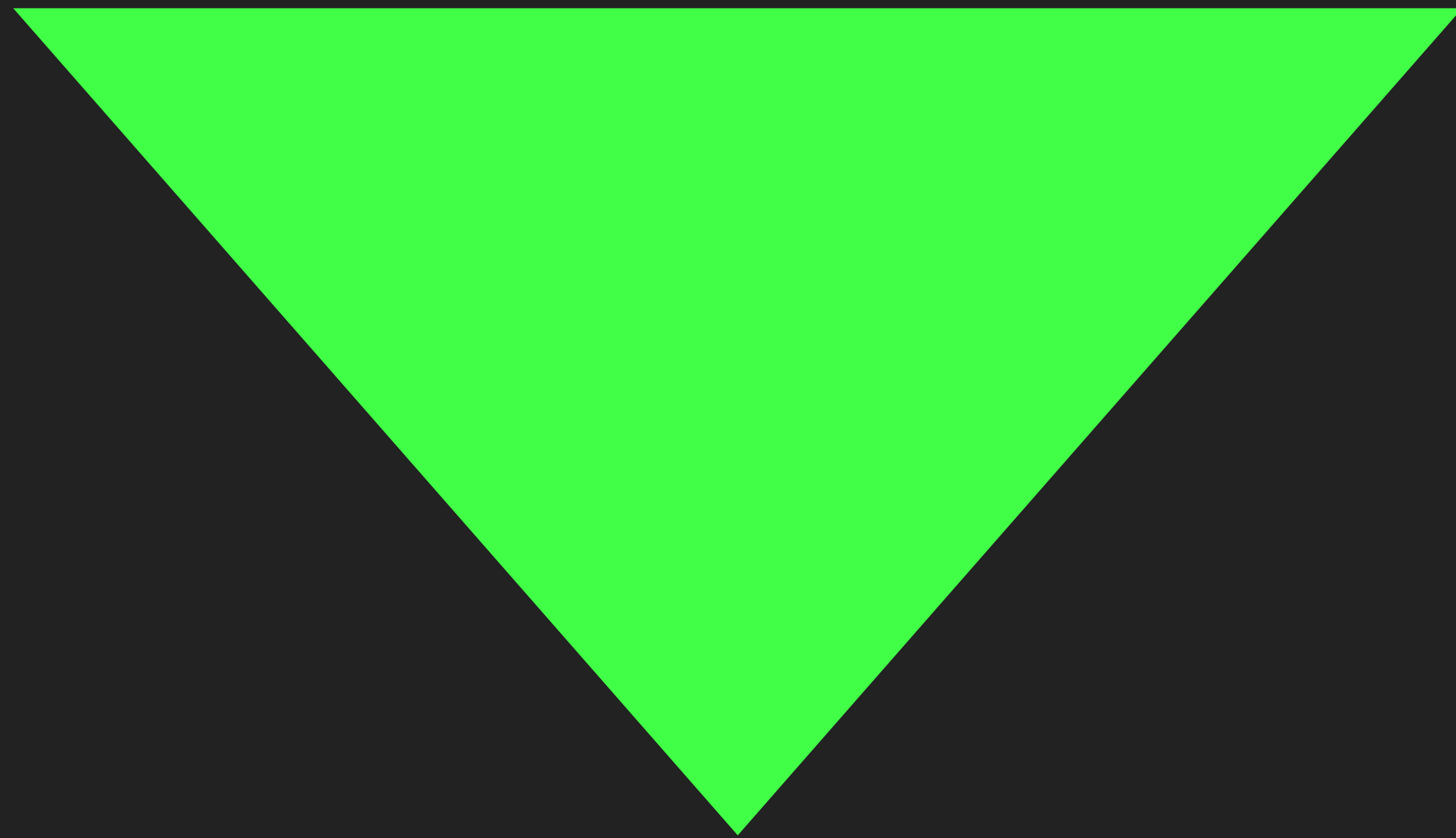
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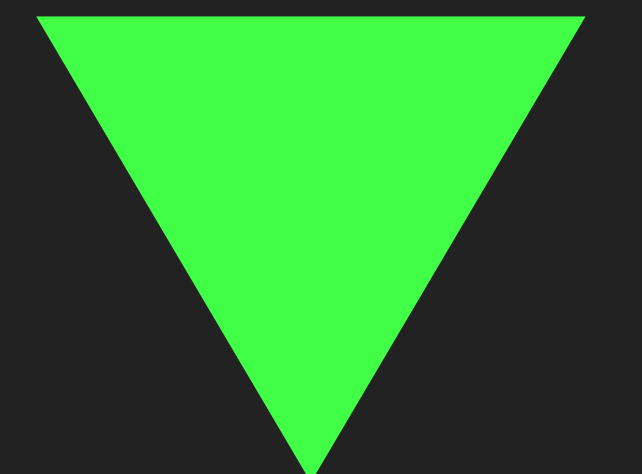


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- We are members of his body
- We need the church, the church needs us
- Arm can't survive by itself



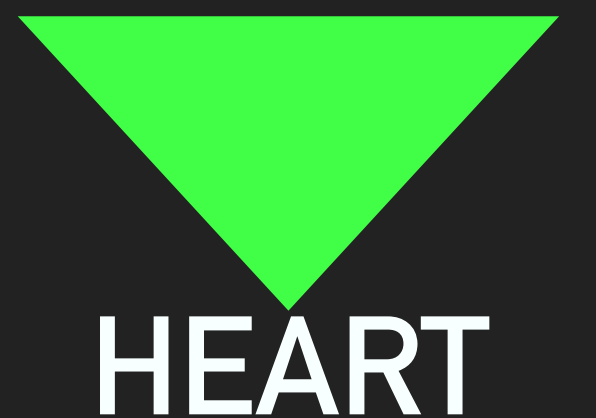
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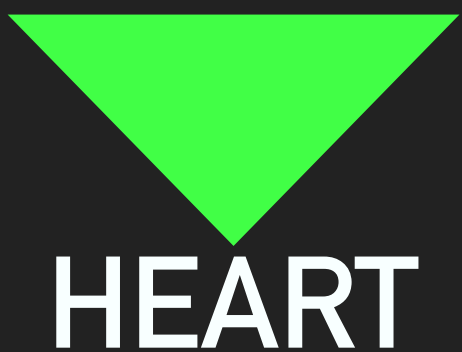
- We avoid swerving if we spur others on and attend meetings of the body
- To do well spiritually you need the church and that is God's plan
- Attend meetings regularly
- Schedules



**HEBREWS 3:12-14**

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- Daily encouragement prevents us from becoming hardened by sin
- Personal involvement in others lives
- We are responsible for our brothers and sisters



**ACTS 2:42-47**

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- What are the characteristics of the NT church?
- Devoted themselves
- Were together and had everything in common
- Gave to those in need
- Continued to meet together

**EPHESIANS 2:19-22**

# EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- Church is not a building, but is compared to one because God dwells in his people
- Also a family
- As with a natural family you need to be born into it
- Christ is the cornerstone, not pastors, teachers, traditions, etc.

# POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS

- A. "I go to my own church, why should I go to yours?"
- B. "Why do I need to go to church? Can't I worship on my own?"
- C. "I can't get off work for church."
- D. "My kids schedules won't allow for me to come to church."
- E. "My spouse wants family time during church times."
- F. "Sundays are my day off, I sleep in."
- G. "I live too far away from church, why can't I go to one that is closer?"
- H. "I want to move to a city but I am not sure if there is a good church there."



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