



MISSION

“Go Therefore and Make Disciples...”

A Christian Needs The Church
To Grow

What Part Does “The Church” Play
In Bringing About Obedience
In The Life Of The Christian?

The Spectrum Of Disagreement On What Defines “The Church”

Spectrum of Opinion On Defining "The Church"



Ambiguous:

Defined By
Individuals

Specific:

Defined By
The Church

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And Individuals

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To Whom Do You Belong And To
Whom Do You Submit?

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:15-20

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:15-19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:19-23

The covenant community of God's people to which one belongs and to whom one submits.

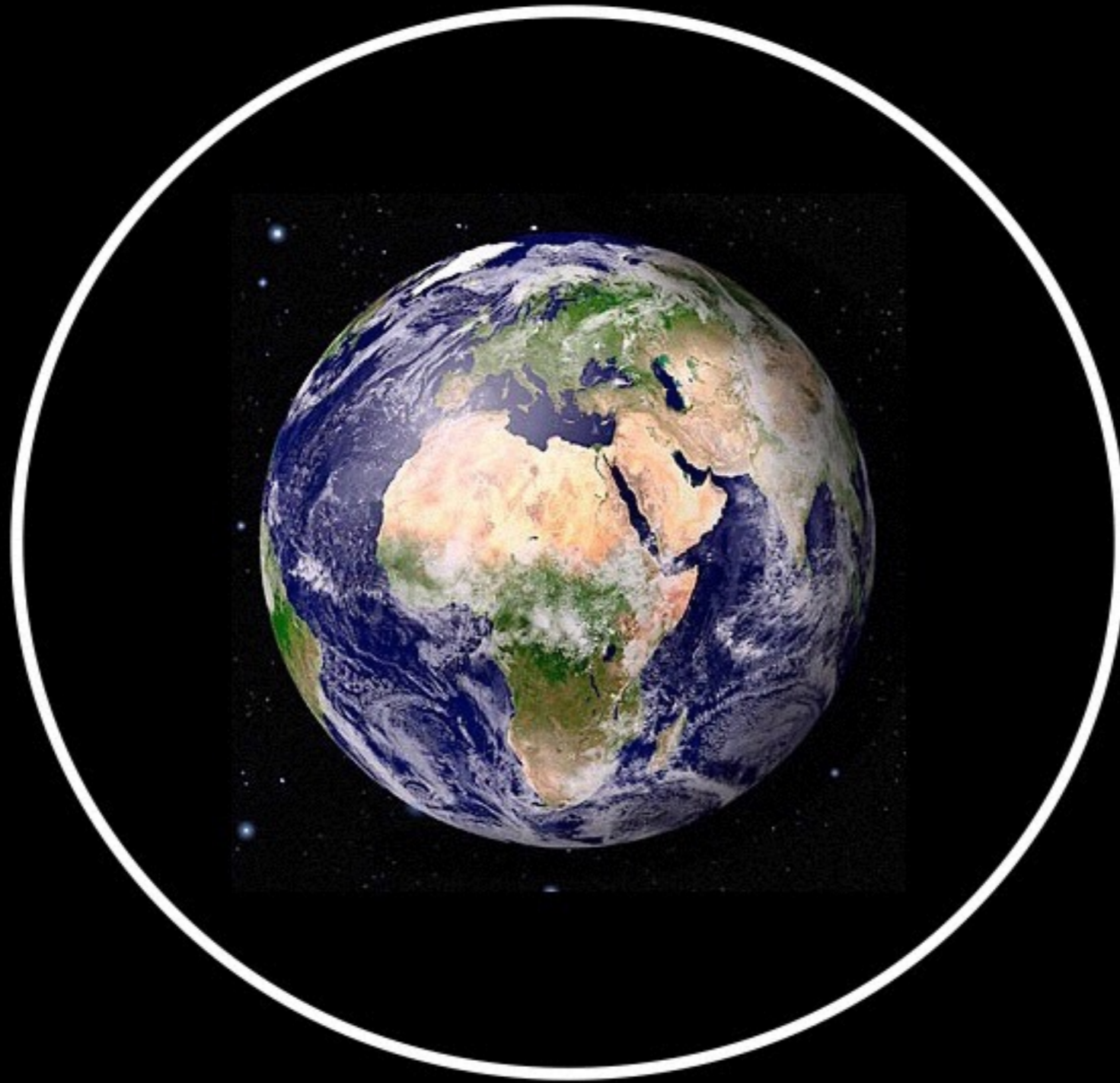
In What Community Do I See
Relationships Particular To A Local
Church?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20

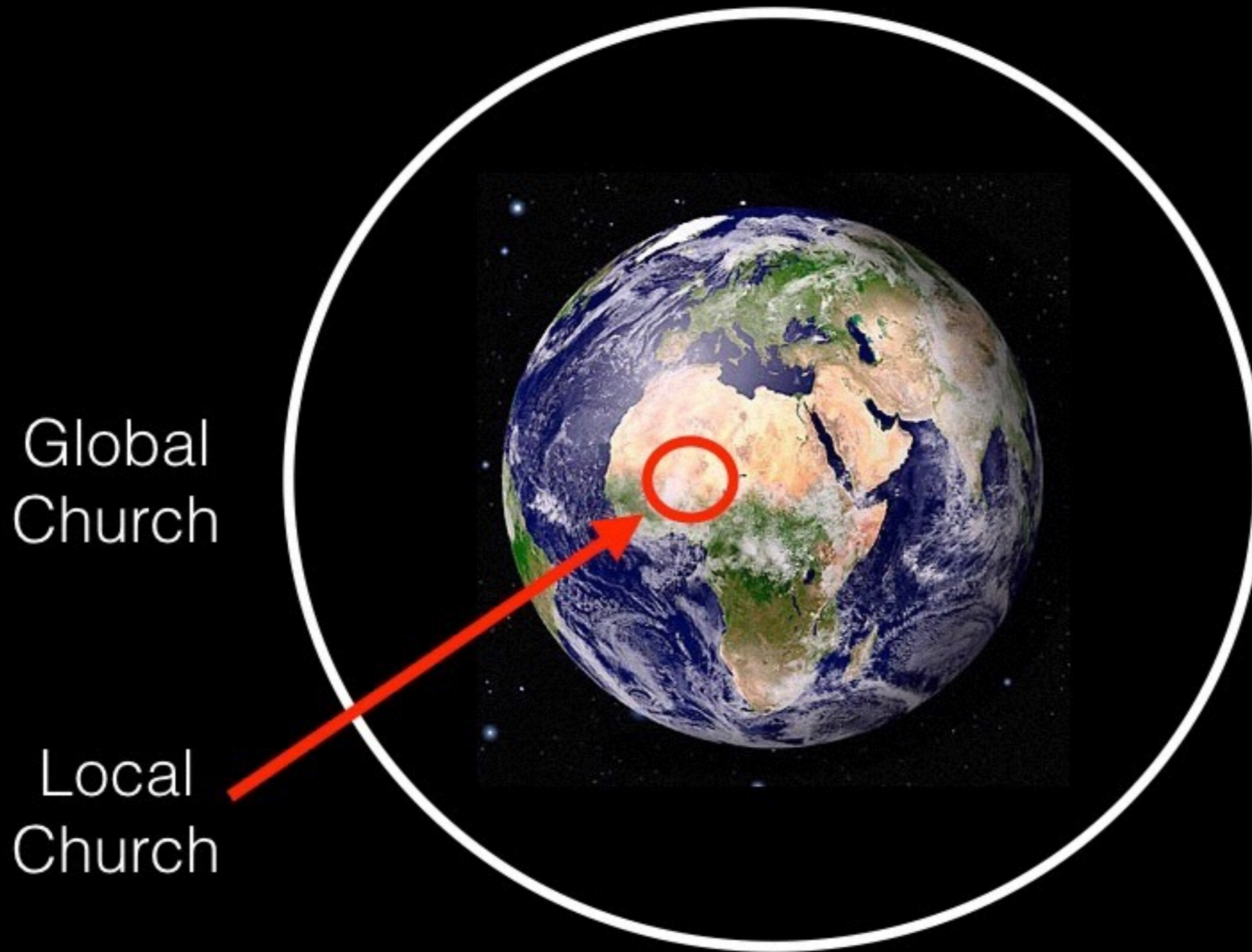


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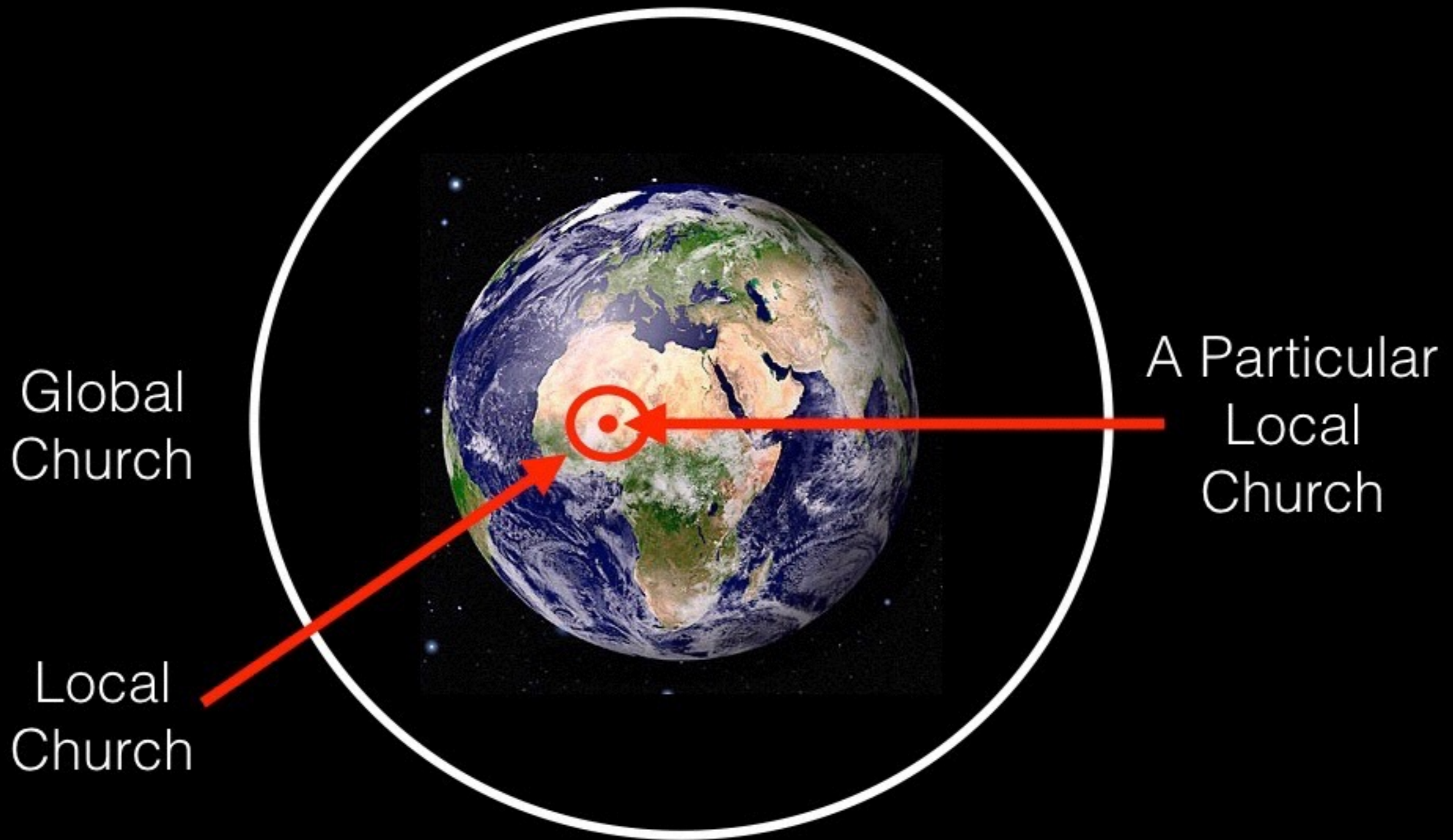
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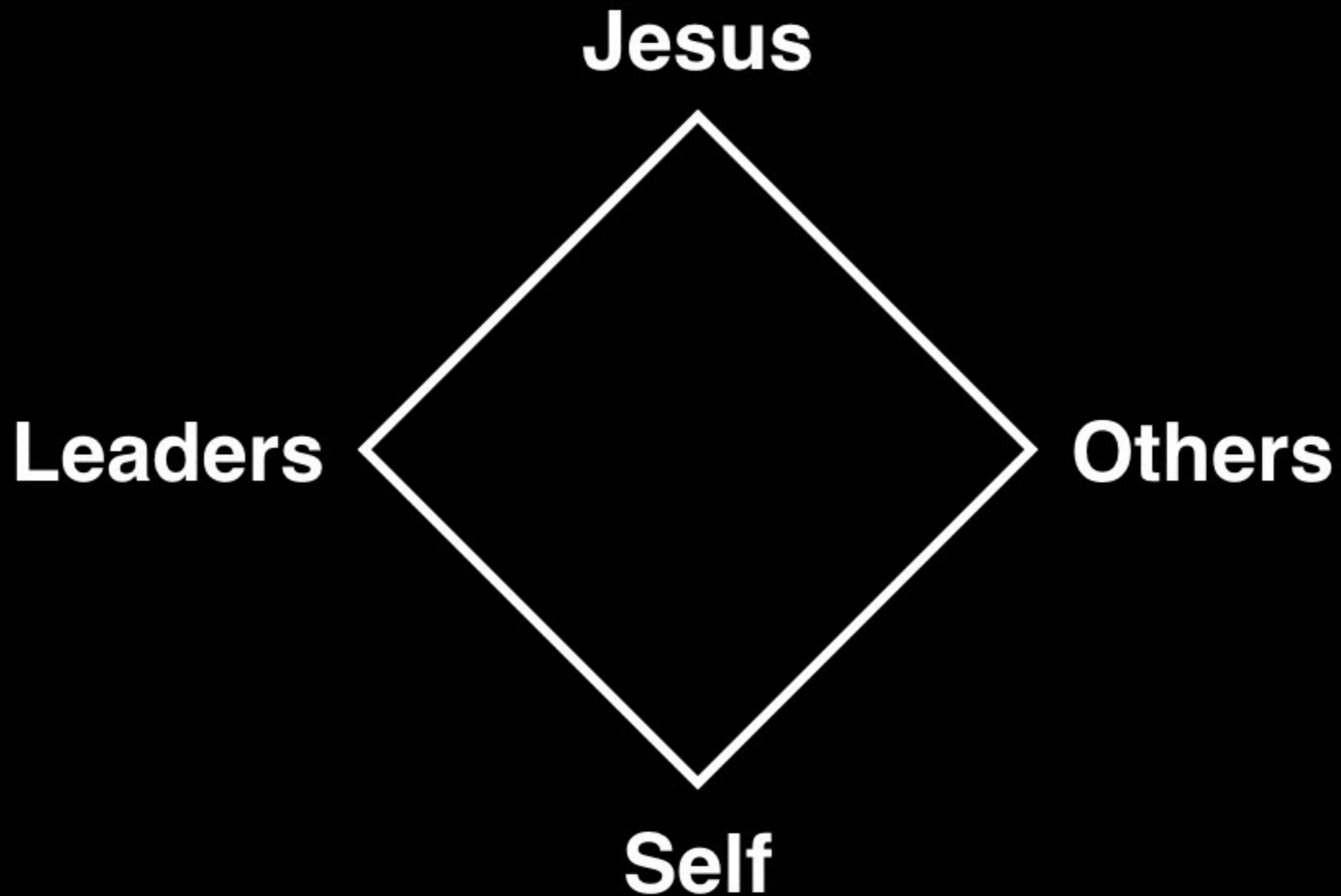
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Relationships Within a "Church Body"



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.

Hebrews 13:17

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you--

Titus 1:5

Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind break out. And when the wall falls,

will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end.

Ezekiel 13:10-13

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13



“to provide correction and lovingly exercise church discipline, when needed, for the good of the church and the good of the one being corrected. We further covenant to do so wisely and in reflection of the love of the Father and always with the end goal of restoration.”

The covenant community in which
the relationships of leaders, others,
and self are in co-equal submission
under Jesus.

With Whom Am I Agreeing To
Pursue The Purposeful Process of
Sanctification?

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. 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. Beloved,

I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:9-11

The covenant community with whom I am agreeing to pursue the purposeful process of sanctification.

The covenant community of God's people...

1) to which I belong and to whom I submit.

2) in which the relationships of leaders, others, and myself are in co-equal submission under Jesus.

3) with whom I am agreeing to pursue the purposeful process of sanctification.



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