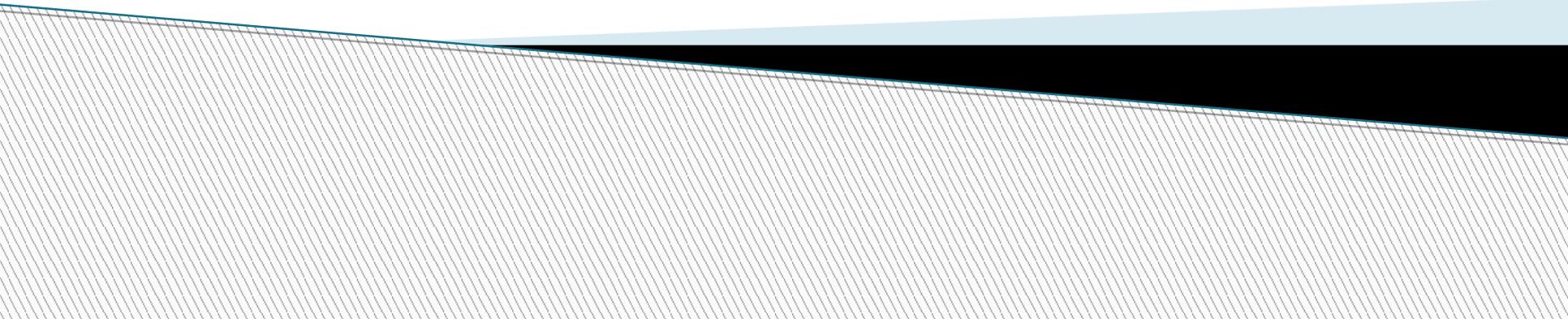
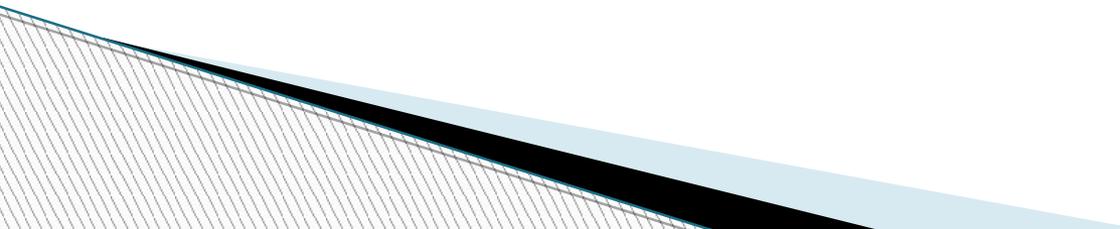
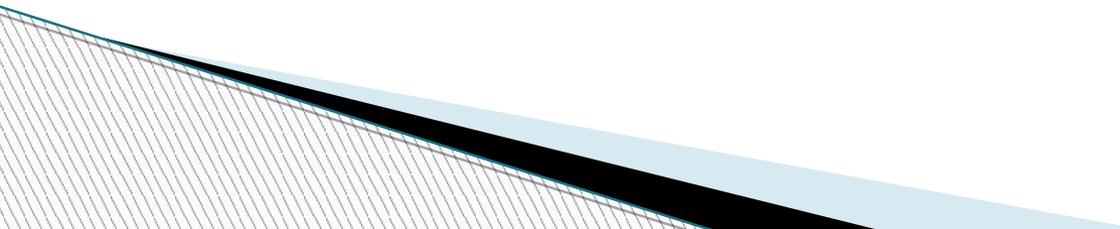


# **BUILDING MISSIONAL CONGREGATIONS**



- ▶ *Missional* seems to be the buzz word today.
  - ▶ Biggest development since the Reformation (Reggie McNeal)
  - ▶ Key thought: Not doing church as usual
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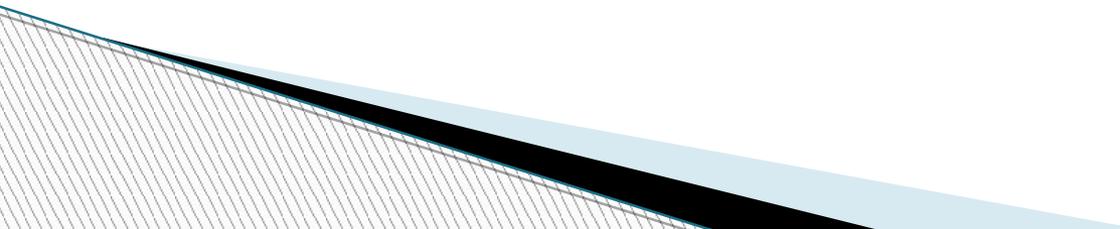
## Three shifts:

- Internal to External ministry focus
  - Program development to People development
  - Church-based to Kingdom-based Leadership
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- ▶ What is the missional motivation?

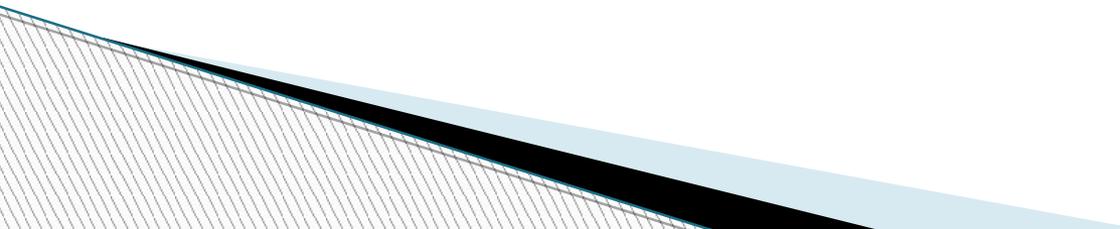
- ▶ Missional vs Attractional
- ▶ What is Christian Mission?

- ▶ **A Theological synopsis of “mission”:**
  - ▶ +propagation of faith
  - ▶ +expansion of the reign of God
  - ▶ +conversion of the heathen
  - ▶ +planting of new churches (Bosch)
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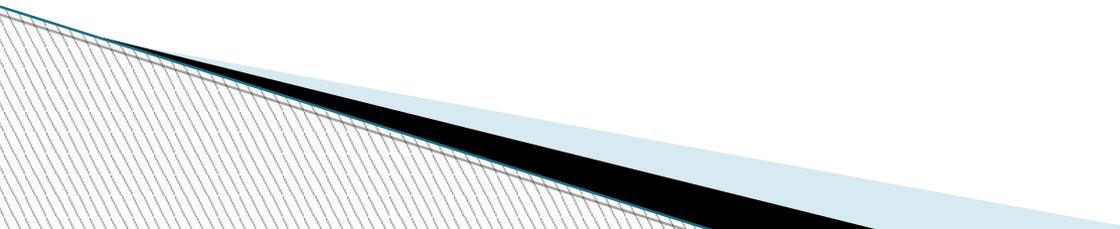
- ▶ Mission is seen as:
  - ▶ - saving of souls (evangelism)
  - ▶ - service (diakonia)
  - ▶ - worship (leiturgia)
  - ▶ - Discipleship
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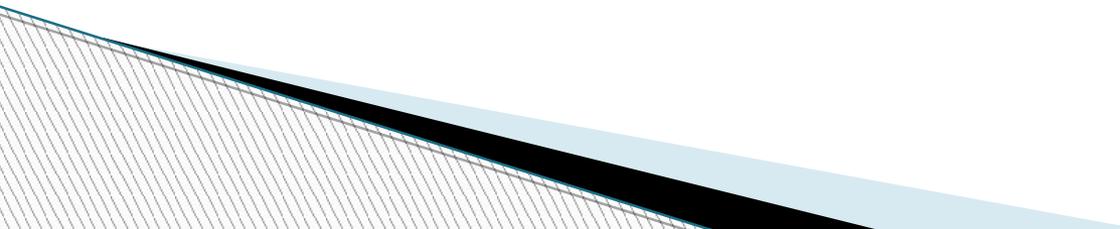
- ▶ - Fellowship (koinonia)
  - ▶ - Transformation of society, community & world.
  - ▶ - humanisation
  - ▶ - community development
  - ▶ - church planting
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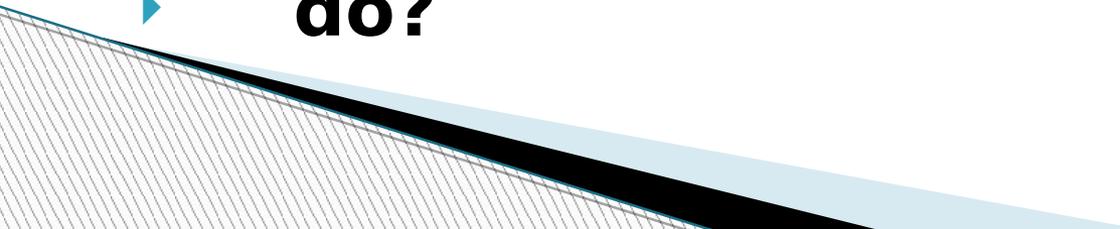
- ▶ To emphasise one or more aspects of mission does not render it wrong, just incomplete in the comprehensive biblical understanding of mission.

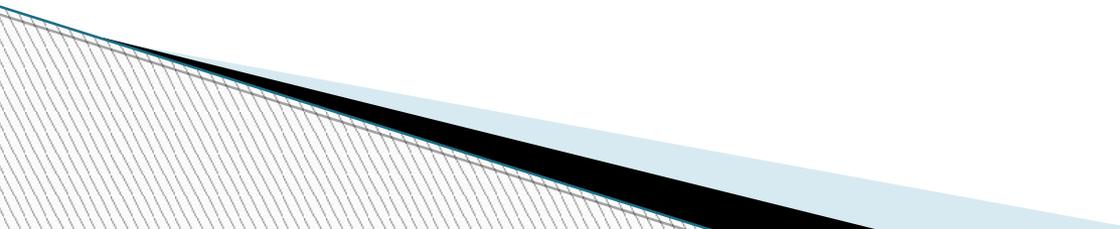
- ▶ Focus on the Kingdom (reign) of God provides holistic view of mission.
  - ▶ Includes social, political and economic aspects of the whole person.
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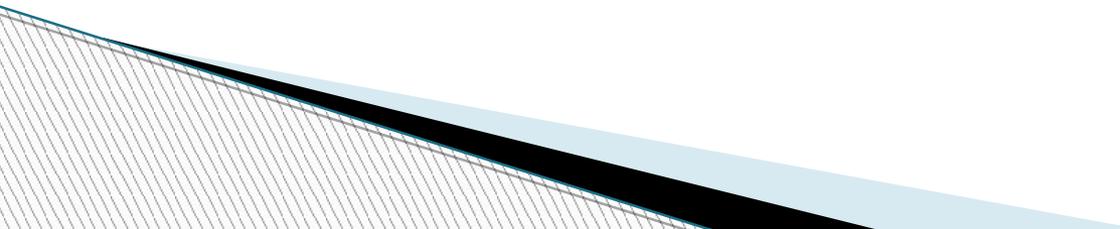
- ▶ “We understand Christian mission to be a wide and inclusive complex of activities aimed at the realisation of the reign of God in history. It includes evangelism but is at the same time much wider than that. Perhaps one could say that mission is the ‘cutting edge’ of the Christian movement – that activist streak in the church’s life that refuses to accept the world as it is and keeps on trying to change it, prodding it on towards God’s final reign of justice and peace” (Kritzinger)

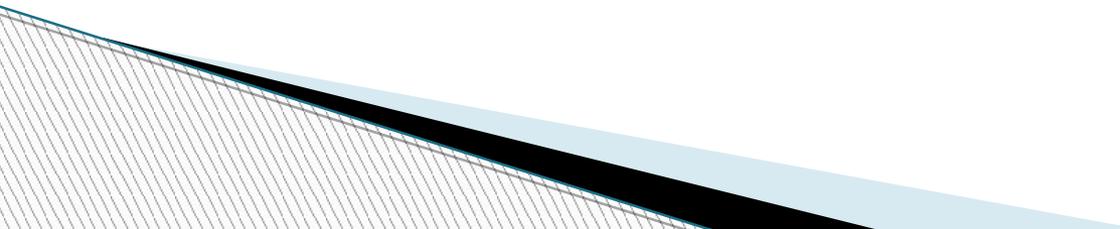
- ▶ So what is a Missional Congregation?
  - ▶ One that is centred in the good news of Jesus Christ and the Triune God, has a broad view of mission, focuses on the kingdom of God as it works for justice, peace and righteousness on earth, and leads people to faith in Jesus Christ as it seeks to transform both the individual and the environment in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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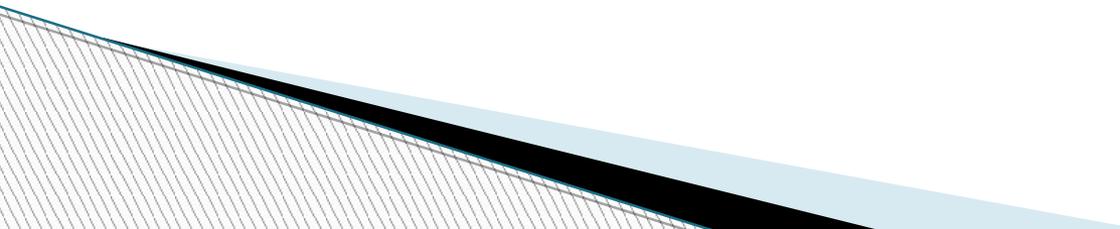
- ▶ How can we build missional congregations?
  - ▶ Two responses:
    - ▶ 1. Broad principles based on Nehemiah model
    - ▶ 2. Missional moves (Rob Wegner+Jack Magruder)
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- ▶ **Nehemiah Model**
  
  - ▶ **4 Missional Questions:**
  - ▶ **a) What is the missional context?**
  - ▶ **b) What is God already doing in this context?**
  - ▶ **c) What is God calling us to do?**
  - ▶ **d) How can we do what God is calling us to**  
**do?**
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- ▶ Missional Framework:
  - ▶ 1. God's Mission (missional spirituality)
  - ▶ 2. Mission and Context
  - ▶ 3. Missional Message
  - ▶ 4. Mission Method
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- ▶ Missional Leaders:
  - ▶ \_ God's mission
  - ▶ - Missional context
  - ▶ - Missional message
  - ▶ - Mission method
  
  - ▶ Bridge Builders
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- ▶ Missional Moves:
  - ▶ **1. PARADIGM SHIFT**
  - ▶ From:
    - ▶ - Saved Souls to Saved Wholes
    - ▶ - Missions to Mission
    - ▶ - My Tribe to Every Tribe
    - ▶ - Or to AND (Attractional vs Missional)
    - ▶ - Center to the Margins
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- ▶ **2. Centralised Shift**
  - ▶ From:
    - ▶ - Top Down to Bottom Up
    - ▶ - Diffused to Focused
    - ▶ - Transactional to Transformational Partnerships.
    - ▶ - Relief to Development
    - ▶ - Professionals to Full Participation
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### ▶ **3. Decentralised Shift:**

▶ From:

▶ - Formal to Fractal Leadership

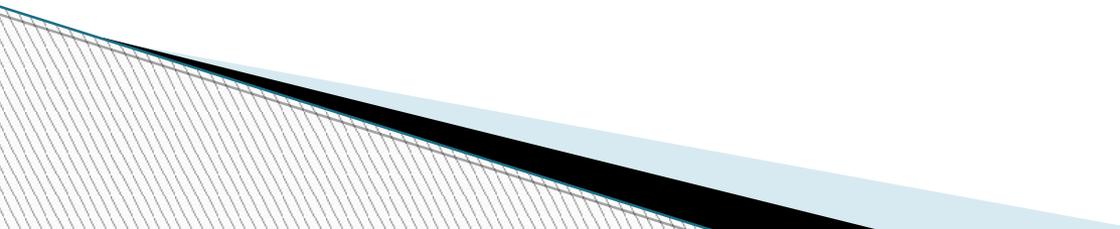
▶ - Institution to Movement

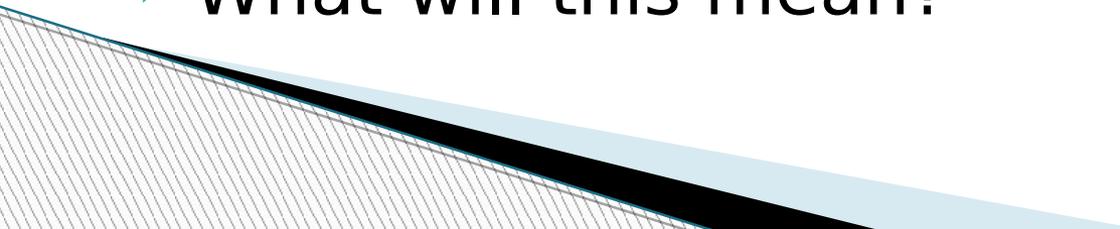
▶ - Mega and Multi to Mega, Multi, and Micro

▶ - “We can do it; You can Help” to “You can do

▶ it; We can help”

▶ - Great Commission to Great Completion.

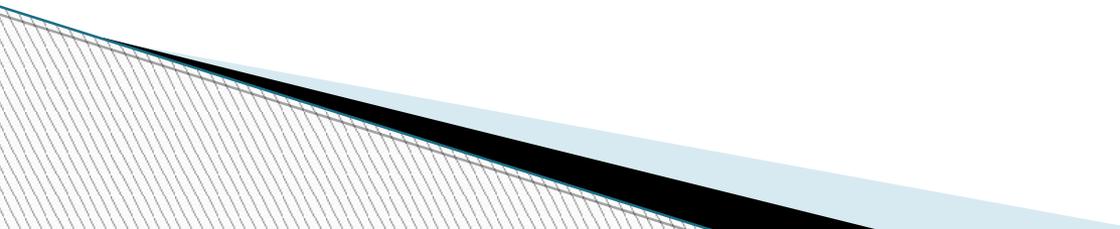
- ▶ **Concluding Remarks:**
  - ▶ Missional churches are:
    - ▶ + More about *being* than just *doing*
    - ▶ + External than Internal focus
    - ▶ + Kingdom focus not solely ecclesiocentric
    - ▶ + Discipleship and Transformation centred.
    - ▶ + Holistic concept of mission
    - ▶ + Bridge-builders.
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- ▶ Mission is not something added to the agenda of the church. It is central to the life, work and witness of the church.
  - ▶ “Mission is the function of the church and the church is the function of mission.”
  - ▶ Mission has to be in our DNA not just in our mission statement.
  - ▶ What will this mean?
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- ▶ - Missional Vision
  - ▶ - Missional Leadership
  - ▶ - Missional Preaching
  - ▶ - Missional Worship
  - ▶ - Missional Community Engagement
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- ▶ What we need is a mission ecclesiology in the UPCSA that fully informs and directs our calling and purpose as a Church.

▶ THANK YOU!

- ▶ QUESTIONS:
  - ▶ 1. WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR
  - ▶ CONGREGATION AS MISSIONAL?
  - ▶ 2. WHAT STEPS WOULD YOU NEED TO TAKE
  - ▶ TO MAKE YOUR CONGREGATION FULLY
  - ▶ MISSIONAL?
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- ▶ 3. HOW CAN THE UPCSА HELP ENABLE AND
- ▶ EQUIP CONGREGATIONS TO BECOME
- ▶ MISSIONAL? SHARE