



Being missional and becoming missional in our society

Three Core-Questions

- Do I believe that the congregation of which I am a member can make a difference in its context?
- In what way is the congregation and myself as a member participating in the coming of the Kingdom in our society?
- What will your society miss in case the congregation ceases to exist?

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- God's search party: ready for any emergency
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BUILDING UP A MISSIONAL LOCAL CHURCH

And in the process
return the ministry to
God's people

Introduction

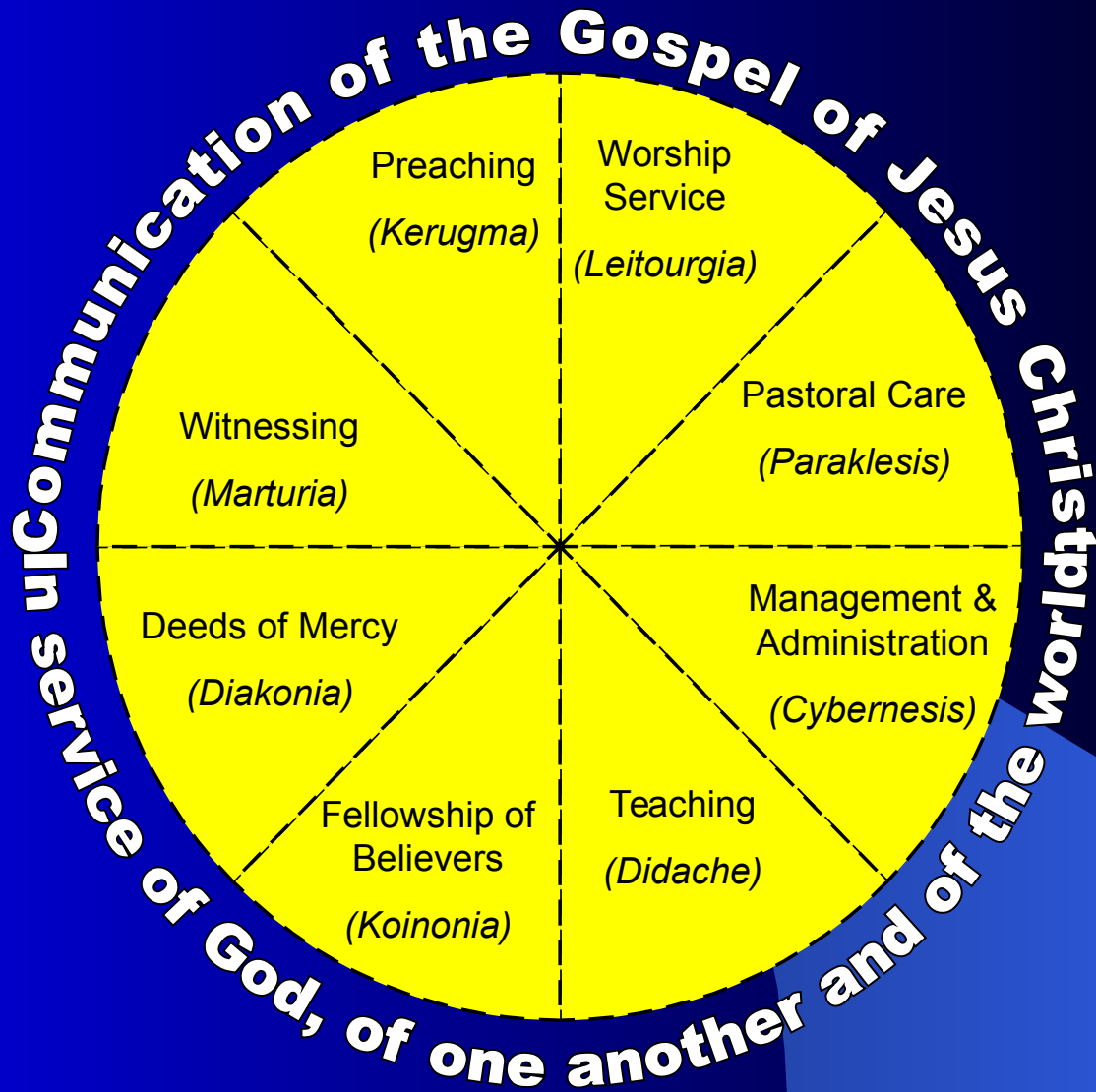
In our time together we will discuss

- how a local community of faith is helped to understand, enjoy, and live its identity;
- the process of purposefully becoming a church with a mission or even better a church in mission (reason for existence);
- how we return the ministry to God's people.

Understanding the concept: Building up a missional church

- A concept of integrating and coordinating all ministries
- A concept of reformation or revitalization
- A concept of understanding and finding identity
- A concept of a long-term ministry
- A concept of dependence upon God

Building up the local church is coordinating and integrating all the ministries in service of the:



Phases in the Process of Building up the Local Church

Phase 1

**Motivation, unfreezing
and developing a
contextual understanding
of mission**

Phase 2

Congregational analysis

- **Congregational profile**
- **Situational and societal
diagnosis**
- **Congregational
diagnosis and evaluation**

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Phase 3

**Congregational strategic
planning**

Phase 5

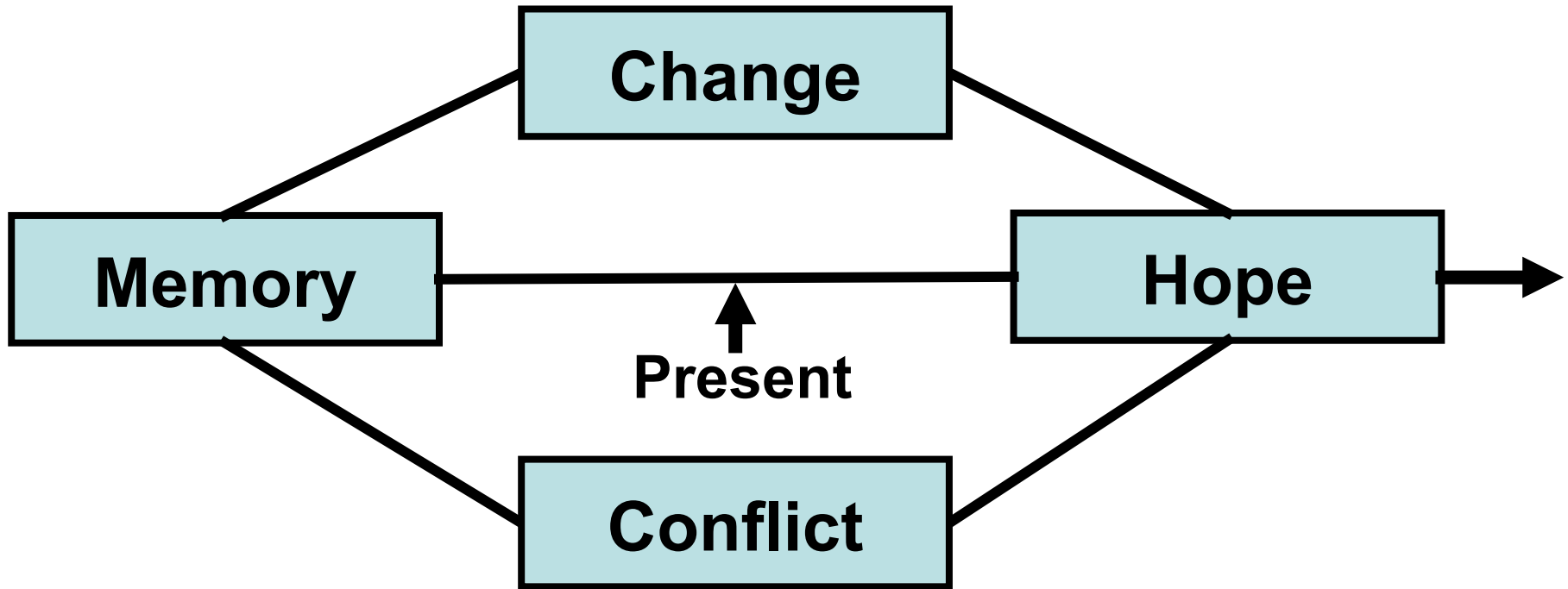
**Evaluation, stabilisation
and repetition**

Phase 4

**Implementation of
strategic plan:**

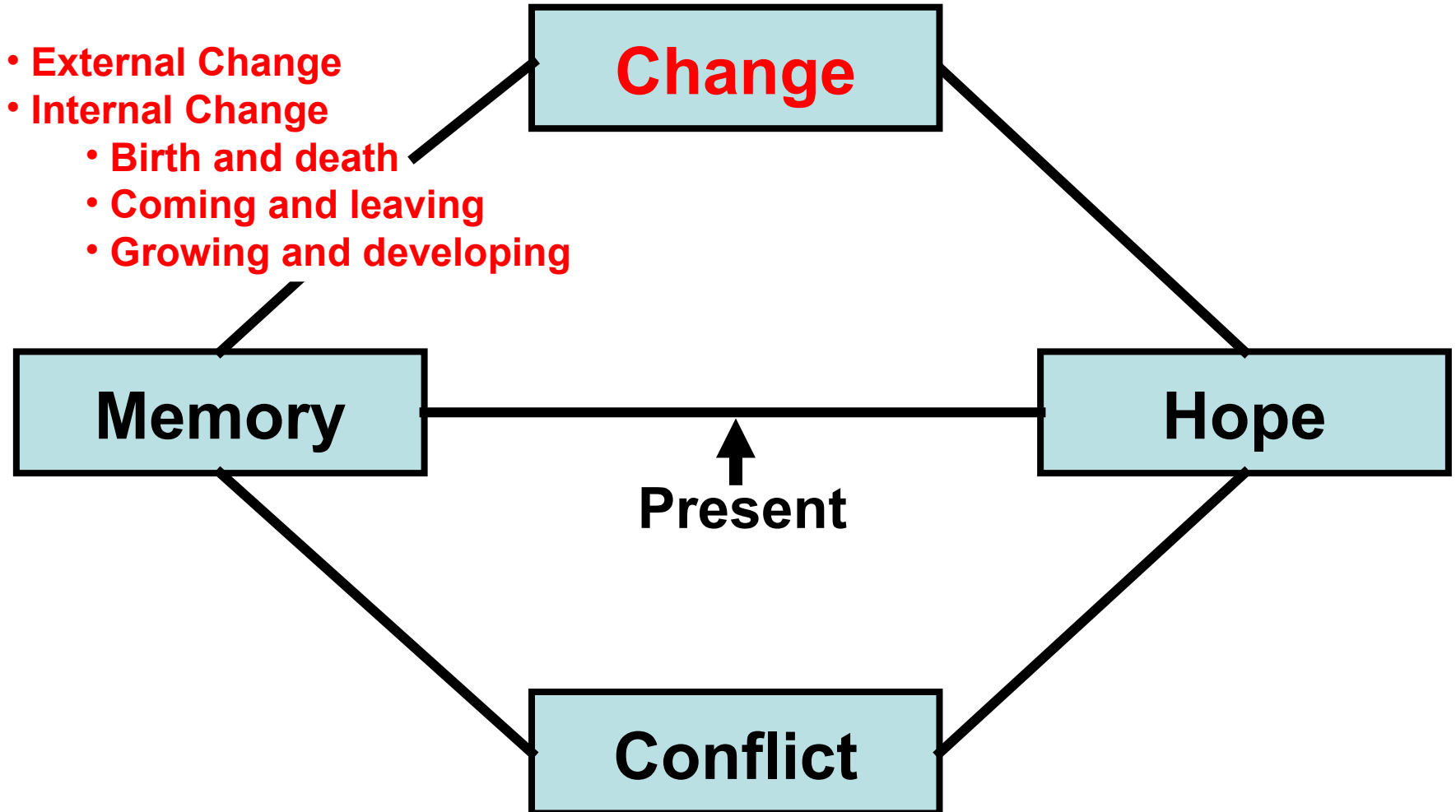
Reaching the objectives

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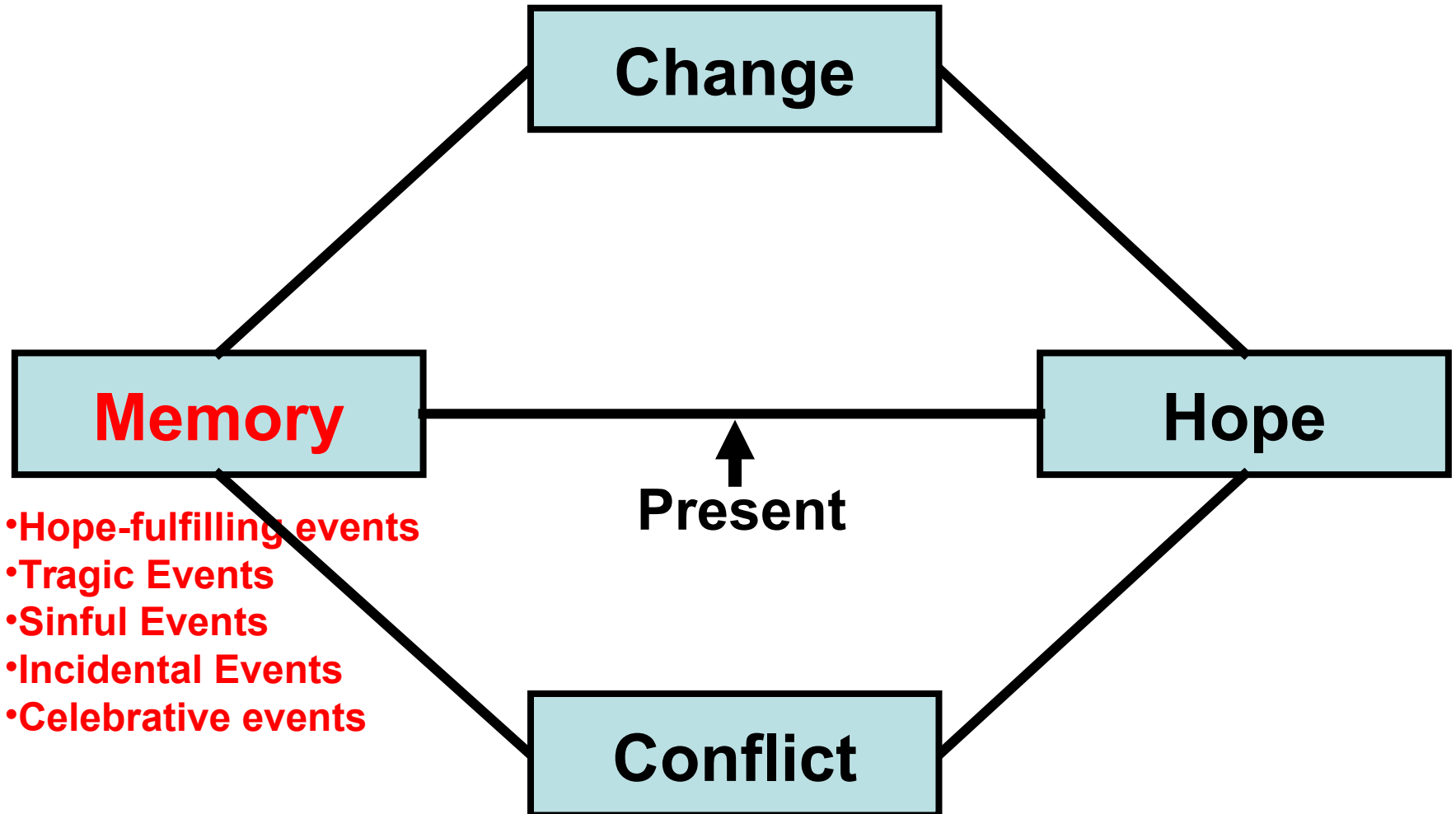


Four Dynamics affecting the Present

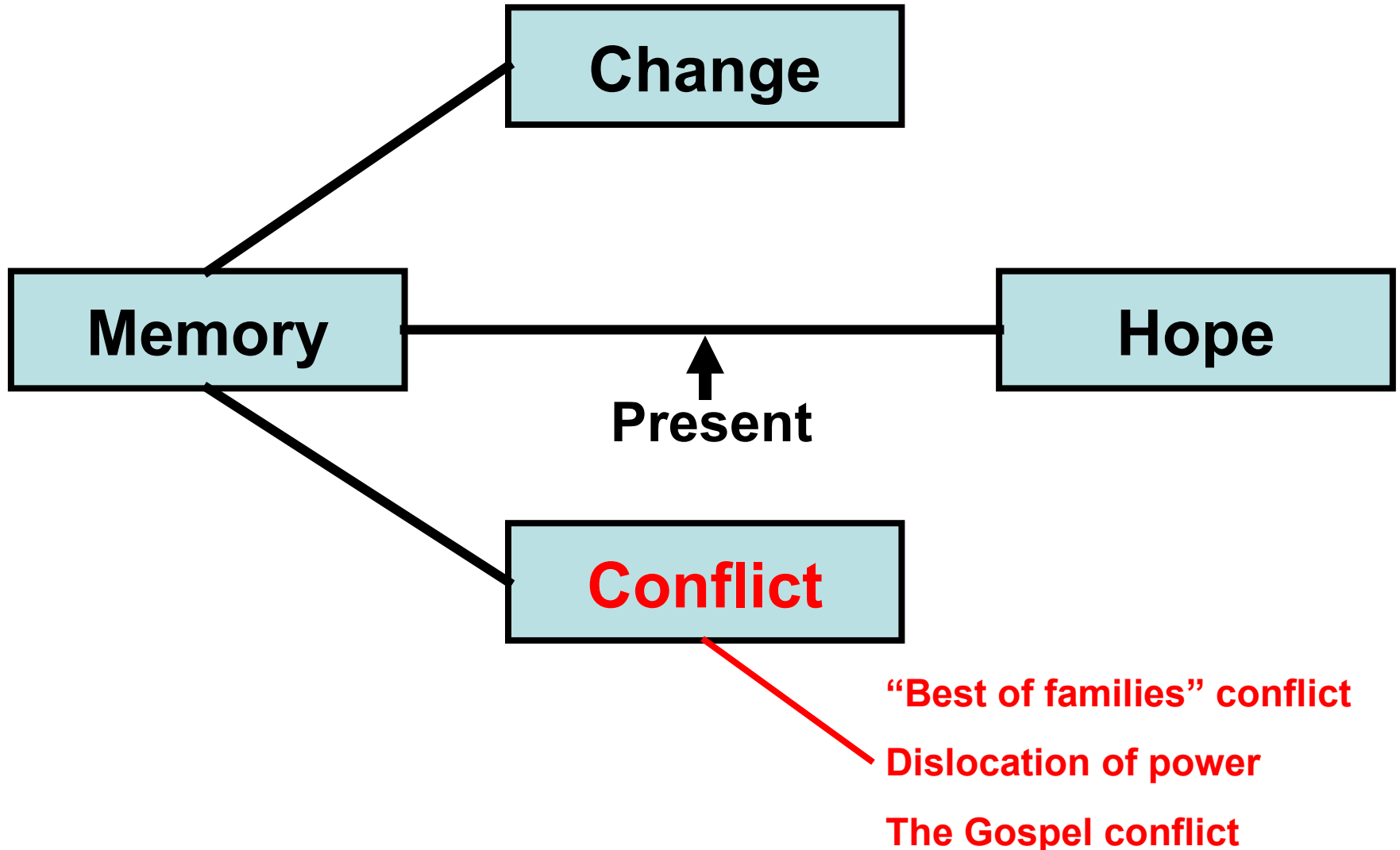
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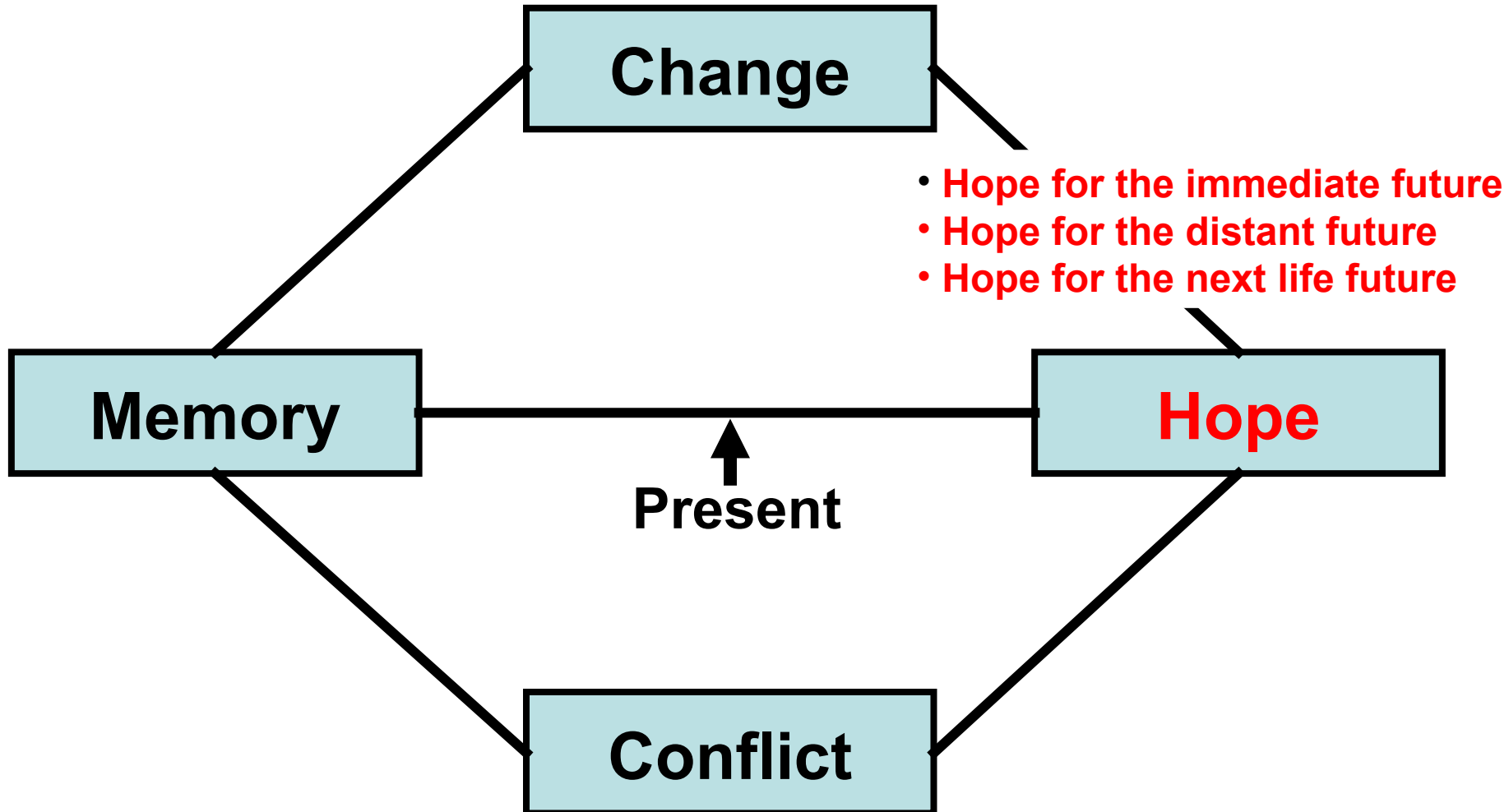
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Two departure points in the process of diagnosis a local church

Perception

Behaviour

Destiny

HOPE is stronger than MEMORY

Because:

- God is in the future**
- He is calling us to a new **tomorrow**
 - Salvation** is stronger than sin
- Forgiveness** is stronger than bitterness
 - Love** is stronger than hate
 - Light** is stronger than darkness
 - Resurrection** is stronger than death
 - Tomorrow** is stronger than yesterday

Concept of understanding and finding *identity*

- The missional identity of the church
- Given identity in Christ
- Become whom we already are
- Identity metaphorically understood
- Identity enjoyed and lived



The Church in Mission

“The church does not have a mission, God has a mission and a church in mission”

Malan Nel, University of Pretoria

Focuses in the Missional

Conversation (Friday)

- ✦ The Trinity and the *Missio Dei*
- ✦ The critical nature of context and culture
- ✦ The new focus on Jesus and the gospel of the Kingdom
- ✦ The core value of disciple-making
- ✦ The church as 'contrast society'

Conversation Focus

On:

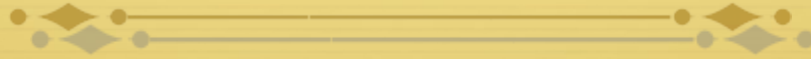


Five values for missionary churches (81-82)

- ✦ a missionary church is focused on God the Trinity
- ✦ a missionary church is incarnational
- ✦ a missionary church is transformational
- ✦ a missionary church makes disciples
- ✦ a missionary church is relational

(Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs Council. 2009, 2nd Edition. *Mission-shaped Church. Church planting and fresh expressions of church in a changing context.* Church House Publishing, London. First published 2004.)

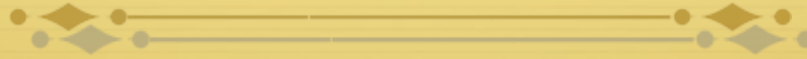
Congregation in Mission



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discipling:

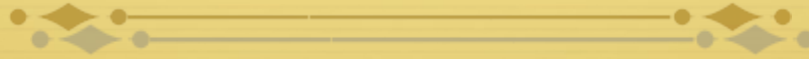
Raising the bar on membership

A missional congregation focus on discipling: Raising the bar on membership




- ✦ Back to square ONE: Where the Great Commandment is the Great Commission!
- ✦ Go, make disciples... (Matt 28:18-20)
- ✦ Not doing it puts us out of commission and 'business'

A missional congregation focus on discipling: Raising the bar on membership



- ✦ Discipleship: Rediscover in order to recover
- ✦ Becoming Learners
- ✦ Hearing and accepting the call

What our discipleship means

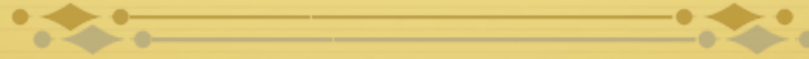


- ✦ The concept is not new
- ✦ What is new: Jesus calls/choose disciples
- ✦ Apprentice
- ✦ Following by learning from Him

Being a Learner/Being educated

- ✦ **Initiation** into life as a way with a destination (Chanukah)
- ✦ **Guidance** in the way of life (Torah)
- ✦ **Discernment** on the way (Chokmah)

Biblical Understanding



1 Person



Initiation/Chanukah



2 P



Torah: Guidance



3 P



Discernment/Chokmah

How do we approach it?

- Motivation as identity finding
- Discover who we are and where we are?
- For God's sake and for the world's sake: neighbourhood friendly
- Discern missional opportunities: a few stories

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Identity Driven churches

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