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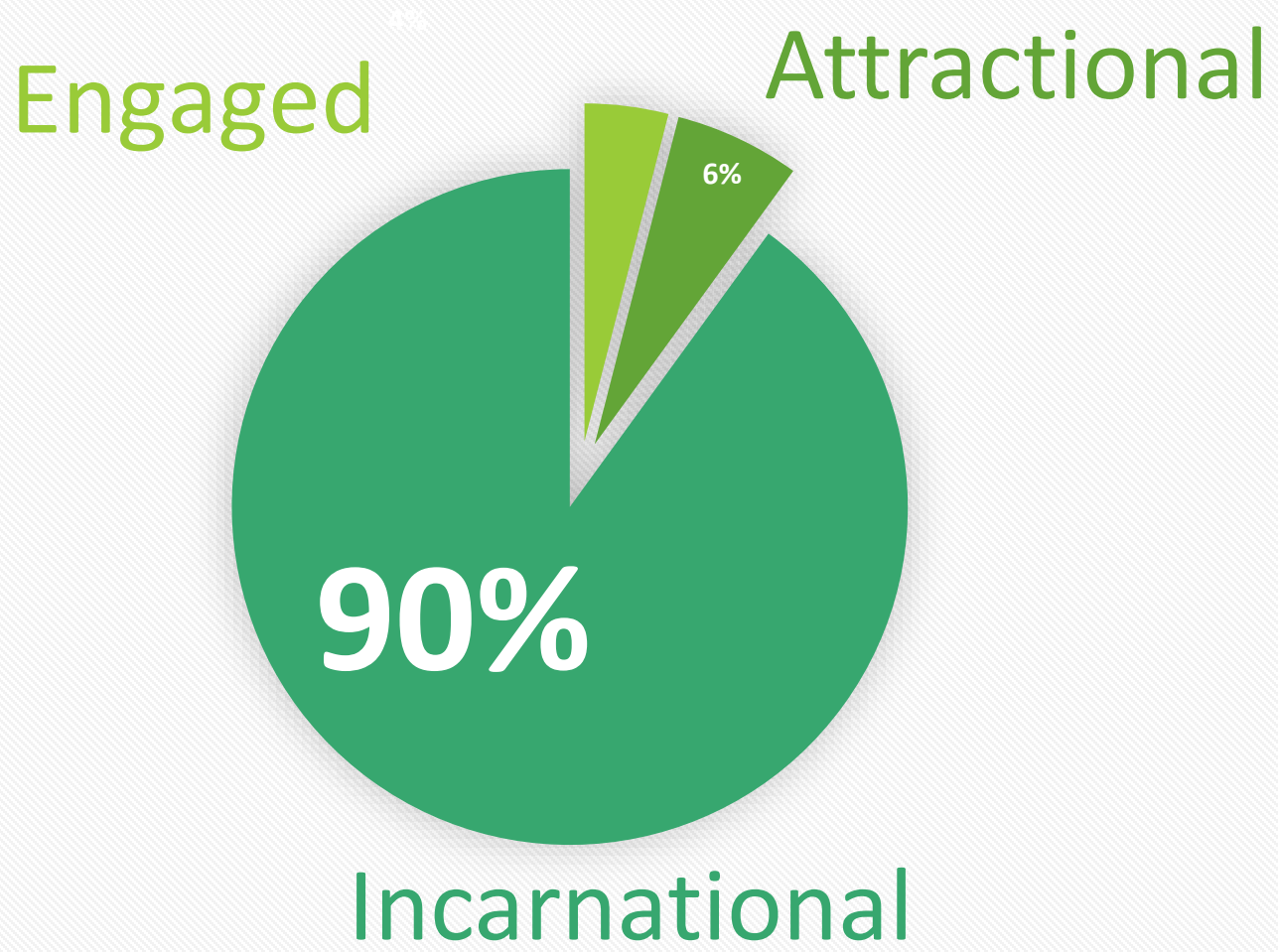
Attractional Mission

- It does not make disciples; it attracts consumers
- It tends to be expensive and resource intensive
- It is not easily reproducible
- The church becomes the object of its own ministry
- It creates a weak “point of connection” between the target group and the church

Problem!

“attractational mission requires:

- Too little commitment from new attendees
- Too little commitment from church members (evangelism = inviting someone to church rather than sharing one’s faith),
- The church pastor to focus on providing what people want and enjoy rather than leading them into what God is doing”





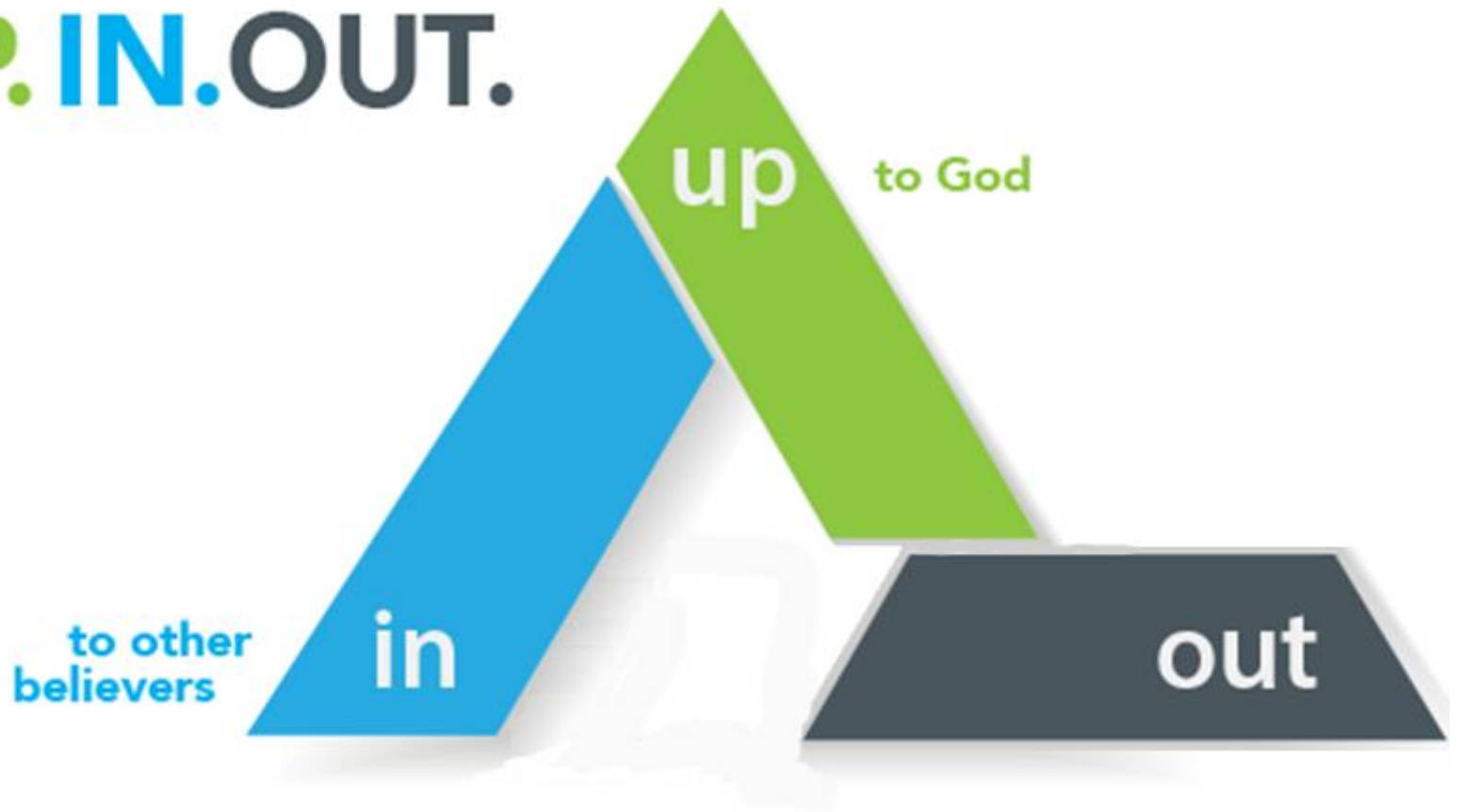


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Incarnational Mission

- Casual incarnation occurs as a normal part of life.
- Intentional incarnational engages with people at their point of need or questioning.
 - Conscious effort to close the gap by creating a “proximity space”.

UP. IN. OUT.



What is a Missional Community

- 20-40 people: Small enough to care but big enough to dare
- Clear Mission Vision: Network of relationships
- Lightweight
- Low control/high accountable leader
- UP / IN / OUT rhythm

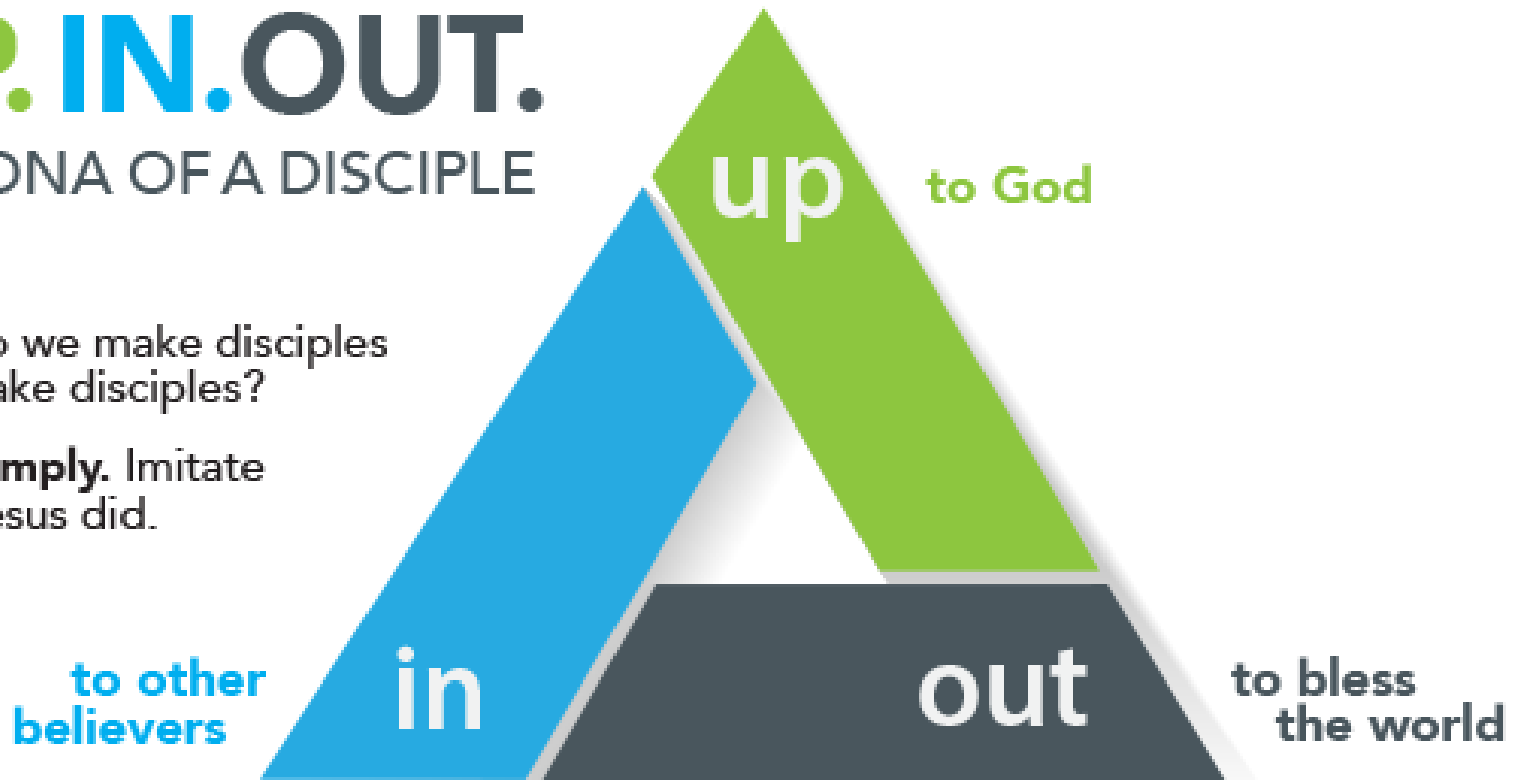
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THE DNA OF A DISCIPLE

How do we make disciples
who make disciples?

Start simply. Imitate
what Jesus did.



Evangelism is a subset of good discipleship

- “If you’re good at making disciples, you’ll get more leaders than you’ll know what to do with. If you make disciples like Jesus made them, you’ll see people come to faith who didn’t know Him.”
- **“Mission devoid of discipleship = failure”**

What Missional Communities do?

- Sharing meals together,
- socialising,
- sharing Communion,
- story-telling,
- bringing praise and worship to God,
- offering prayer for healing and prophetic encouragement,
- studying the Scriptures together
- prayer for and planning of practicalities for mission activities.

1 Corinthians 11-14 model,

“A church (oikos; an extended household) would meet and express its life together. From what Paul writes, it is also clear that those gatherings were led in such a way that people who weren't yet Christians could come in and be welcomed, without it throwing all the plans into confusion.”

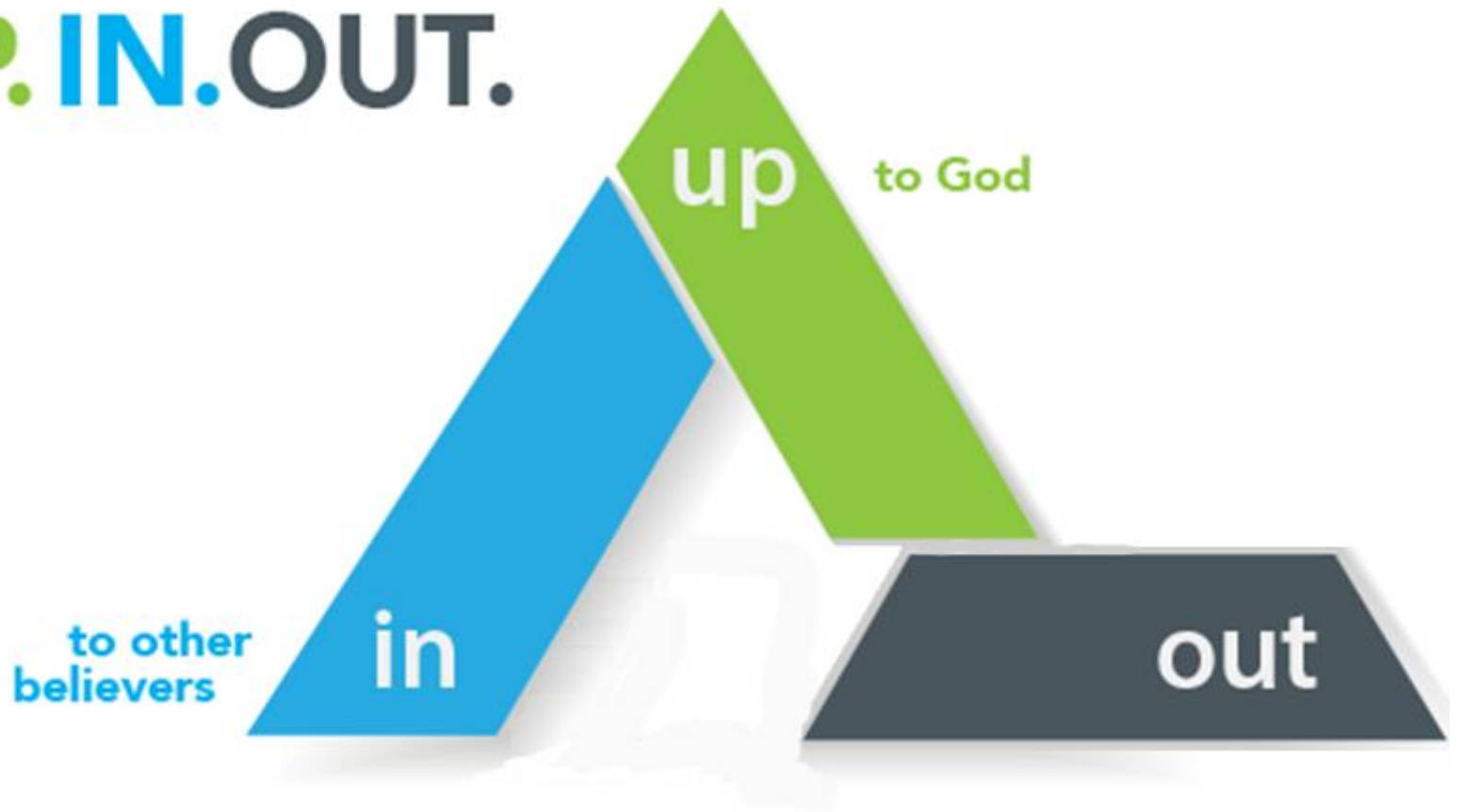
Third space missional communities

- A missional community will engage together in specific missional activities.
- Such events need to be regular and rhythmic, so that the group sees this as an integral part of their life together.
- It should be no more special than meeting to eat together or pray together.

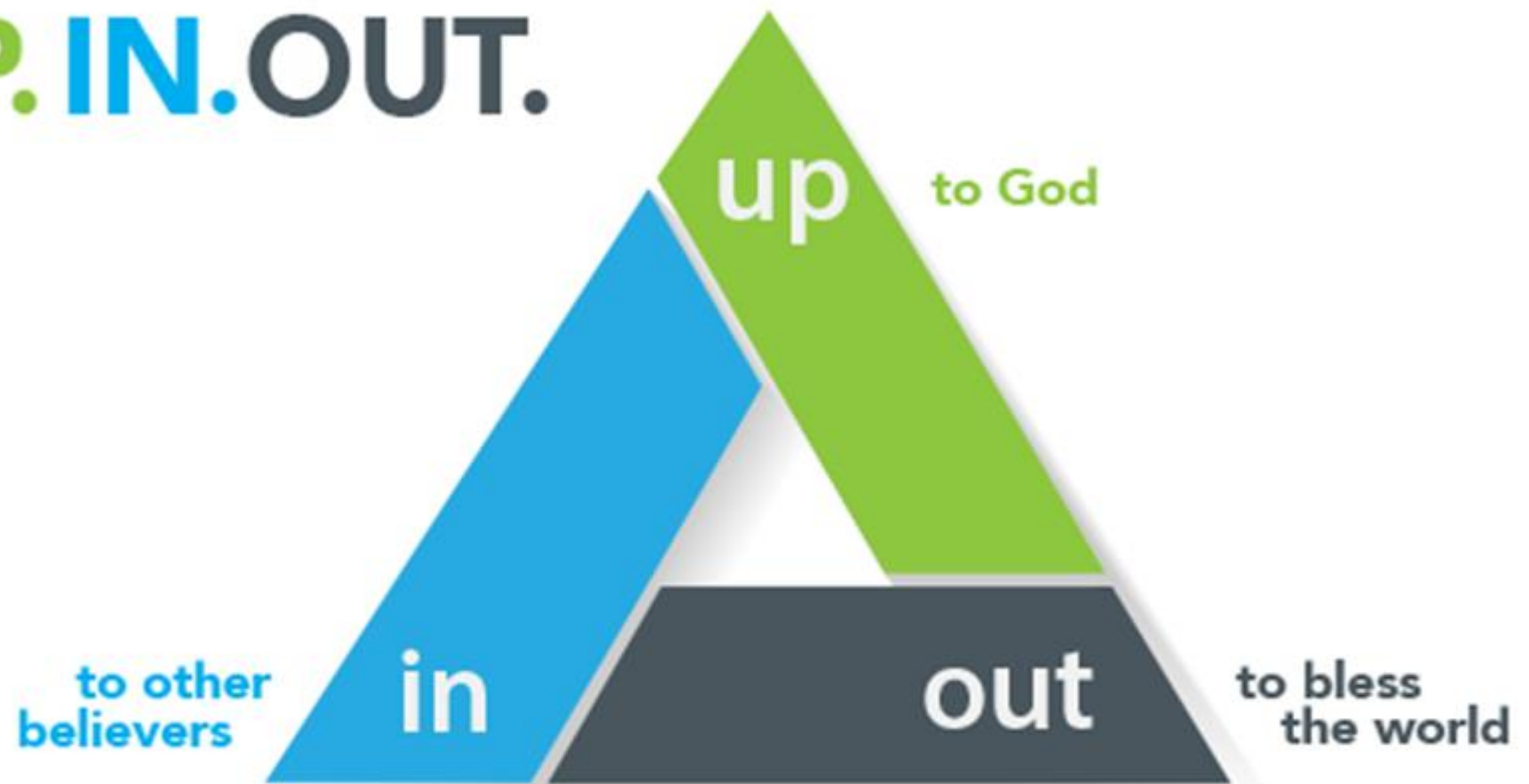
Summary

- Communities of discipleship
- Communities of embodying and proclaiming the good news
- Communities looking for the people of peace where God is already working.

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