

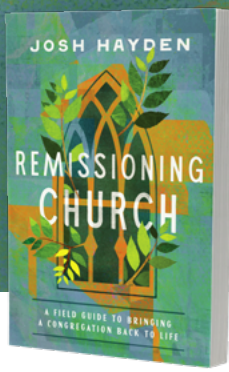
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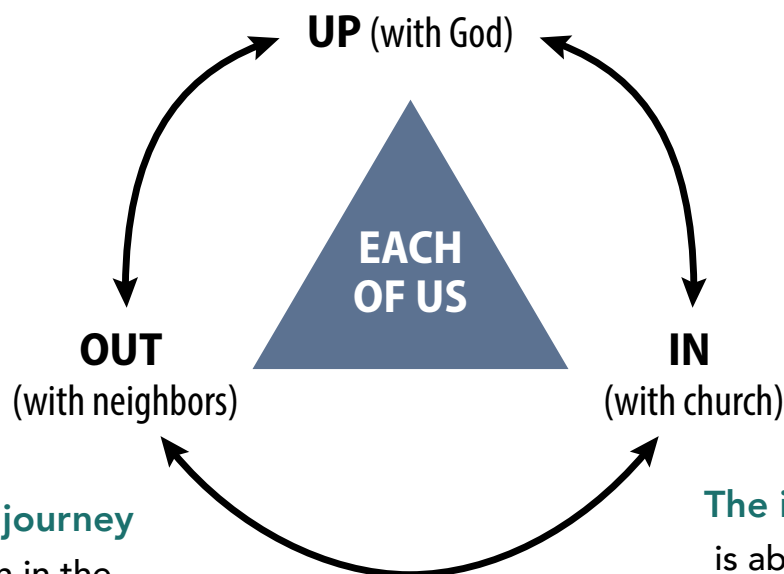
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## The up, in, and out of following Jesus

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### The upward journey

is the path where we grow our  
communion with God.



### The outward journey

is how we join in the  
mission of God as our  
hopes fears, joys and  
insecurities, order and  
chaos are revealed to us  
as we seek the flourishing  
of our world.

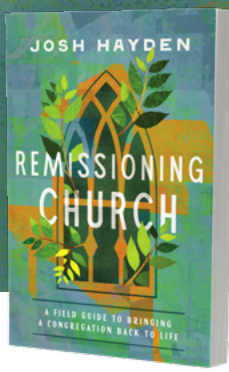
### The inward journey

is about how we are  
formed in the context of  
Christian community.

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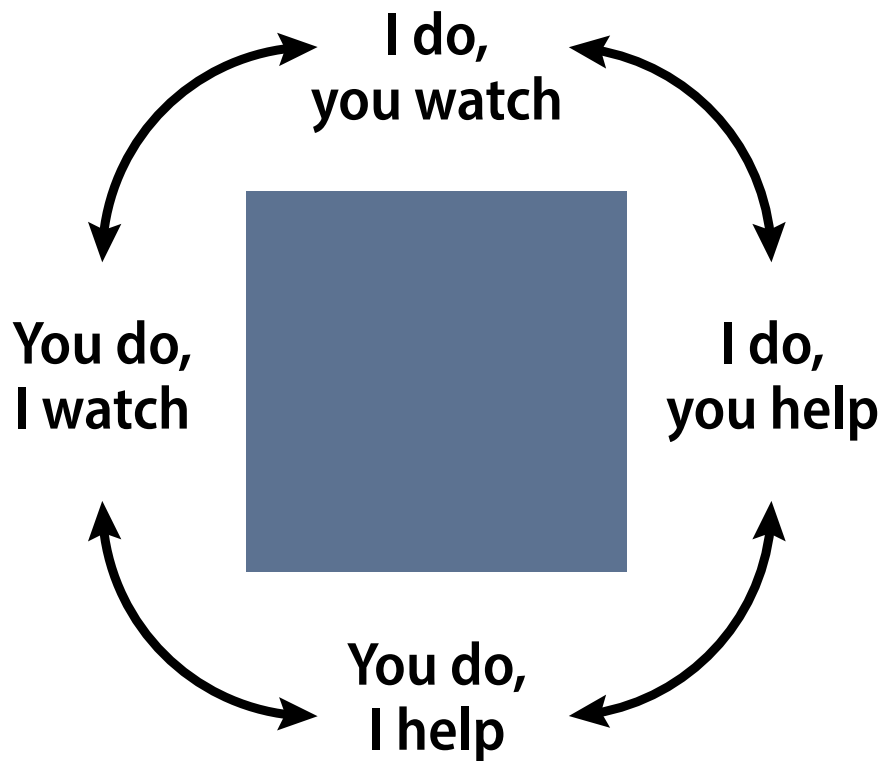
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## How to invite people into discipleship

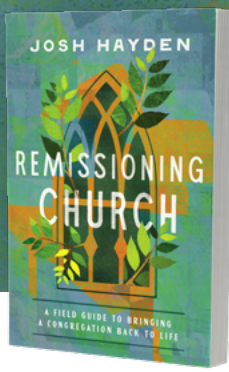
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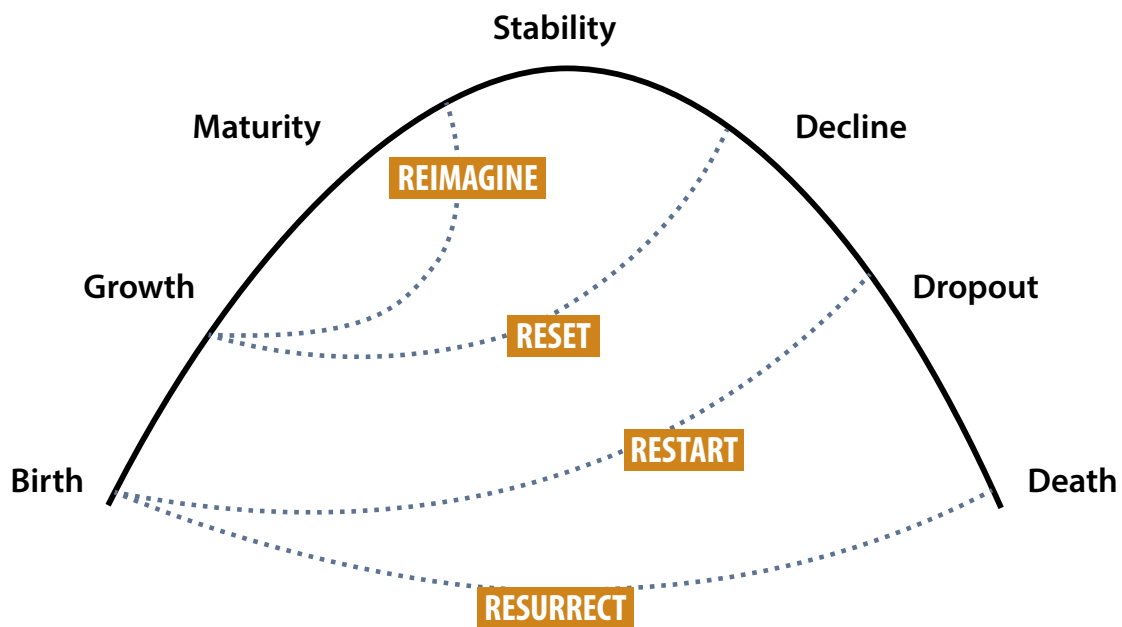
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## Remissioning pathways

To chart a path of transformation requires continued awareness of where your church is in the church life cycle and to choose the necessary route back to health. This process relies on creative destruction.

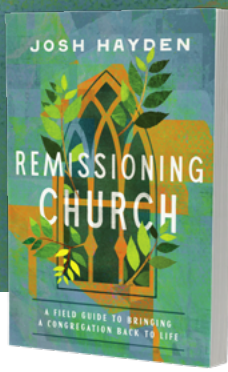
The remissioning project isn't simply to return to the health and vitality side of the life cycle--it is to grow the discipling practices that help churches learn how to disrupt themselves before the process of decline, dropout, and death.



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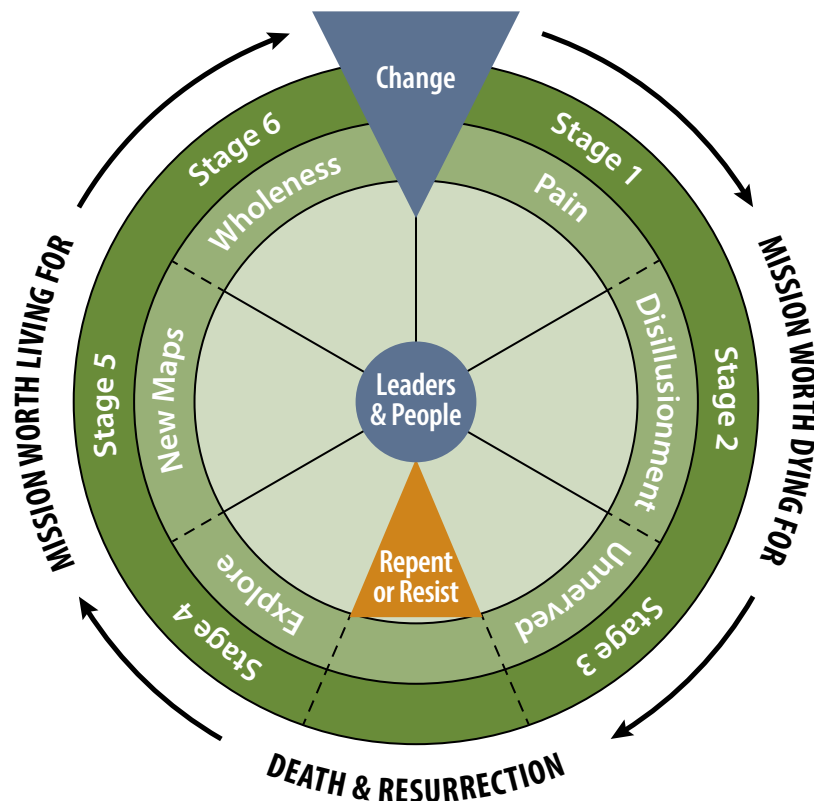
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## The Remissioning Change Cycle

The change cycle guide helps you understand where people are on the journey so you can more accurately disciple them into the next stage.

If you can help people name their feelings or if you can identify the nature of their behavior, you can discern more clearly what shepherding should look like for them. **Change can become less personal and more predictable with the use of this guide.**



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