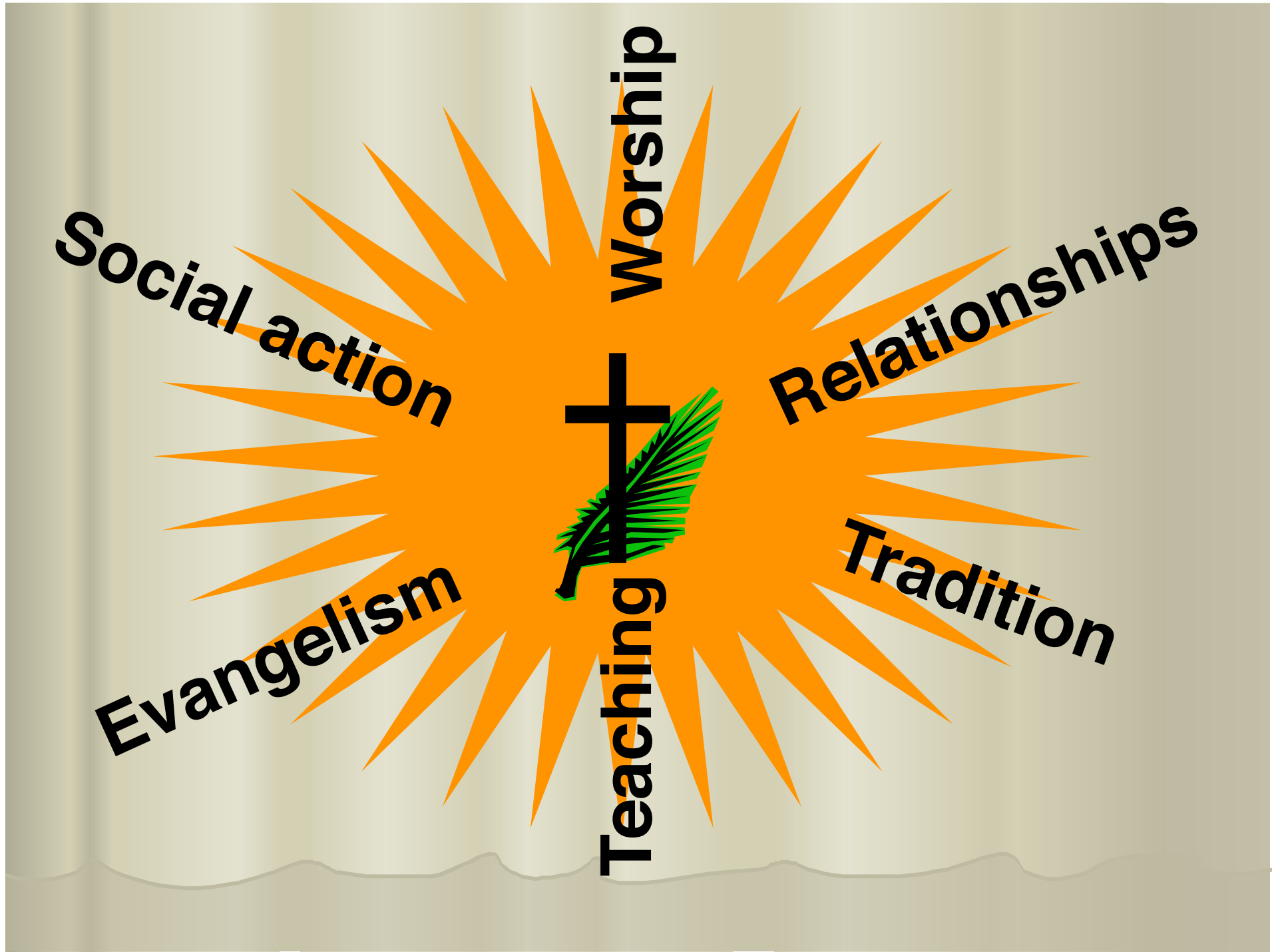


Christian basics

Step #3

The Church



**The church is
designed by God
as the vehicle
through which
His Kingdom
finds expression
in the world.**



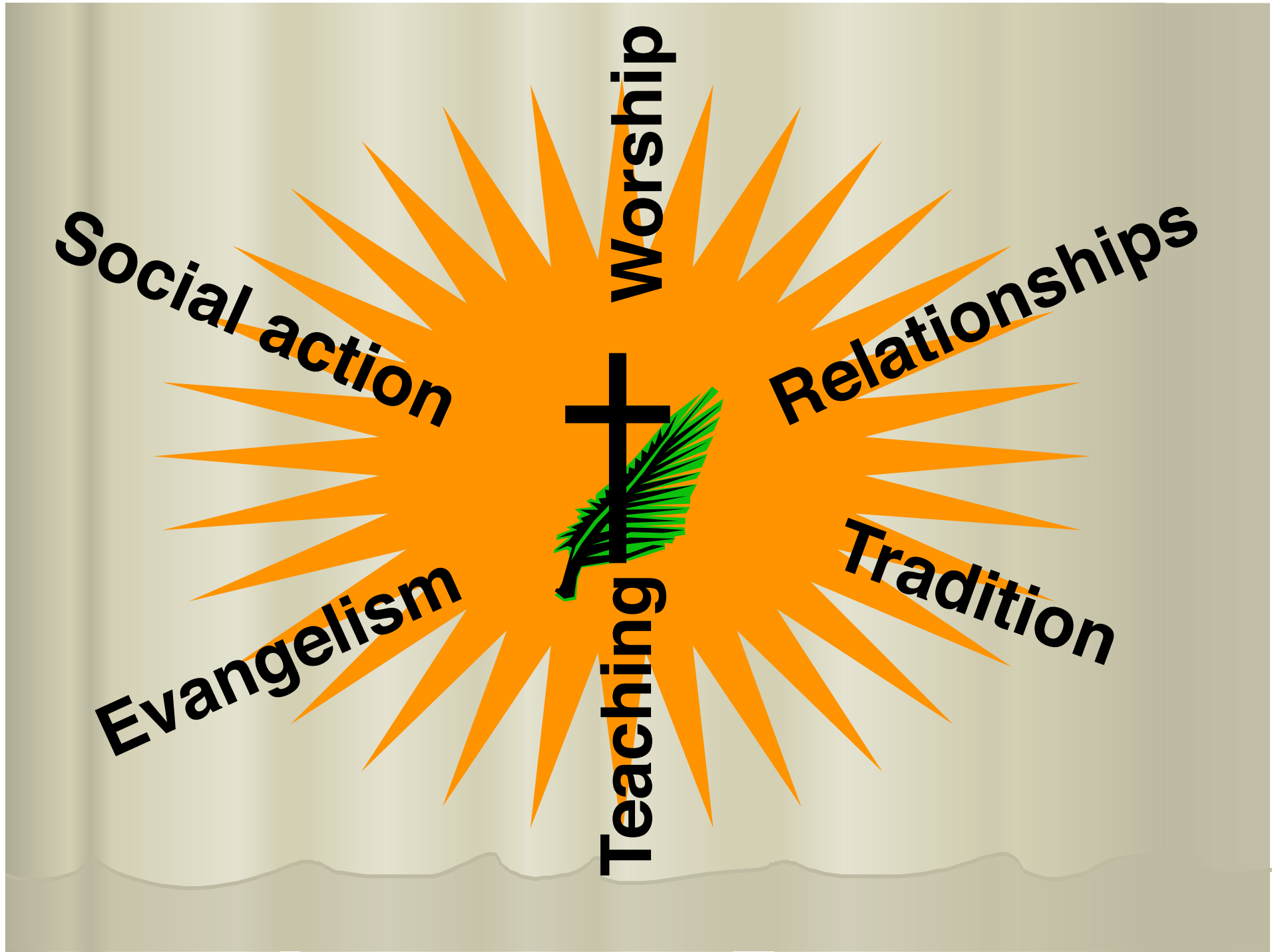
Purpose

of

the local church

Mistake #1

**The purpose
of the church
is too narrowly
defined.**



Purpose

**of the local church is
to respond to Christ**

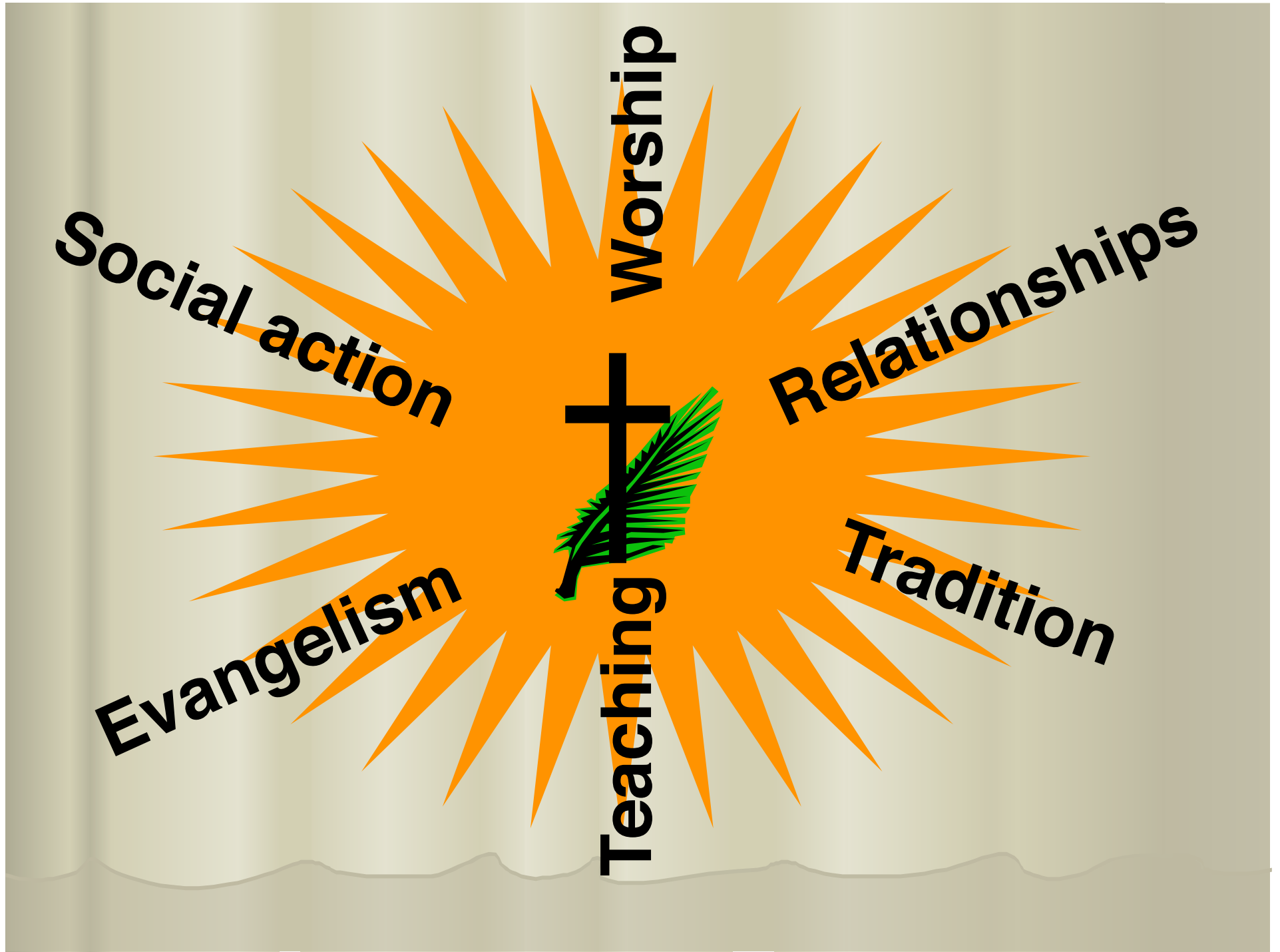
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Ephesians

**Bride and Bridegroom
Building and Cornerstone
Body and Head**





Principles

**of
the local church**

Mistake #2

**The church
is too focused on the
individual.**

“devoting themselves
to fellowship”
Acts 2:42

**The church functions
as God intends when
members interact
about their common
faith.**

Relationships



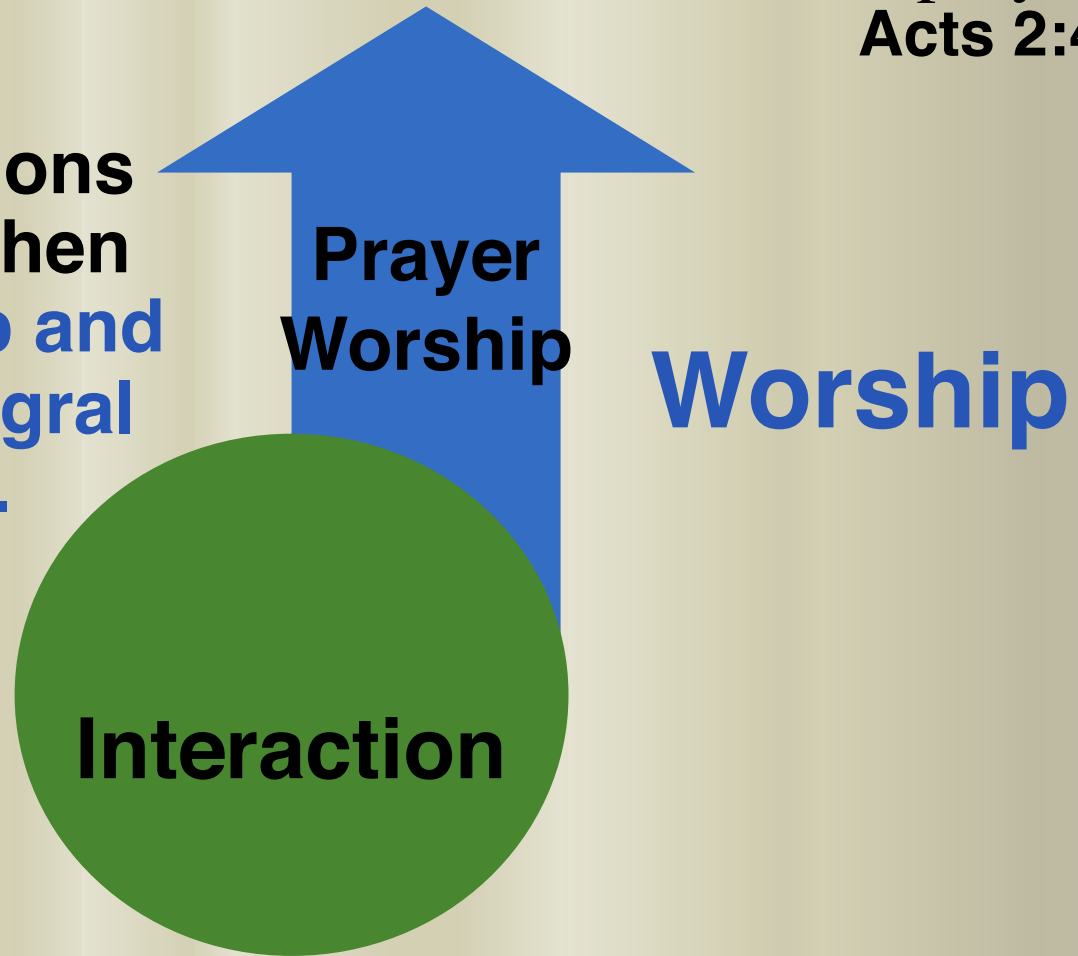
Interaction

Mistake #3

**The worship
aims to entertain people
or maintain traditions
rather than address God.**

“devoting themselves to the breaking
of bread and prayer”
Acts 2:42

The church functions
as God intends when
**corporate worship and
prayer are an integral
part of its life.**



Mistake #4

**The purpose of
the sermon is to make
people happy or more
successful in the world.**

“devoting themselves to
the Apostles teaching”
Acts 2:42

Teaching

**The
Bible**

**Prayer
Worship**

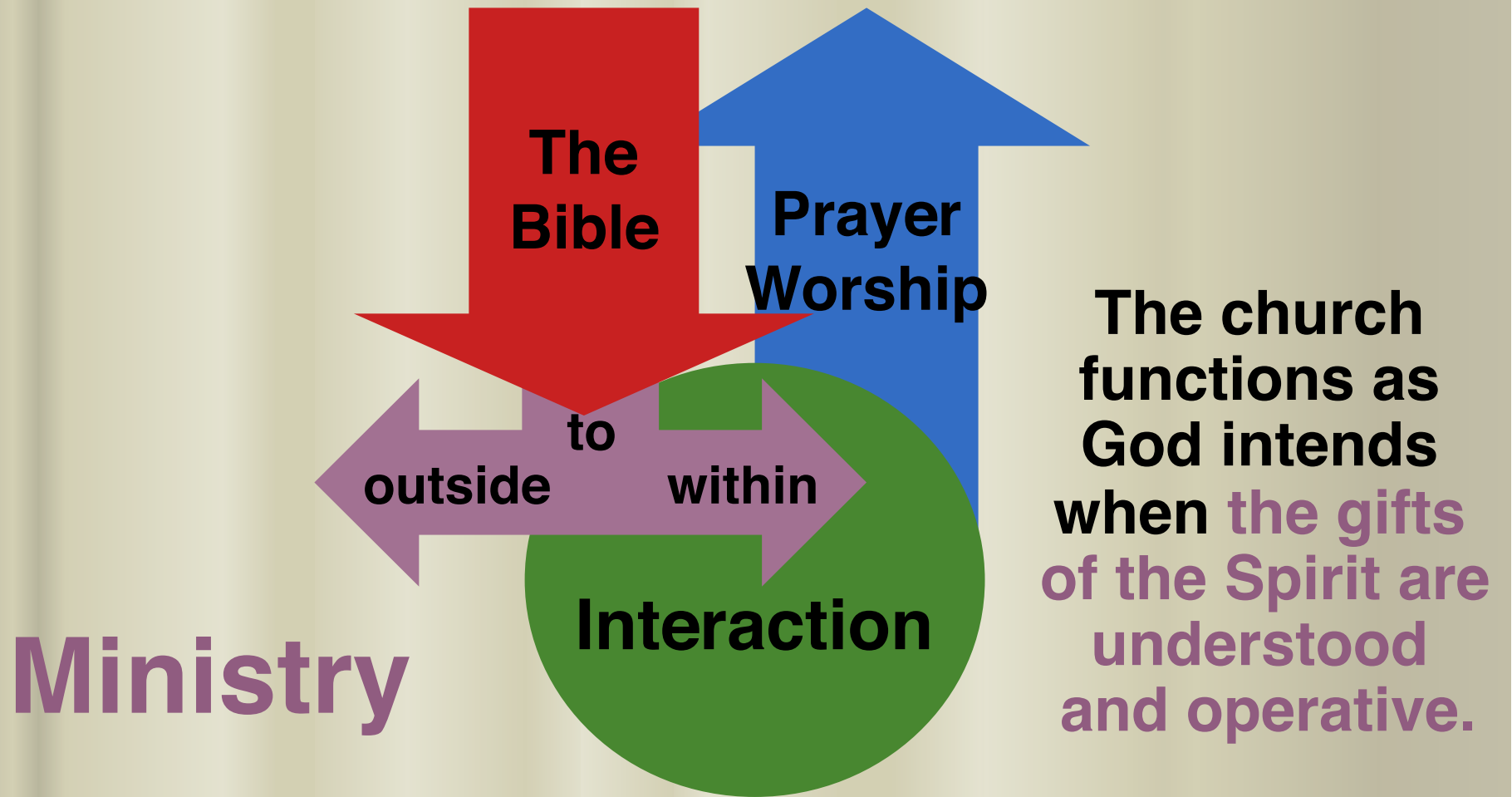
Interaction

**The church
functions as
God intends
when **the
ministry of the
word is
presented with
power and
integrated into
all of life.****

Mistake #5

**The congregation
congregates and the
ministers minister.**

“they had all things in common”
Acts 2:44



Programs

**of
the local church**

Mistake #6

**The church exists to
maintain the property
and support the
programs.**

The local church is to be flexible as it gives structured opportunities for ministry.



Principles

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People



Principles

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Programs

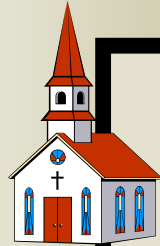


People



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Property



Programs



People



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Property



Programs



People



Principles

Church is not
something you go to,

it's something
you are!

How does our culture identify a healthy church?

- ✓ **Alive and active**
- ✓ **Growing**
- ✓ **Giving**
- ✓ **Evangelistic**
- ✓ **Socially active**
- ✓ **Smooth running**
- ✓ **Culturally mixed**
- ✓ **Spirit-filled**
- ✓ **Big**