

BUILDING MISSION AND VISION FOR YOUR WORSHIP MINISTRY

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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE REASONS THAT WORSHIP MINISTRIES AND WORSHIP LEADERS FAIL TO SUCCEED?

STARTING IDEAS ABOUT WORSHIP

What worship is not...

Worship is something we do

Worship is a celebration

Worship is a relationship

Worship is a way of life



FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP

- ◆ Worship is **focused** on Christ
- ◆ Worship's **pattern** is revelation and response
- ◆ Worship is **centered** on the Gospel
- ◆ Worship is **empowered** by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Worship **forms** us into the image of Christ
- ◆ Worship is **corporate** in nature





WORSHIP IS CENTERED ON CHRIST

Colossians 1:15-20

Philippians 2:5-11



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He is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him.**

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the **head of the body**, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

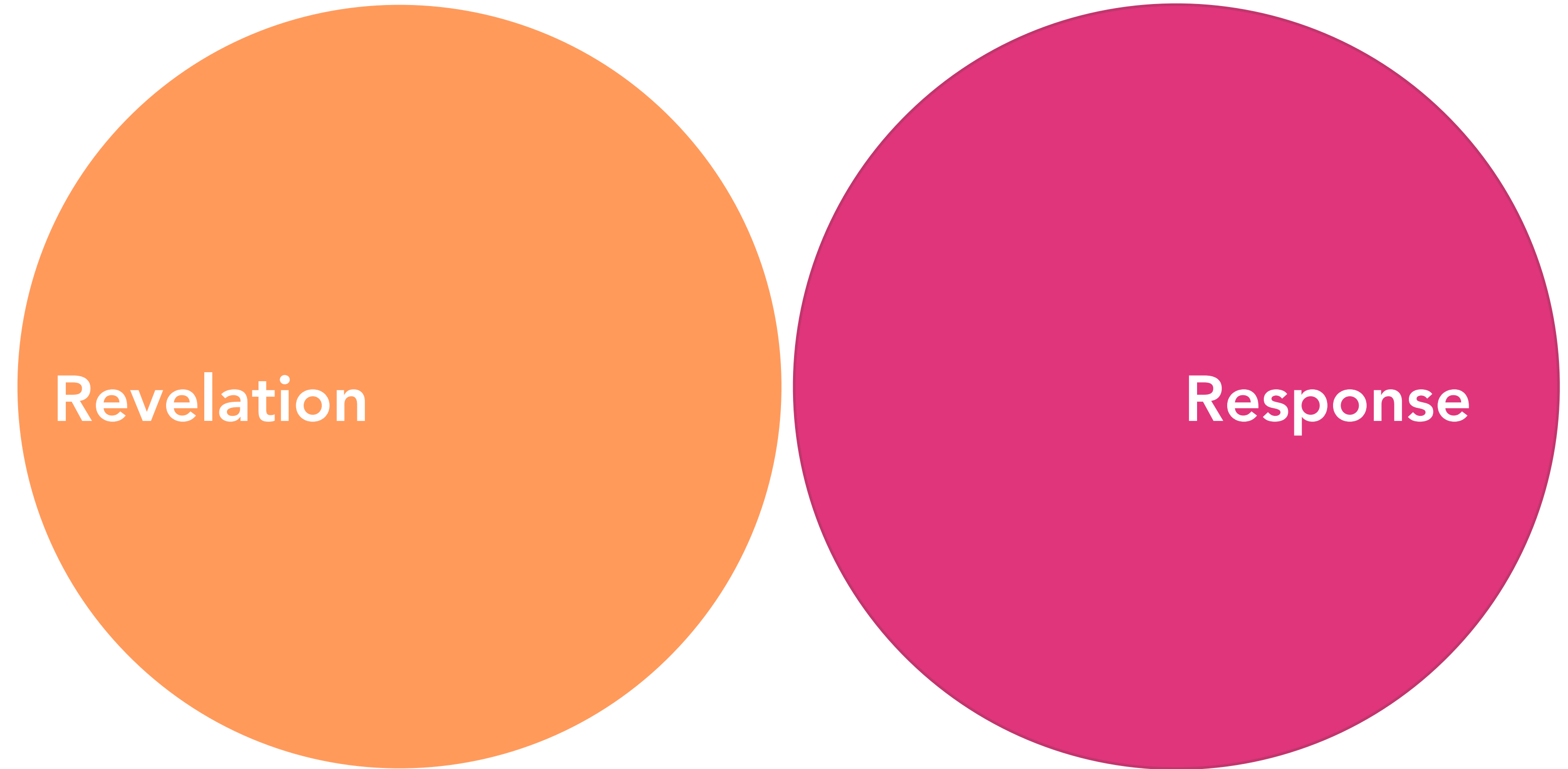
For in him **all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though **he was in the form of God**, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore **God has highly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and **every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the **glory of God the Father**.



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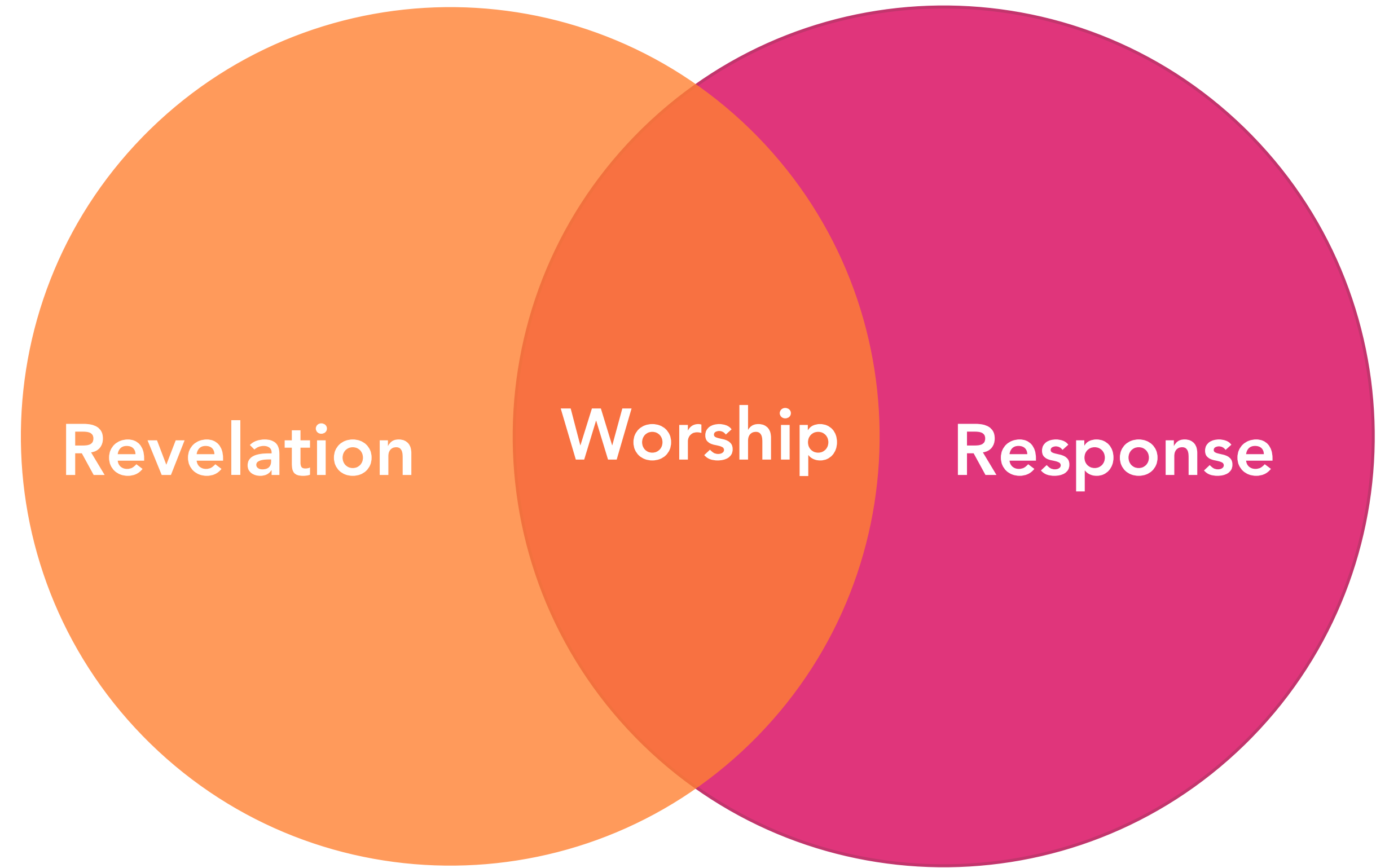
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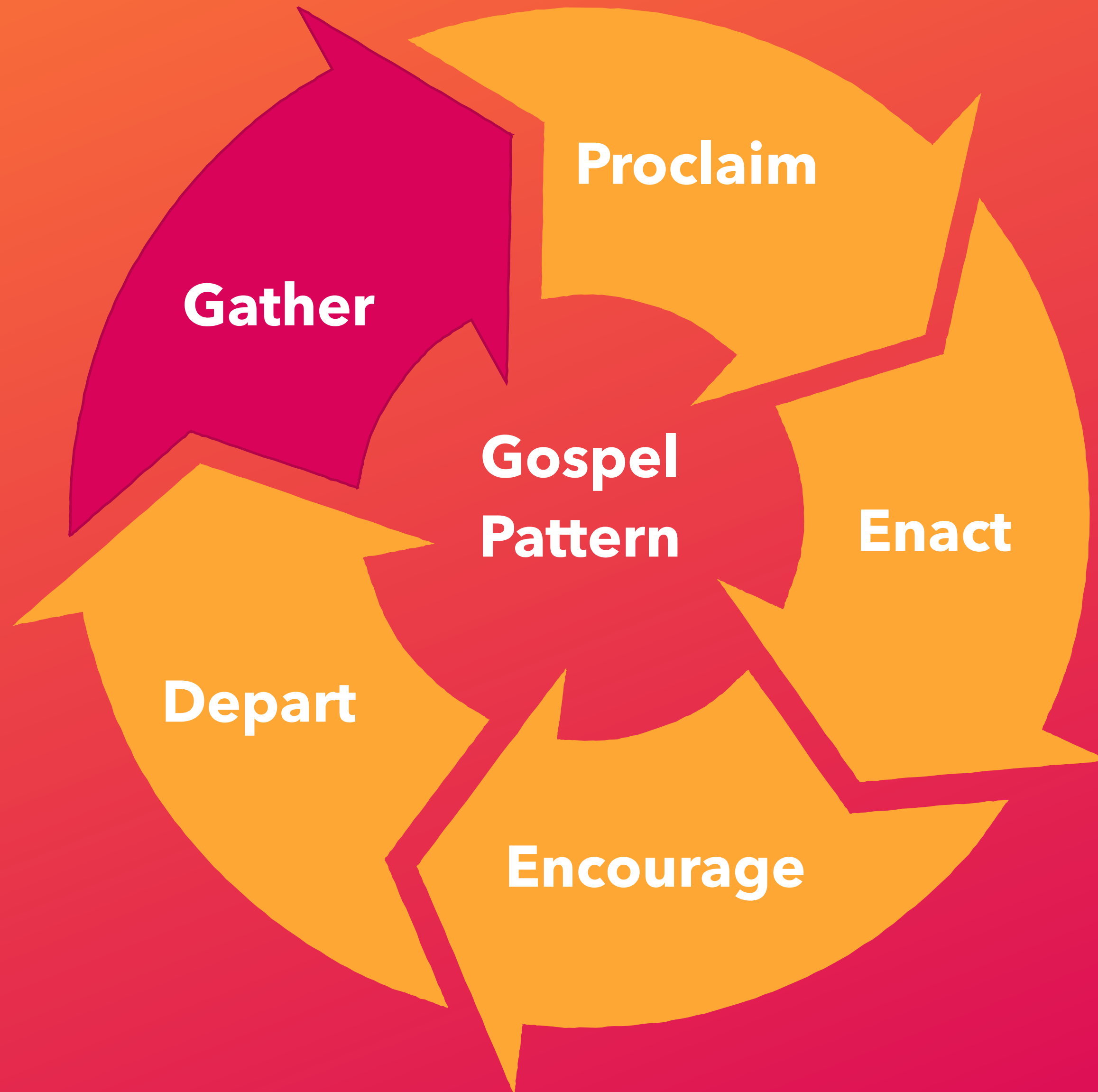


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Gather

We Gather as the
Body of Christ to
Behold the Lord

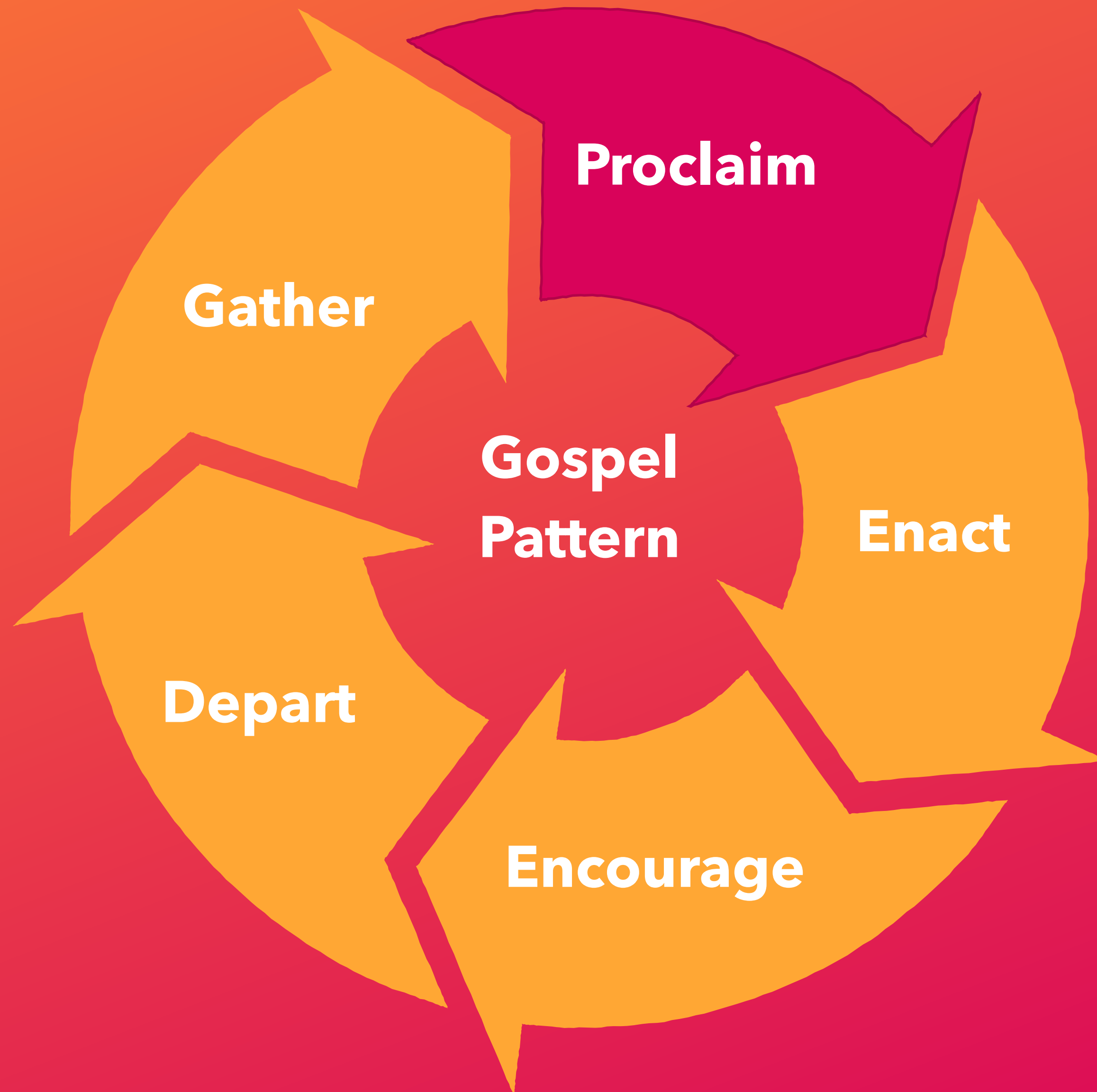
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Proclaim

We Proclaim the
Gospel through
Song, Word, and
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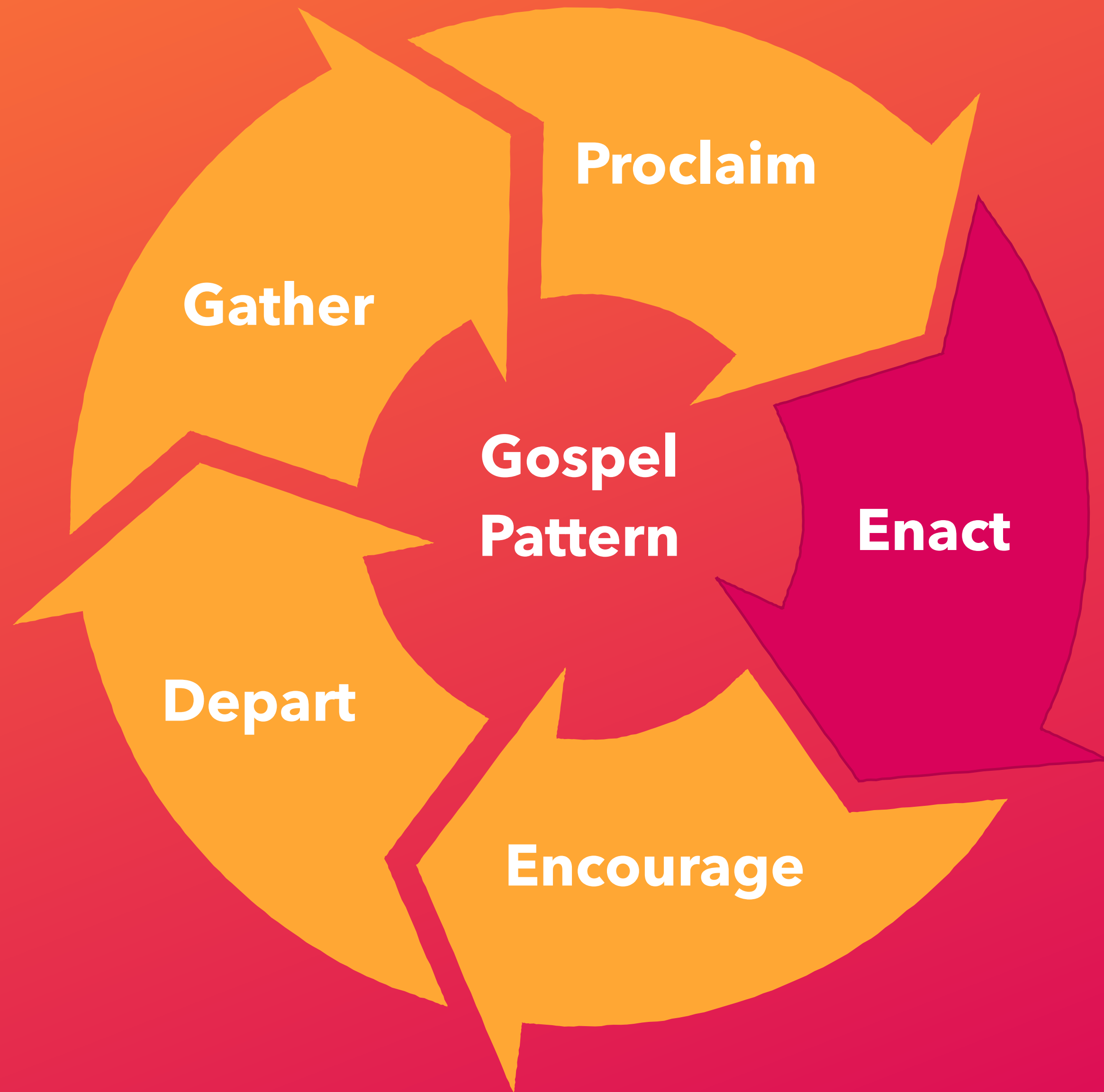
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Enact

We Enact the
Gospel through
Baptism and the
Lord's Supper

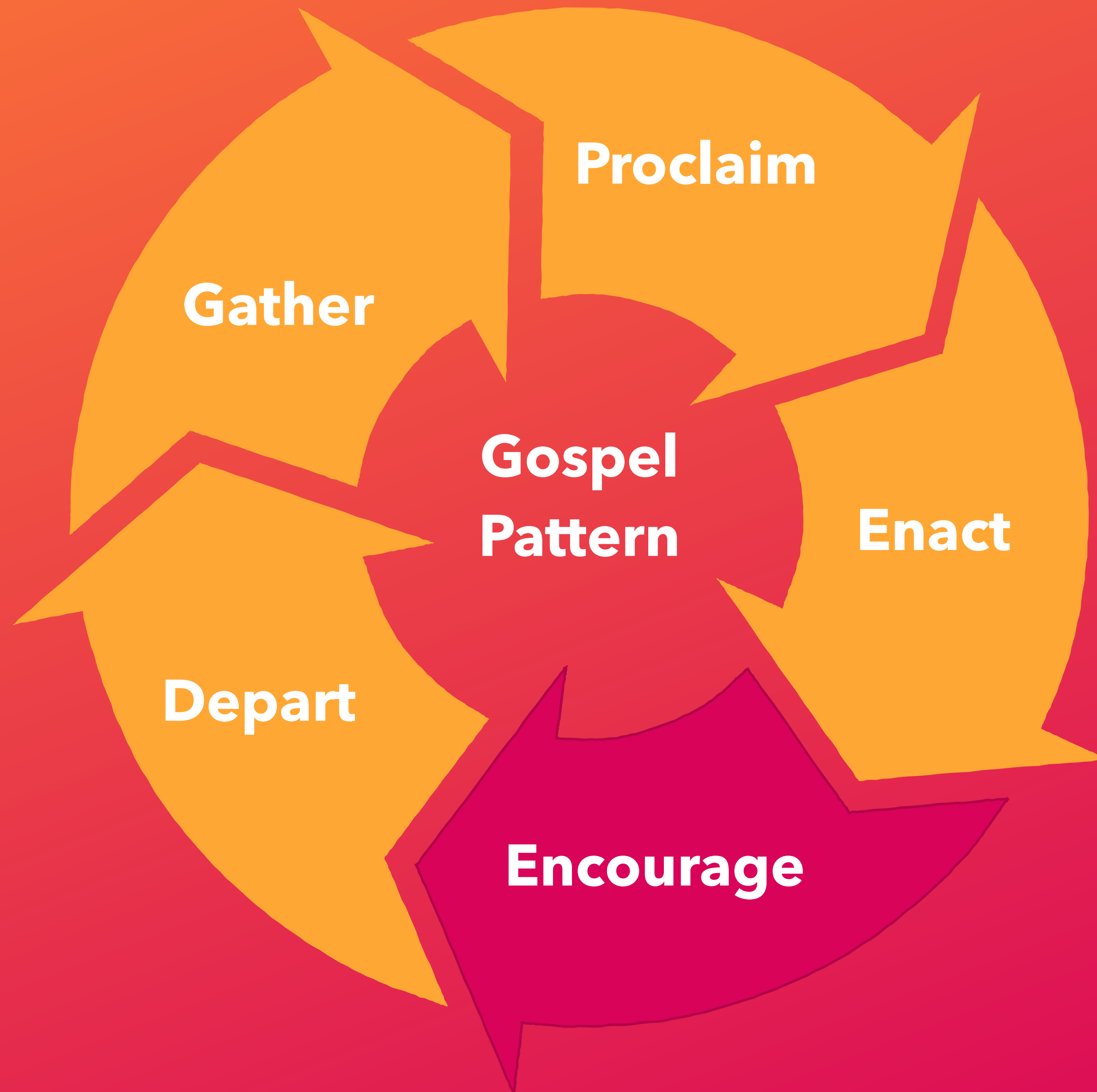
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Encourage

We Encourage
Each Other in the
Faith

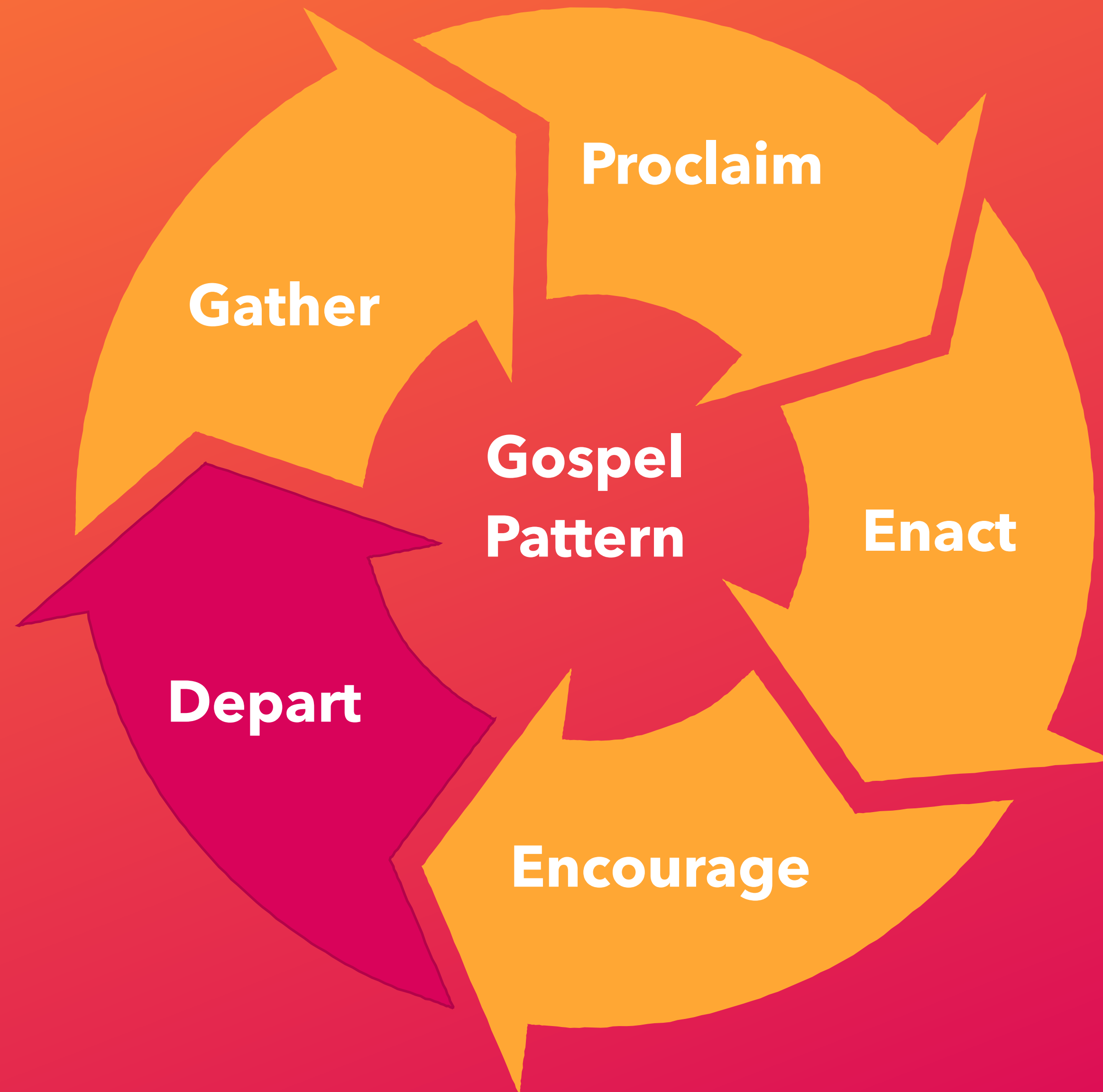
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Depart

We Depart to Fulfill
God's Mission in
the World

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WORSHIP IS EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

- ◆ Provides access to the Father through the Son (Ephesians 2:18)
- ◆ Mediates Christ's presence in worship (John 14:16-17)
- ◆ Prompts our thanksgiving and songs of worship (Ephesians 5:18 and Colossians 3:16)
- ◆ Empowers prayer and makes it effective (Romans 8:26)
- ◆ Sends believers from worship into mission (Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49).

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WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR MINDS AND HEARTS

- ◆ Theology - study of God
- ◆ Worship must correspond with the truth. Our minds understand and comprehend this truth. (Ephesians 3:14-19)
- ◆ What is the difference between emotions and affections?
- ◆ Affections spring from beliefs and relationships. Emotions are responses to stimuli.
- ◆ Neither is bad. They must be put into the proper perspective.





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WORSHIP FORMS US INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

Romans 12:1-12 • Colossians 3:16

WORSHIP IS CORPORATE IN NATURE

Corporate worship is not just a collection of individuals who happen to be worshiping God in the same room.

We gather together as the Body to celebrate what God has done in our lives throughout the week and to glorify Christ who is the Head of the Body.

This is patterned in the Old and New Testaments.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR SERVICES?

Worship is not about us, it's about Christ!

Do the elements and songs of worship demonstrate this?

Worship is God's idea, not ours!

**Do we come to worship with our own agendas?
What is driving our decision-making process?**

Even believers need to hear and rehearse the Gospel weekly in worship.

Do we treat the Gospel as something for non-believers only?

Worship is a family affair.

Are we making choices that encourage everyone to actively participate and treat each other with deference?