

# The Power of Story

River Together March 2014





# Jesus' Story

John 13:3-5

- All things were His
- He had come from God
- He was going to God

Enabled Him to be...

John 13:12-17 - We are to follow Him!

# Our Story?

- ◆ Very similar!
- ◆ All things are ours
  - ◆ Romans 8:32, 1 Corinthians 3:21, Luke 15:31
- ◆ We're from God
  - ◆ Genesis 1:26-28
- ◆ We're pre-destined to be like Him
  - ◆ Romans 8:29



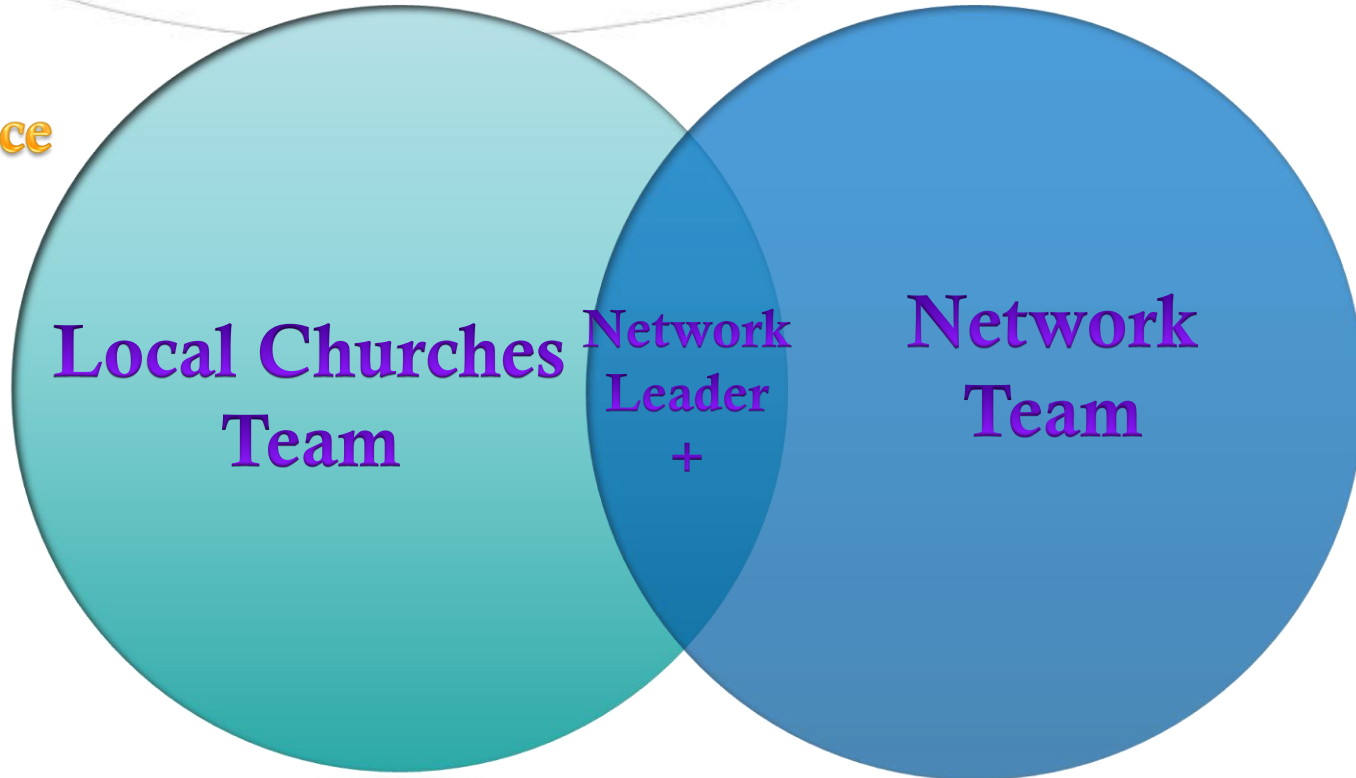
# River's Story

- ◆ A Pioneer Church since 1990
- ◆ Non-religious Christianity
- ◆ Presence based and Missional
  - ◆ God is in our midst
  - ◆ We serve our communities
- ◆ A national network of hubs/regional networks
- ◆ Planting/Establishing healthy churches



# Two Teams – Two Agendas

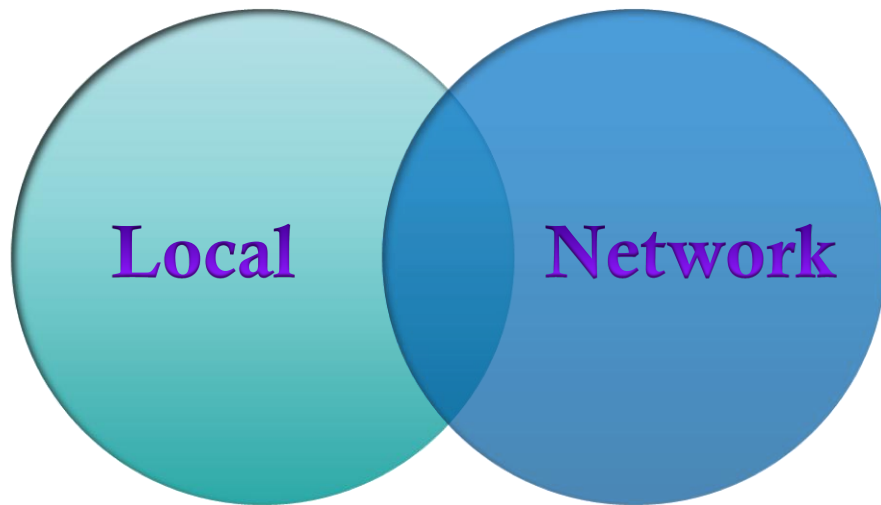
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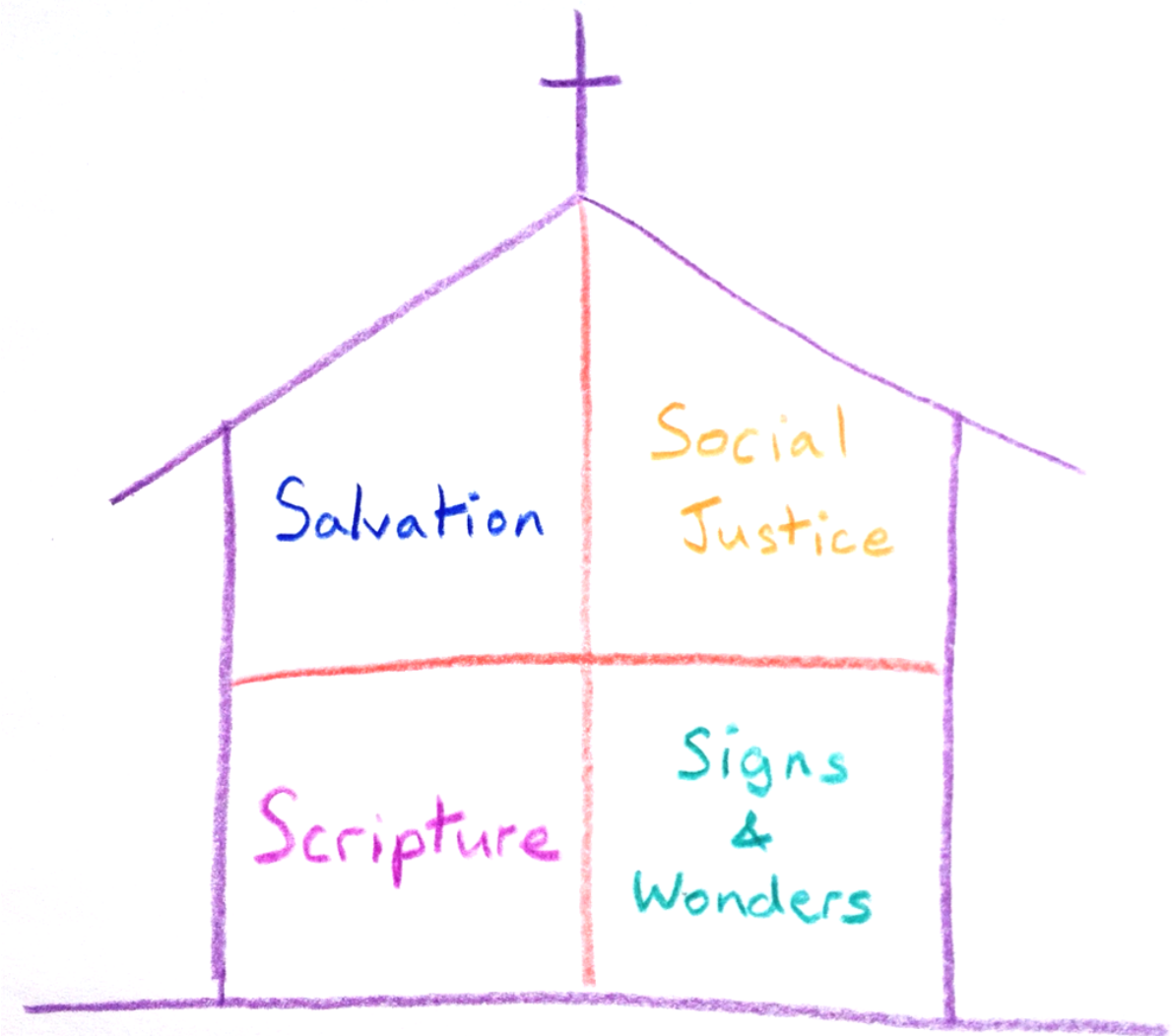
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Departments

# Why Two?



- ◆ Because we've been called...
- ◆ Phil Freeman 1990 – 'Hub'
- ◆ Norman Barnes 1990 – resource
- ◆ ? 2005 – “String of Pearls”
- ◆ Sharon Stone 2013 – Apostolic Kingdom Centre



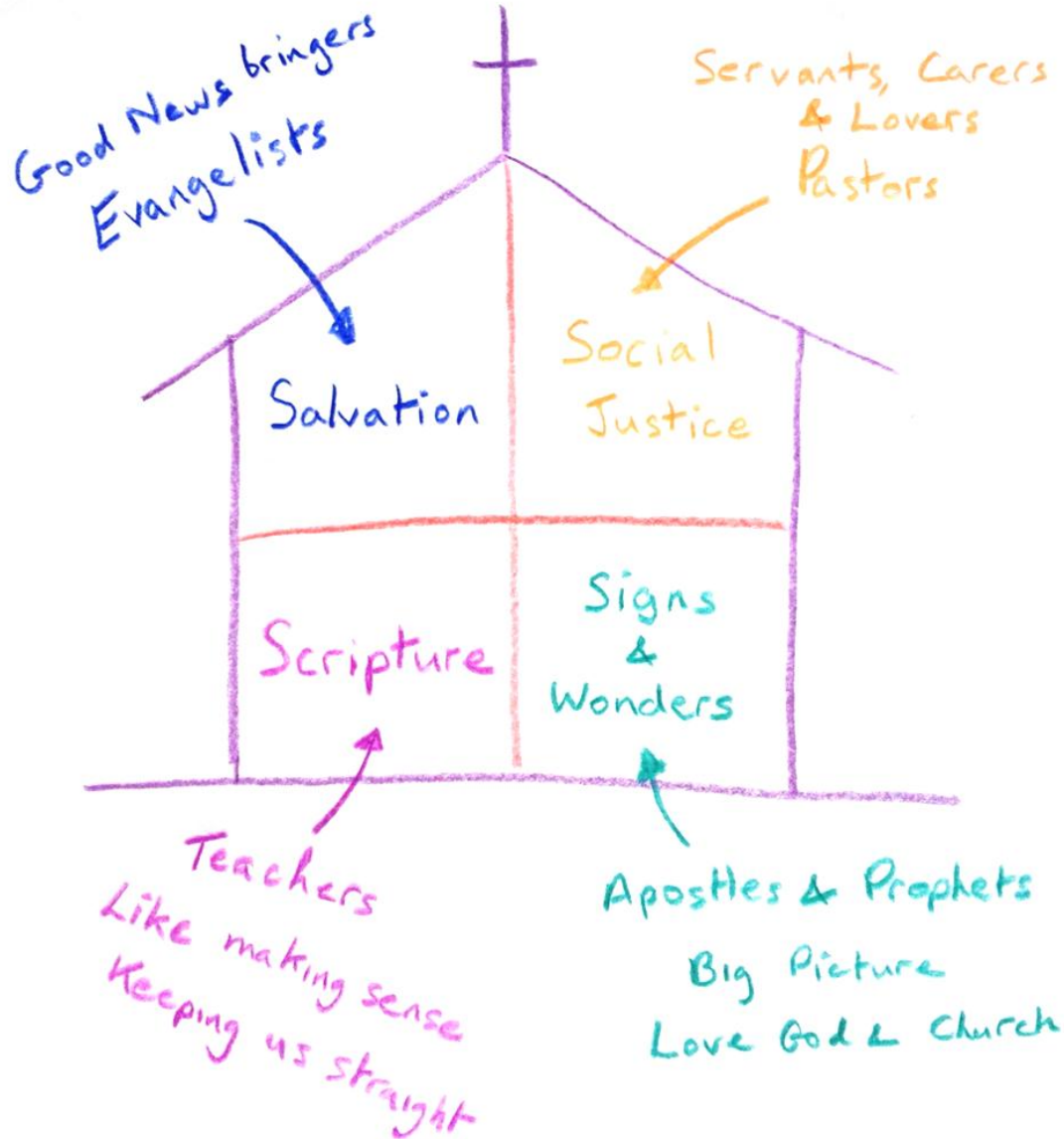
# Building Houses

# Which Corner Am I Called To?

- ◆ **Social Justice** – pastors, servants, love people
- ◆ **Scripture** – teachers, love things to make sense, keep us straight
- ◆ **Salvation** – evangelists, bring good news, on the edge, love adventure
- ◆ **Signs & Wonders** – apostles & prophets, big picture, love God

We're called to walk in each but probably have a bias





Where do I build?