

Developing Kingdom Professionals While Serving



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Prayer

John 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His one and
only Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not
perish, but have eternal life.



Learning Objectives

1. Describe the ways to use the Kingdom Professional Model.
2. Share the importance of developing cultural humility when serving.
3. Understand practical ways believers can demonstrate God's love through professional practice.

Overview

- ♦ The Kingdom Professional Model includes faith, learning, and service.
- ♦ It is a helpful tool to guide cross-cultural practice.
- ♦ It has been used in various settings to explain the focus of care and how to integrate faith while serving.
- ♦ Healthcare professionals can glimpse the practical ways to show the love of Jesus through everyday practice by using this model.





What is a Kingdom Professional?

- ♦ A Kingdom Professional is defined by three simultaneous identities: Jesus follower, servant, and professional.
- ♦ Someone who understands the Kingdom of God and His sovereignty – living according to His will.
- ♦ We have a role in His plan to serve and love others.
- ♦ Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise the Lord made with Abraham.

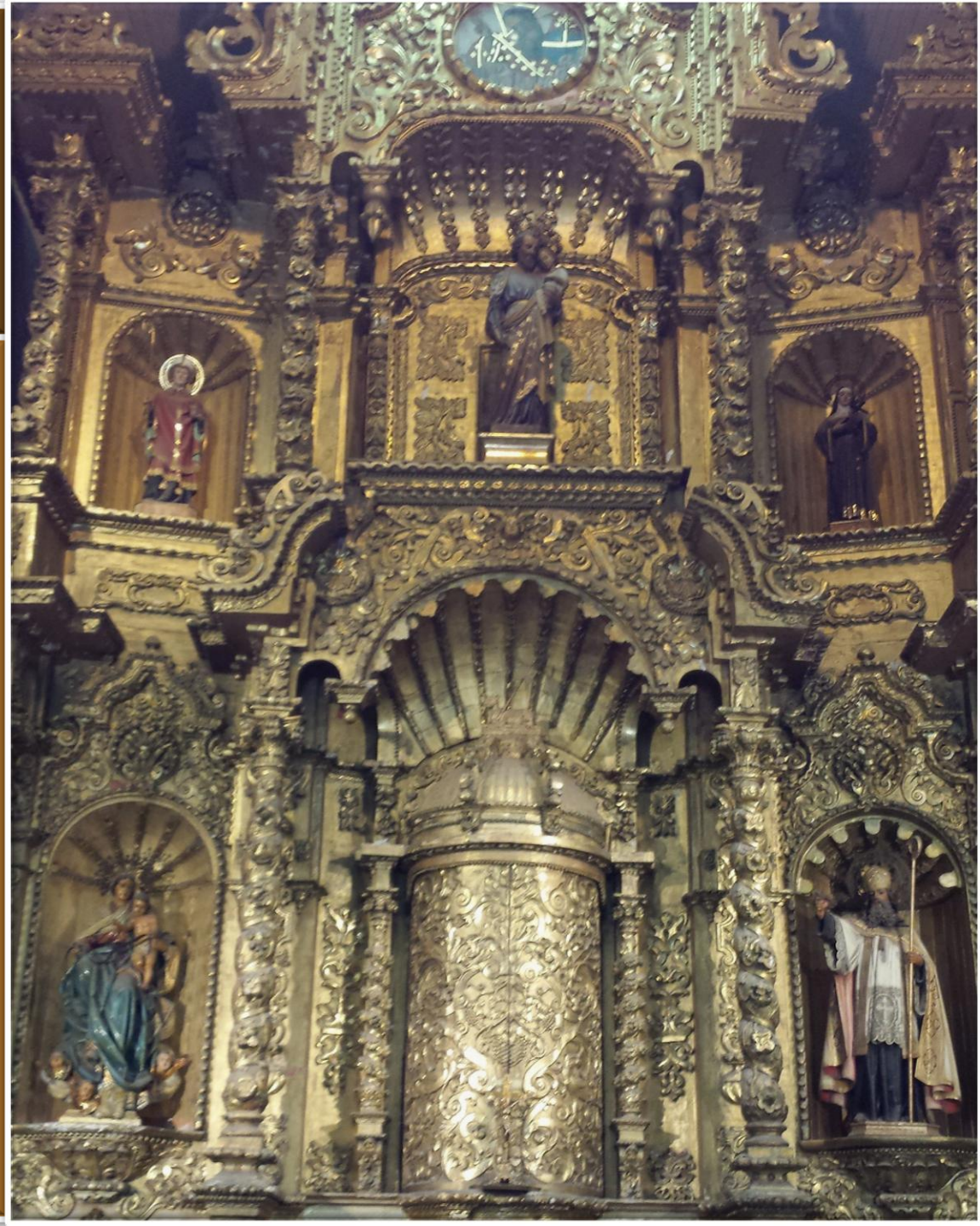


A Kingdom-Minded Person is Focused on His Glory

- It means being focused on glorifying the Lord.
- Rejoices in the Lord's goodness, even during hard times.
- It means being reasonable and gentle.
- This person goes to the Lord first.
- Prays earnestly and humbly with thanksgiving.

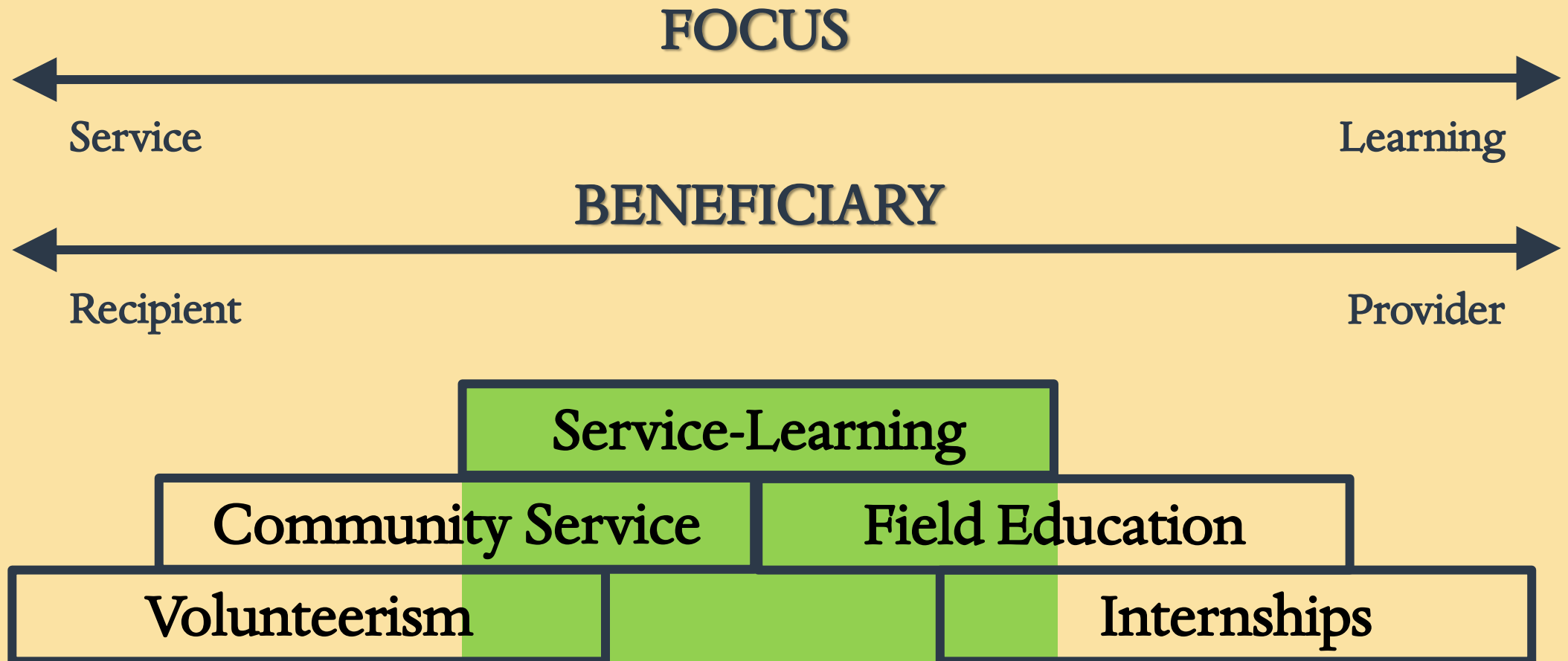
Matthew 24:14

- ♦ *This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come”.*
- ♦ According to the text, the Gospel, *euaggelion*, is the glad tidings of man's salvation through the power of Jesus.
- ♦ The Gospel is often described as good news, proclaimed to all peoples, a free gift. It includes His teachings and revelation.
- ♦ Jesus came to establish a perfect order, His Kingdom, *basileia*, which was preached, *kerysso*, by John the Baptist and the apostles.





Service Engagement (Service-Learning)





Definition of Service Learning

- ♦ Integration of classroom/academic learning with community service to meet a specific need within that community.
- ♦ Can be related to physical, spiritual, emotional, or social needs.
- ♦ The hope is that it allows the learner to see the importance of being civic-minded (being involved in the community).
- ♦ It is not the same as volunteering, which is often a one-time event.
- ♦ Self-reflection is expected.

Service Learning – Competencies

Goals of global service-learning

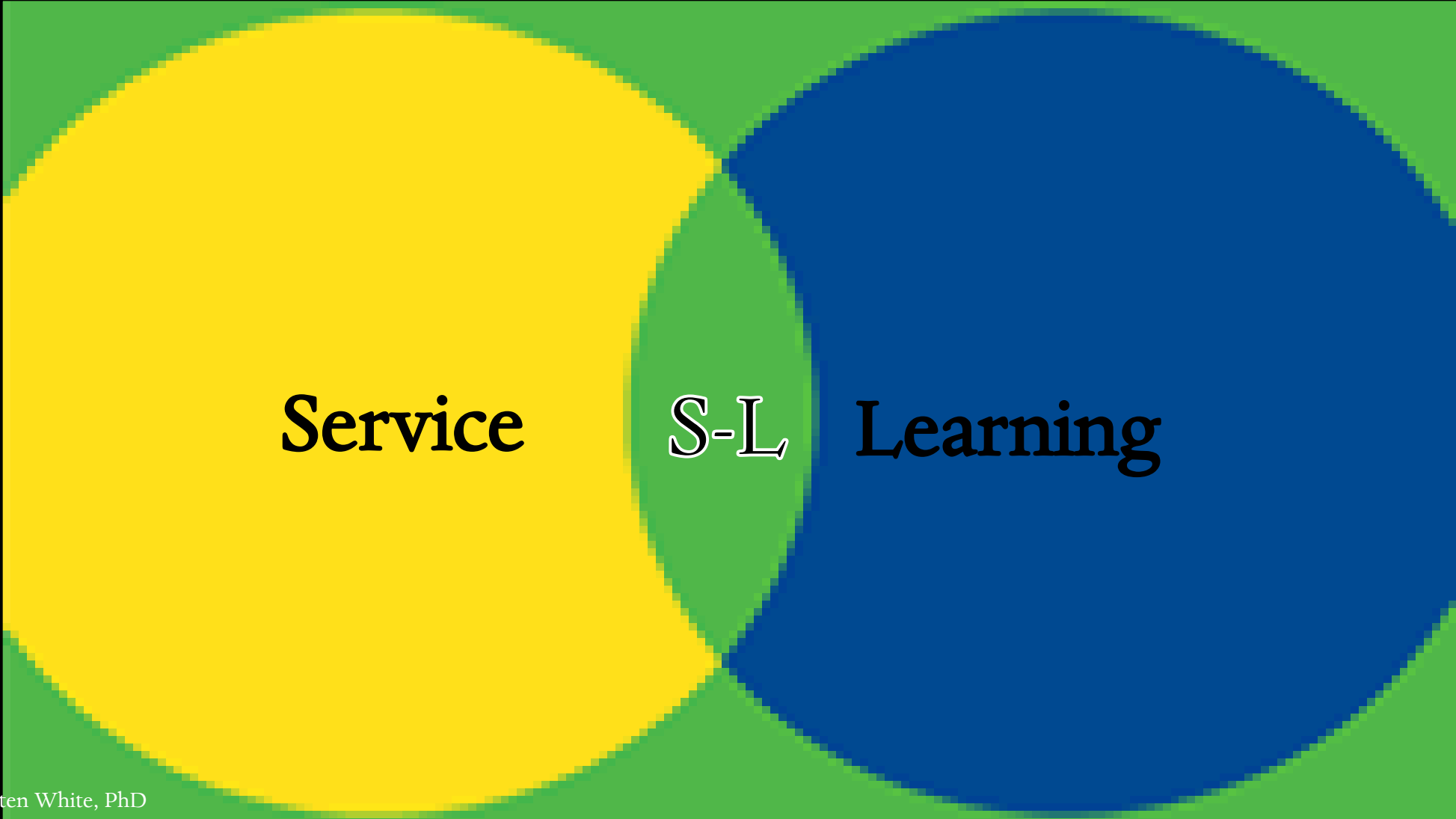
- ♦ Community service
- ♦ Civic engagement
- ♦ Global citizenship
- ♦ Social responsibility
- ♦ Cultural competence
- ♦ Critical thinking
- ♦ Reflection and personal growth

Principles

- Compassion
- Curiosity
- Courage
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Capacity building
- Competence



Service & Learning



A Venn diagram illustrating the relationship between Service and Learning. It consists of two overlapping circles. The left circle is yellow and labeled 'Service'. The right circle is blue and labeled 'Learning'. The overlapping area in the center is green and labeled 'S-L'. The entire diagram is set against a black background with a green border.

Service

S-L

Learning

Benefits

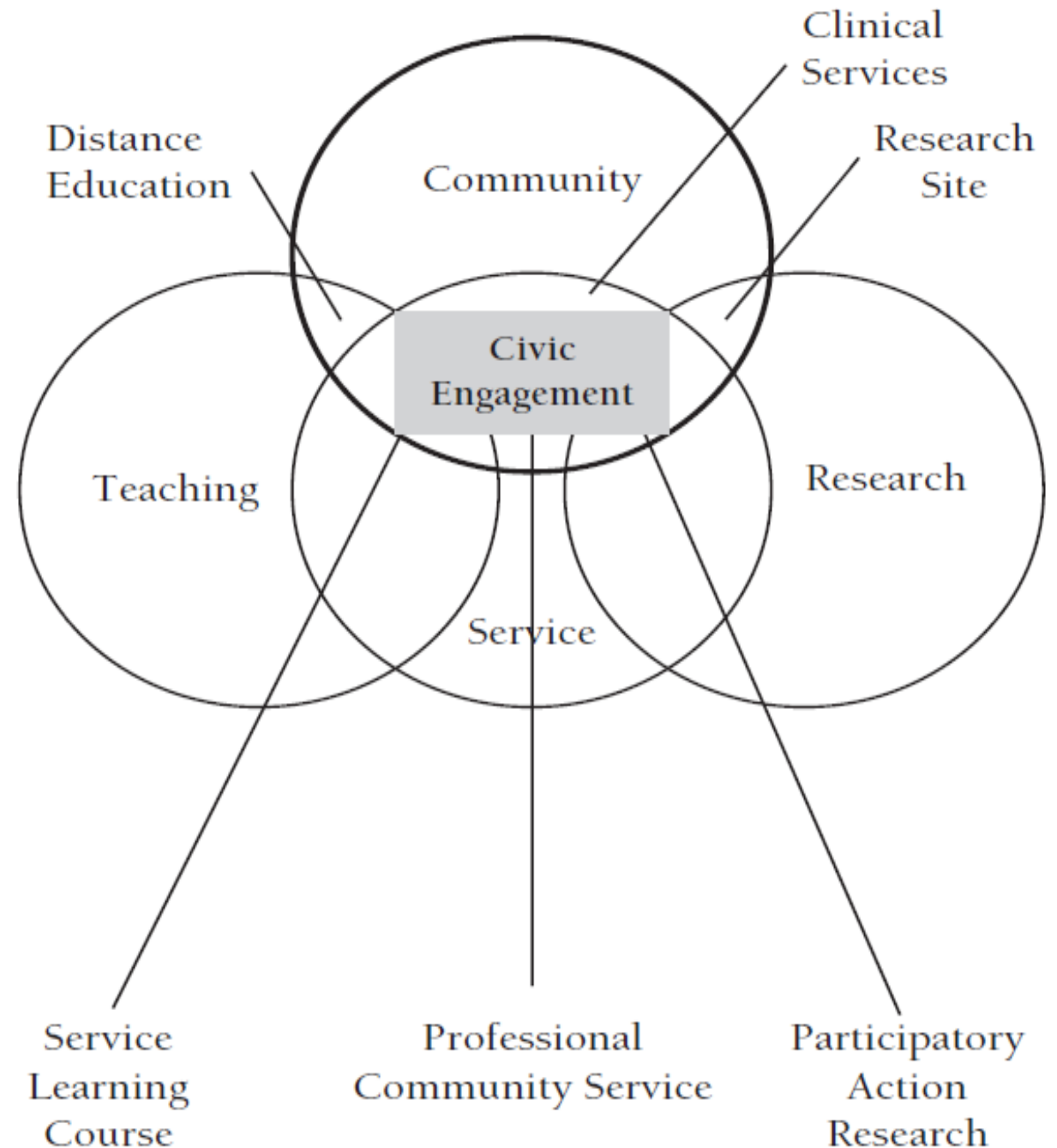
Future Research

Academic Service Learning

Health Promotion

= Civic Engagement

Bringle & Hatcher (2009)

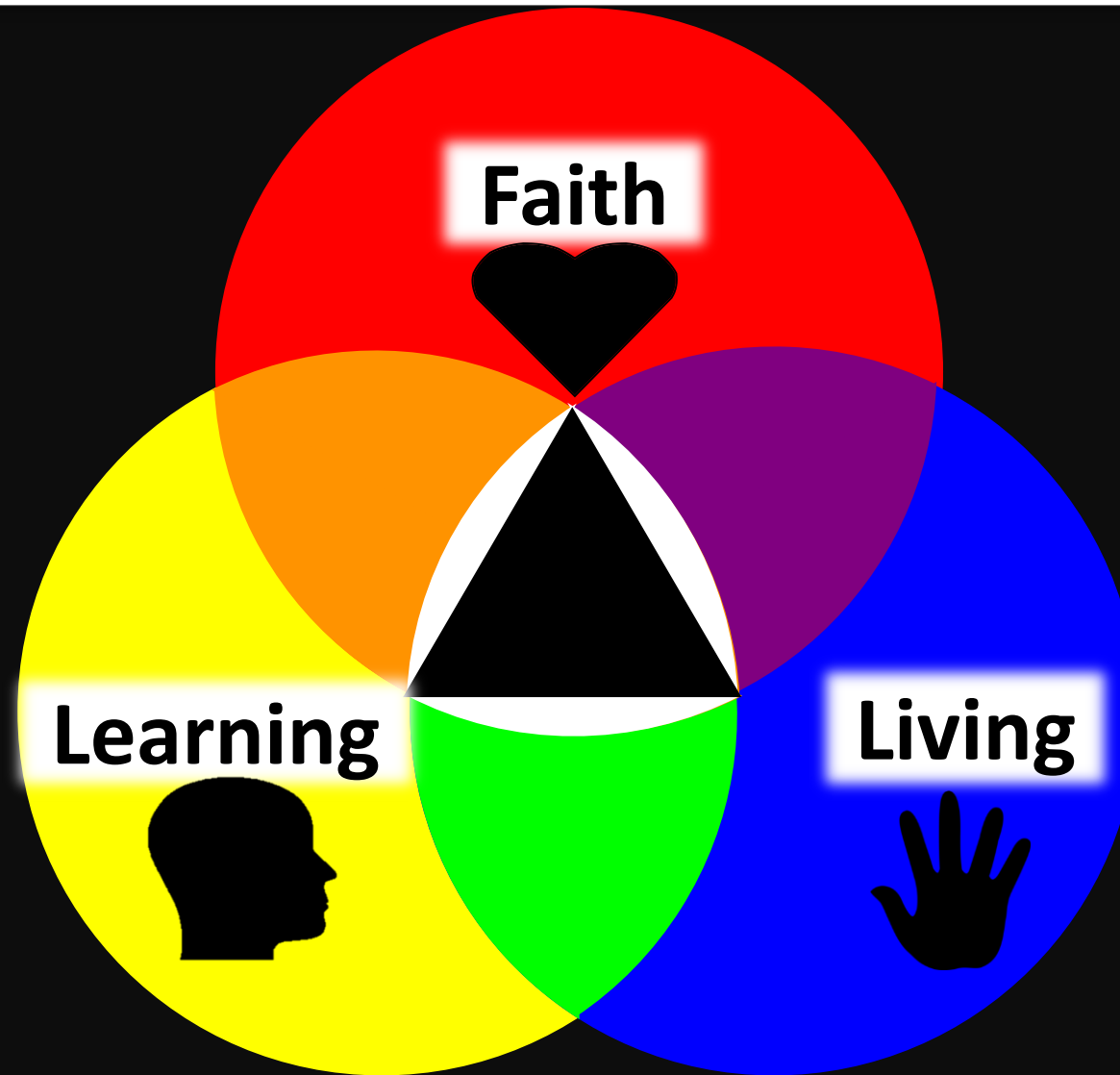


Mission Trip?
Project?
Medical Camp?
Short-term?

Working in a
Hospital?
Long-term?

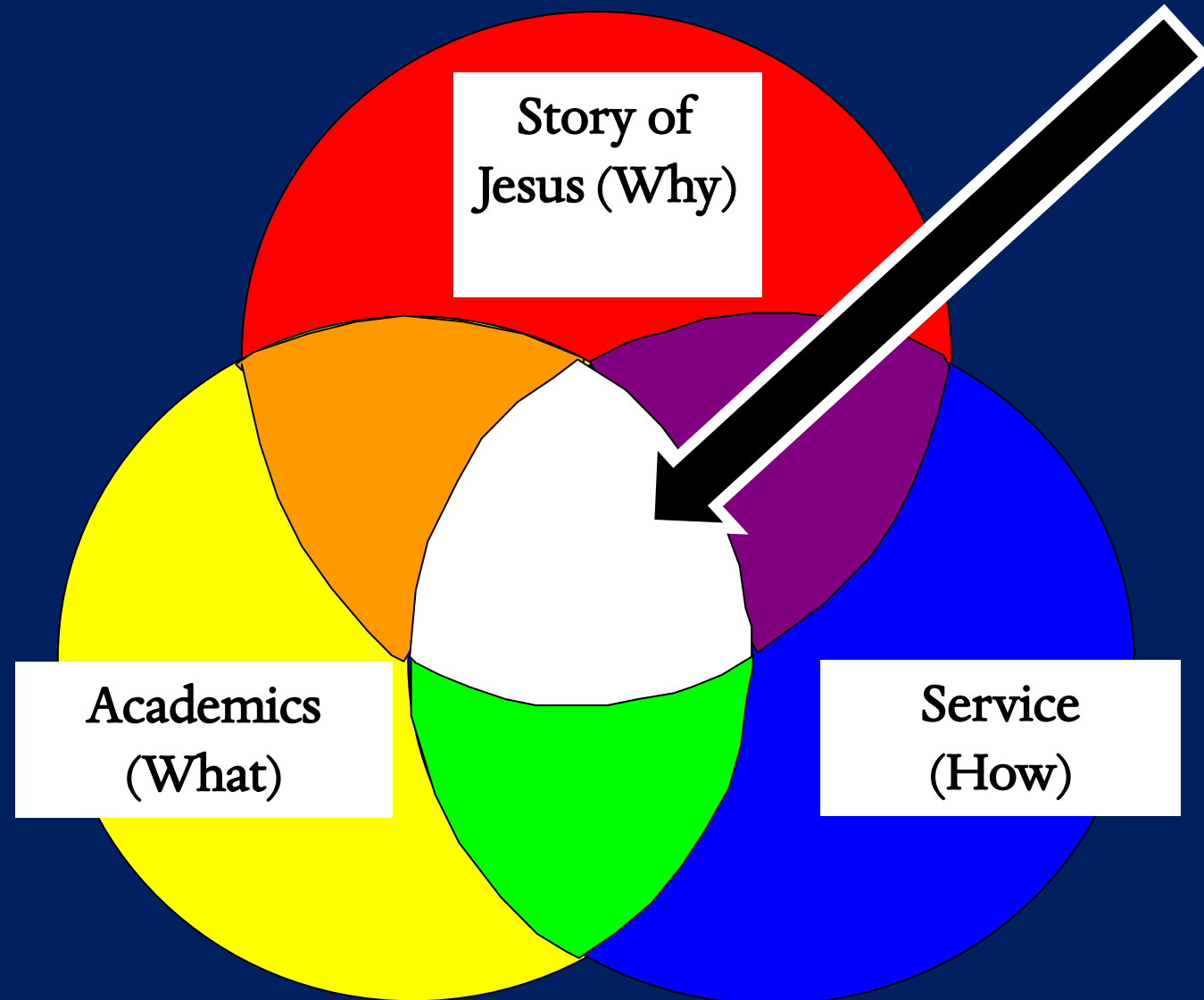


Integration of Faith & Learning & Living



Missional Living

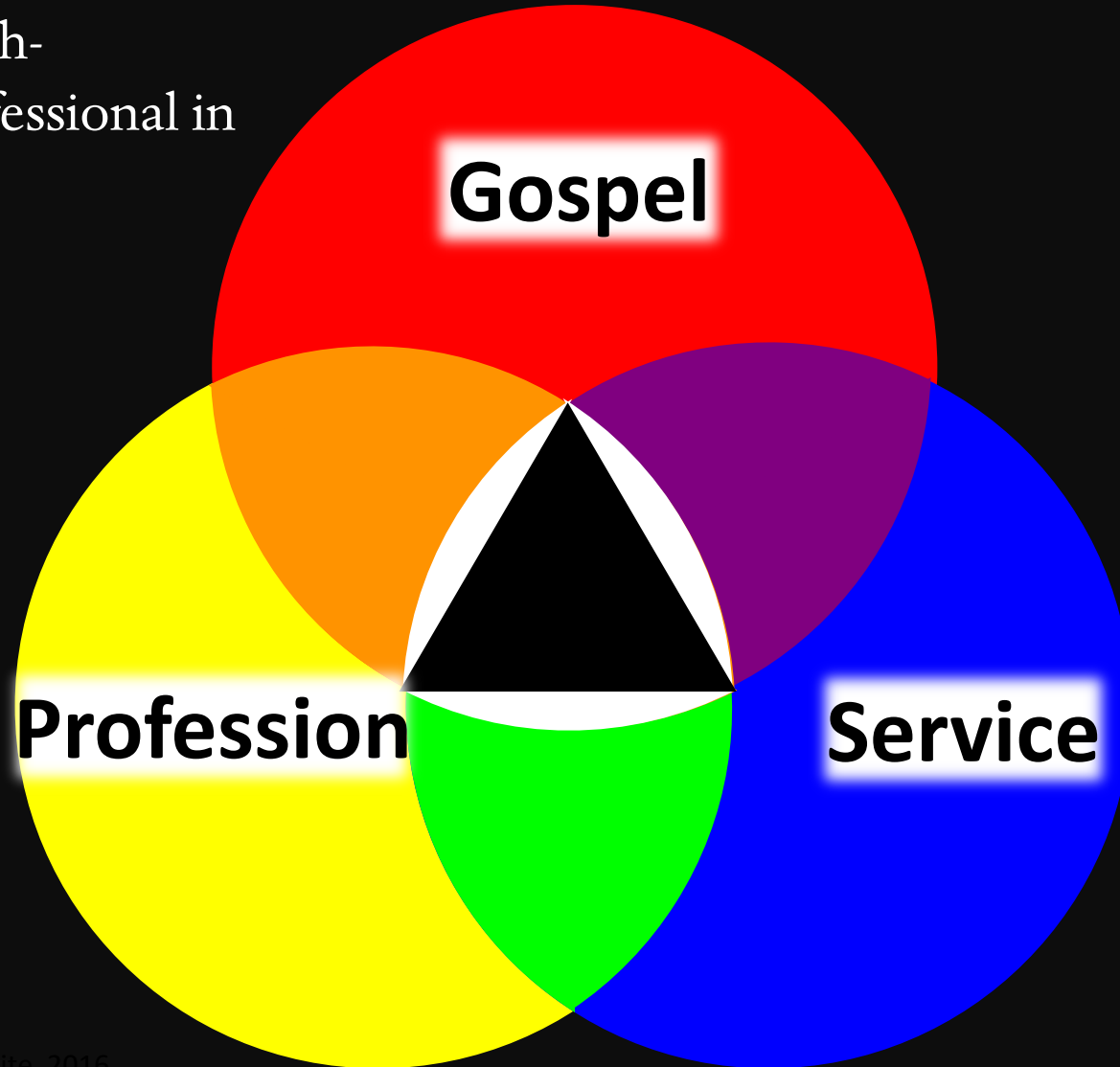
Kingdom
work

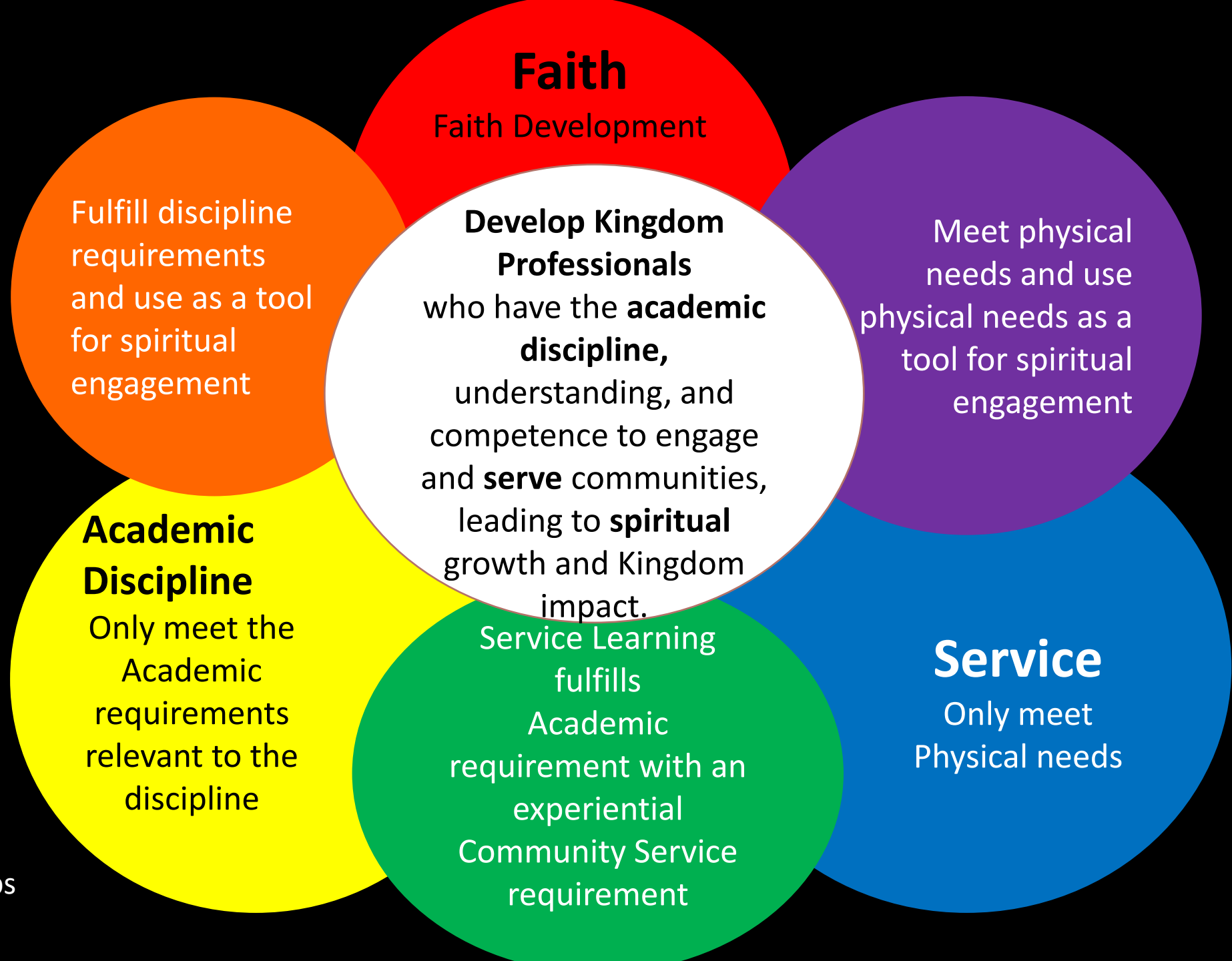


Kingdom Professional Model (KPM)

Integrates identities of faith-follower, servant, & professional in Kingdom Professionals

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Adapted from Jacobs
and White (2016)



Crossing Cultures



- Knowledge
- Beliefs
- Art
- Morals
- Law
- Customs
- And it influences a person's definition of health and illness.

Cultural Humility

- ♦ Reflection
 - ♦ Respect
 - ♦ Regard
 - ♦ Relevance
 - ♦ Resiliency
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- ♦ It is a process of self-reflection





Demonstrate Love and Compassion

Follow God's heart

Use our gifts for His purpose.

Glorify Him.

Advance His shalom.

Jesus's central teaching theme was the Kingdom.



It might look different from what you think:
Preparing Meals

Home Visits





Teaching CPR

Health Camp: Triage



Developing a Kingdom Mindset

- ♦ Try to see the world and people from God's point of view.
- ♦ Make God the focus when making decisions.
- ♦ Pursue God's honor and glory in all you say and do.
- ♦ Remember that you are ministering to eternal souls, not just human beings.
- ♦ Recognize that everything on earth is a gift or opportunity from God for us to use for His purposes.





Developing a Kingdom Mindset, 2

- ♦ Focus on good things, as God is good.
- ♦ Prioritize a relationship with God and trust Him with everything.
- ♦ Rejoice in the Lord *always*.
- ♦ Always attempt to be reasonable and gentle.
- ♦ Be grateful for all of God's blessings.
- ♦ Think about things of God and take other thoughts captive.
- ♦ Let God be God, and don't try to take the reigns from Him.

Using the KPM

- Deeper understanding of concepts.
- Ability to apply learned skills.
- Understanding myself better.
- Appreciating different cultures.
- Seeing world health problems in real life.
- There is now a language to share the stories of your journey to becoming Kingdom Professionals.



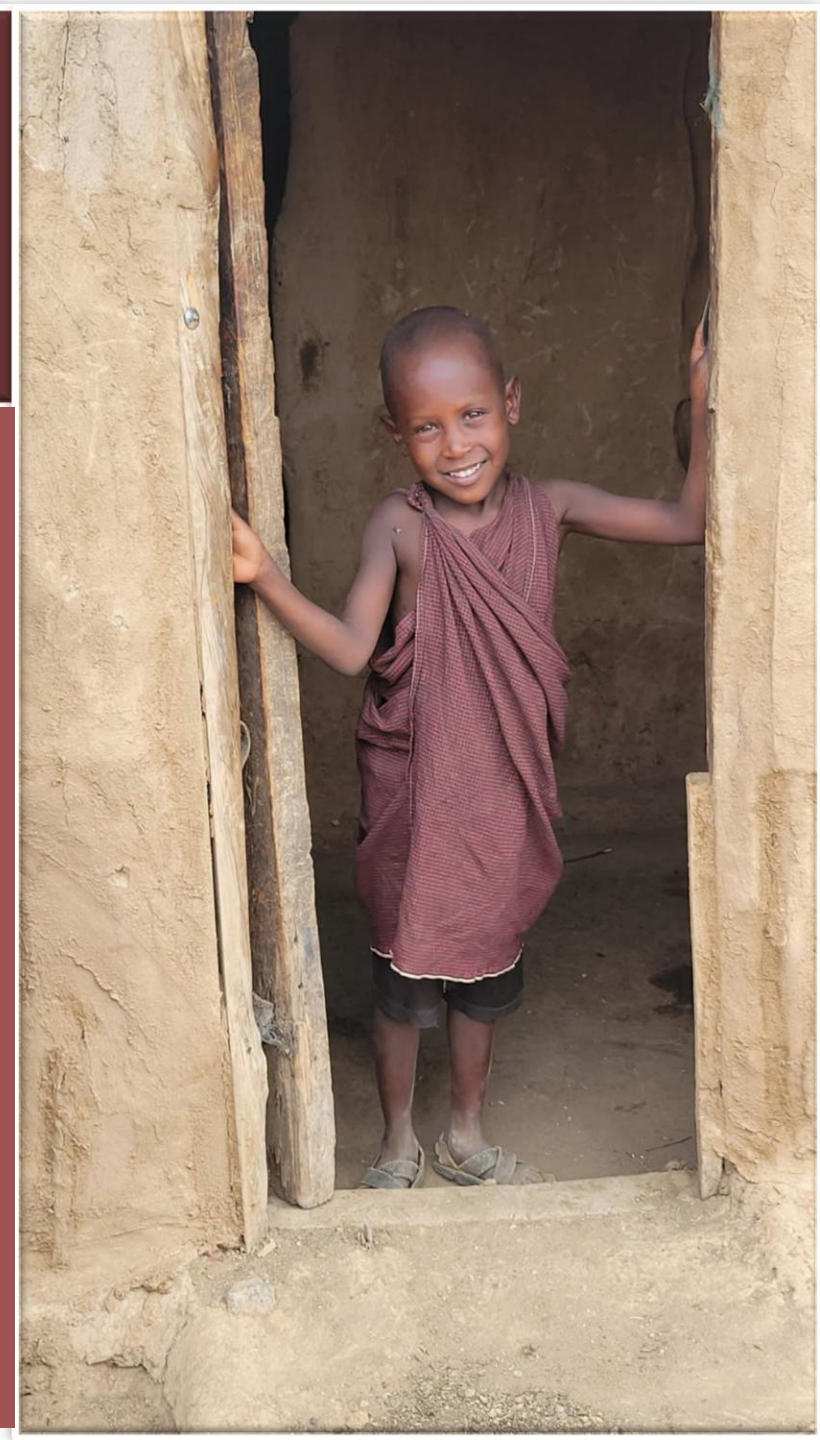
Using the KPM: Personal Reflection



- ♦ Allows for a student's perspectives and/ or personal insights.
- ♦ Enables students to reflect on how they can apply what they have learned.
- ♦ Occurs at the junction between who a student is, what they think, feel, and know, with what they learn about a place, people, and culture.
- ♦ Is potentially influential and transformative.
- ♦ It gives a standard language to describe the ways to engage in His kingdom work.

Living Out Loud

- ♦ The whole church takes the whole gospel to the whole world.
- ♦ What is the whole gospel? The whole gospel means meeting both spiritual and physical needs, just as Jesus did.
- ♦ He would give people physical water and living water.
- ♦ He would heal the blind and give them eyes of the heart to see spiritual truths.
- ♦ Jesus practiced both the church mission (spiritual) and the social mission (physical).
- ♦ We need to be all-in on His kingdom mission.



What Questions
Do You Have?





Thank You!

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