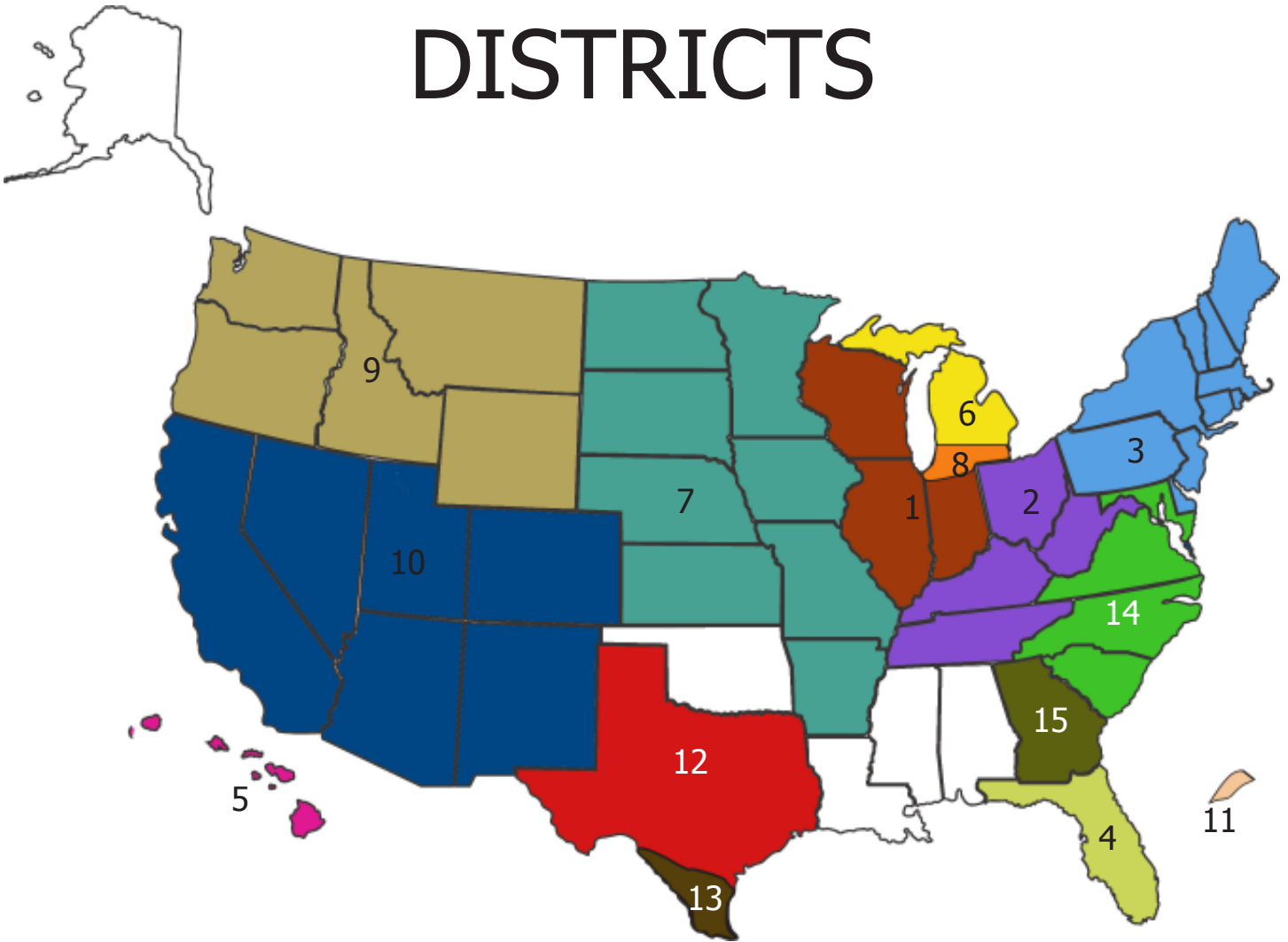


DISTRICTS



1. Central

2. East Central

3. Eastern

4. Florida

5. Hawaii

6. Michigan

7. Midwest

8. North Central

9. Northwest

10. Western

11. Puerto Rico

Mission Districts

12. Texas

13. Rio Grande Valley

14. Mid Atlantic

15. Georgia

PURPOSE STATEMENT

**The Missionary Church,
in obedience to Jesus Christ her Lord,
is committed to being holy people of
God in the world
and to
building His Church
by worldwide evangelism, discipleship
and multiplication of growing
churches,
all to the glory of God.**



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE THREE-STEP DISCOVERY METHOD

STEP

QUESTION

1. OBSERVATION

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

2. INTERPRETATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

3. APPLICATION

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

The Three-Step Discovery Method Worksheet

Step 1. Observation – *What does it say?*

Read carefully (Psalm 23).

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What title would you give this passage?

What are your observations?

Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

How?

What key word describes the passage?

Step 2. Interpretation - *What does it mean?*

What is the message?

Underline key words and phrases.

Paraphrase the passage.

Write the basic thought in one sentence.

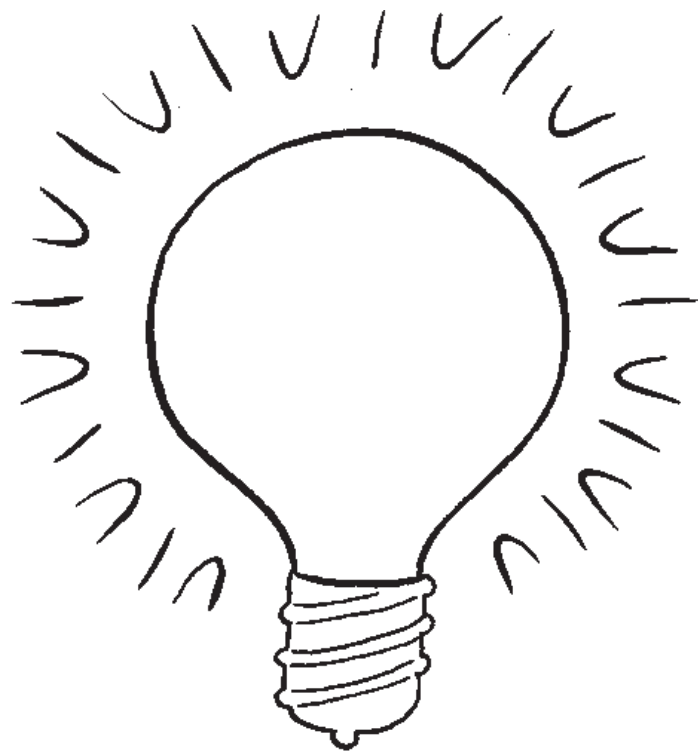
What truths or principles do you find?

Find other Scripture about the same topic.

Step 3. Application - *What should I do?*

List ways you can apply what you learned.

What will you put into practice this week?



FROM GOD TO US

There are three links in the chain from God to us.

*** INSPIRATION**

*** CANONIZATION**

Authoritative

Prophetic

Authentic

Dynamic

Accepted

*** TRANSMISSION**

HOW THE BIBLE IS ORGANIZED

Old Testament

Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 and 2 Samuel
1 and 2 Kings
1 and 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Poetry and Wisdom

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Major Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Minor Prophets

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

New Testament

Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

History

Acts

Paul's letters

Romans
1 and 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 and 2 Thessalonians
1 and 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

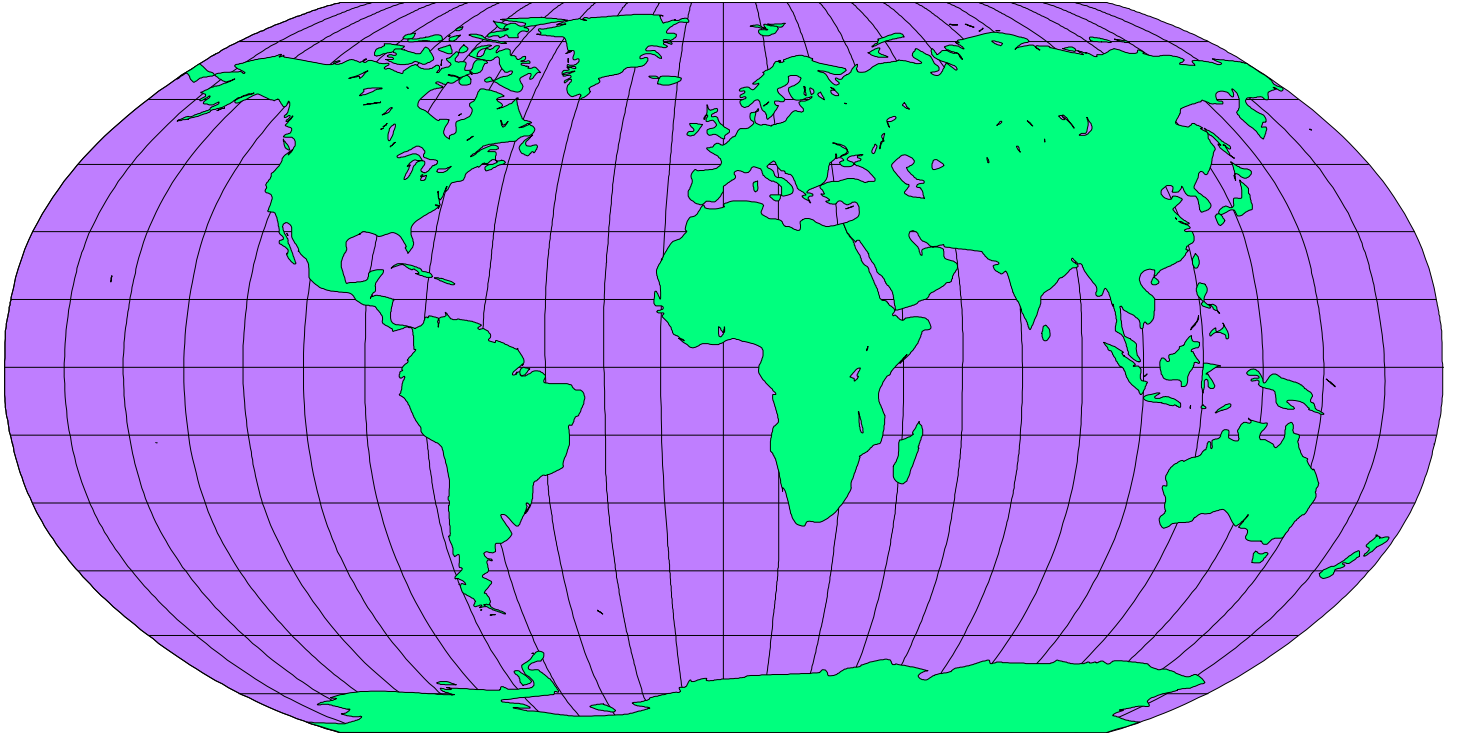
General letters

Hebrews
James
1 and 2 Peter
1, 2, and 3 John
Jude

Prophecy

Revelation

WORLDWIDE EVANGELISM



PRAYER QUIZ

1. Where should we pray?
 - A. In a church
 - B. Anyplace but a school
 - C. Anywhere
 - D. At home
 - E. In a closet

2. Who can pray effectively?
 - A. A minister
 - B. Anyone
 - C. A non-believer
 - D. A believer

3. How often should a Christian pray?
 - A. Once a day in the morning
 - B. After each meal
 - C. Once a day at night
 - D. As needed

4. What is the correct way to pray?
 - A. Kneeling
 - B. Standing
 - C. Sitting
 - D. Lying face down in the dirt
 - E. With upraised hands
 - F. Any way

5. What is prayer?
 - A. A means to get what we want
 - B. A device to keep God off our backs
 - C. A means of communicating with God
 - D. A chance to show off our piety
 - E. A boring but necessary discipline
 - F. An exercise in positive thinking

FIVE KINDS OF PRAYER

*** ADORATION**

*** CONFESSION**

*** THANKSGIVING**

*** SUPPLICATION (PETITION)**

*** INTERCESSION**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

After this manner therefore pray ye:

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.*

Thy kingdom come.

*Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.*

Amen

Matthew 6:9-13 KJV

THE LORD'S PRAYER

This is how you should pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,*

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

OUR HERITAGE

From Mennonite/Brethren in Christ

- No oath-taking or secret societies
- Definition of “worldliness”
- Baptism by immersion (Brethren in Christ)
- Missions (Brethren in Christ)
- Congregationalism
- Non-liturgical worship

From Wesleyan-Holiness

- Arminian theology
- Crisis experience in sanctification
- Christian perfection
- Evangelistic
- Personal conversion
- Ethical and social activism, including strong stand on temperance
- Healing

From American Frontier

- Congregationalism
- Camp meetings
- Informality in services
- Revivals
- Non-liturgical worship
- Prophetic conferences

From Modern Missions Impulse

- Elevation of missions to a priority of the church



Memo

TO : Church Staff

FROM: The Pastor

RE: Planning Meeting

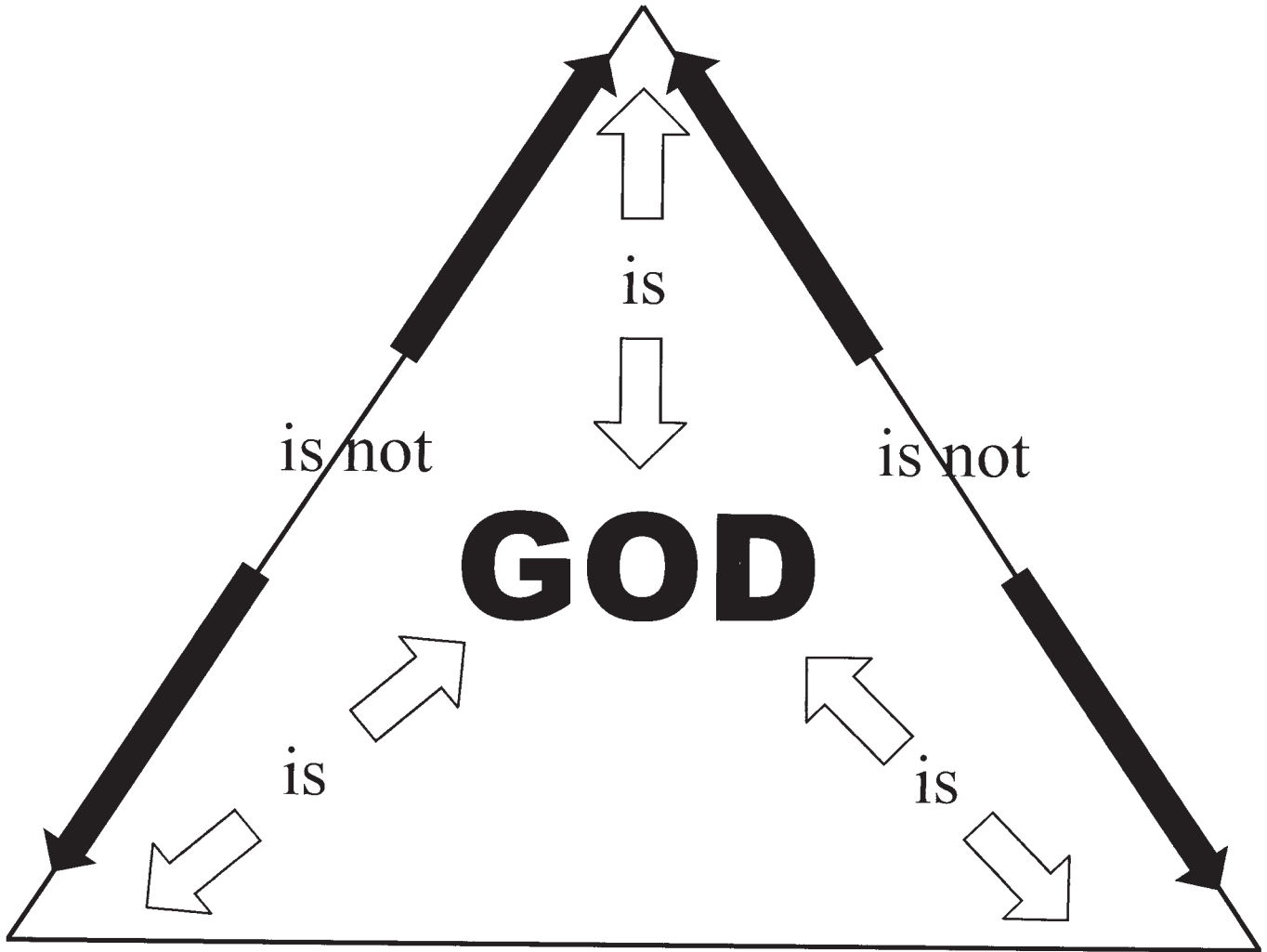
I am looking forward to the staff-planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 30.

Our session will take place at the Faith Retreat Center from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Coffee, juice, and Danish will be available when you arrive. We will have lunch together as well.

Please turn in items you want discussed, to my secretary by noon, Friday, March 25. This will be a big help in preparing the agenda.

Let's be in prayer for God's wisdom and insight as we meet together.

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HOLY SPIRIT