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GIVE
THANKS

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America
Summer Stewardship Short #2

Mission > Ask

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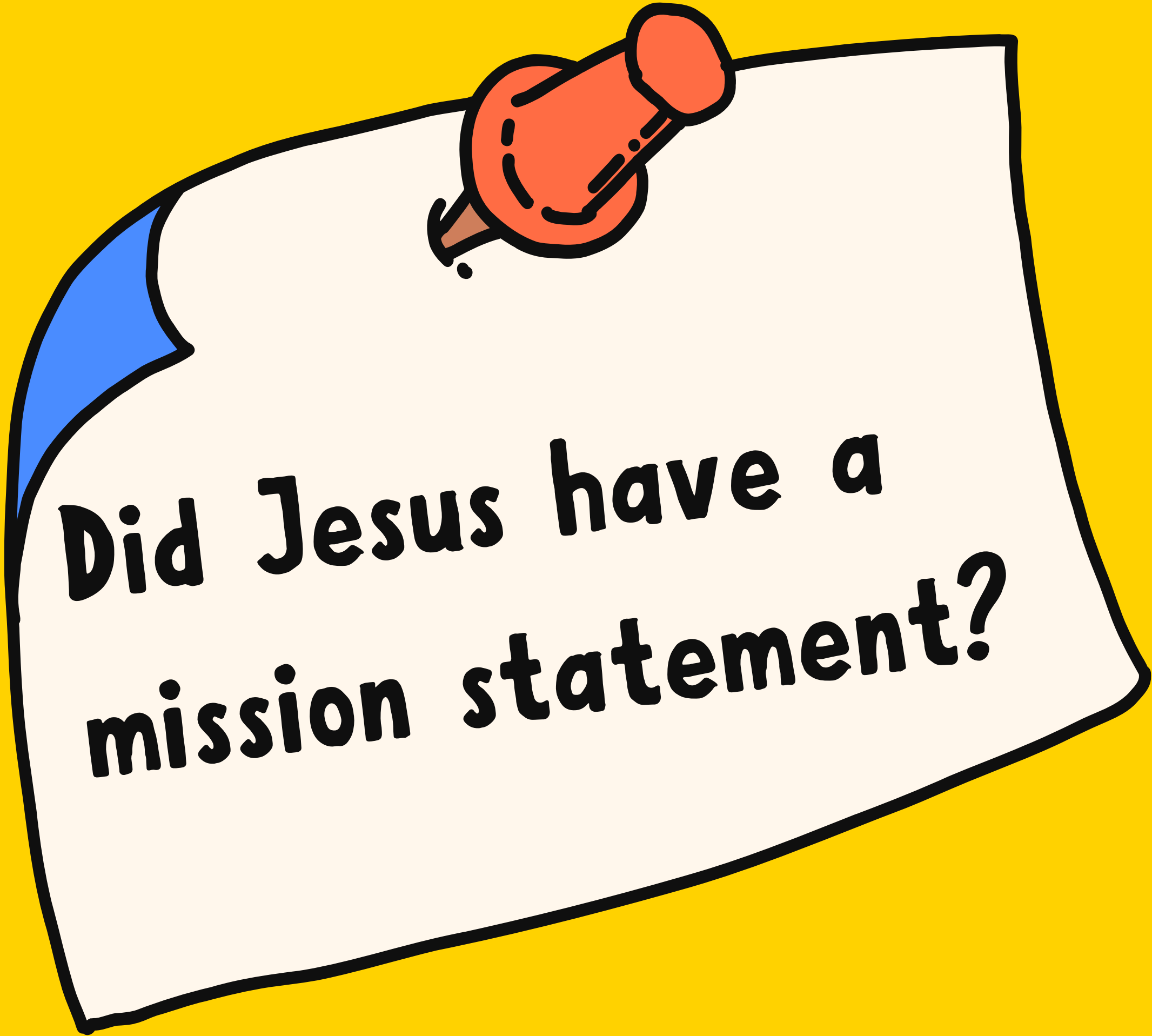
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AGENDA:

- INTRODUCTION
- THE CHALLENGE
- MISSIONAL FOUNDATION
- MISSION & STEWARDSHIP
- CONVERSATION





**Did Jesus have a
mission statement?**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he
has anointed me to proclaim good news to
the poor. He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight
for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to
proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 4:18-19



**What is your
church for?**

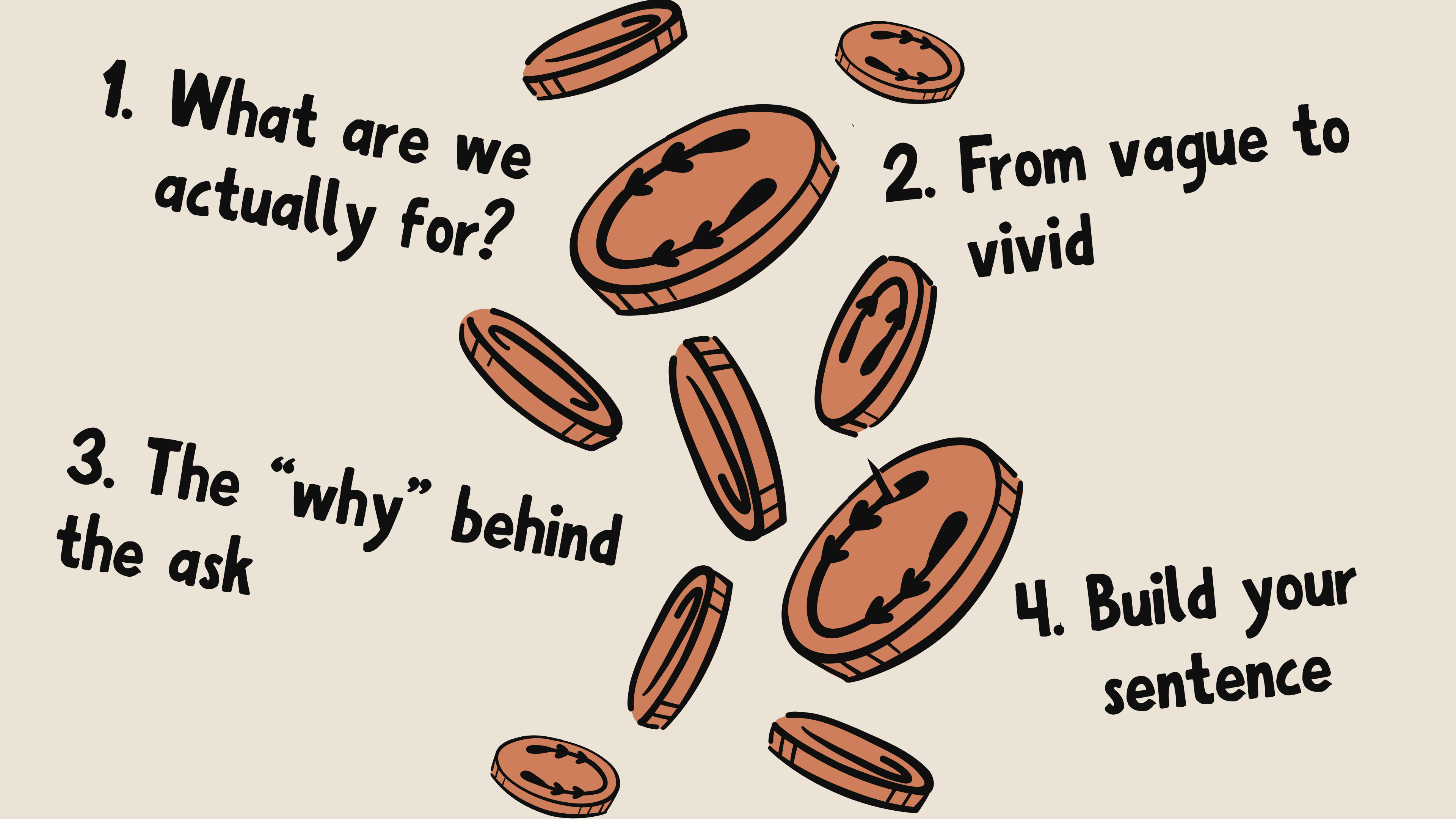
The Challenge

- Mission statement vs. living mission
- Giving issue or clarity issue?
- Obligatory vs. investment
- Institutional vs. missional
- Inward-facing





**Mission as the
Foundation of the Ask**



1. What are we actually for?

2. From vague to vivid

3. The “why” behind the ask

4. Build your sentence

1. What are we actually for?

**“You are the salt of the earth...
you are the light of the world.”**

- **What community needs do you exist to meet?**
- **Who are you for?**
- **What would be lost if you ceased to exist?**



2. From vague to vivid

“...to proclaim good news to the poor”

- Specificity about people
- Specificity about place
- Specificity about change



3. The “why”

**“For we are co-workers in God’s service;
you are God’s field, God’s building.”**

- **Need**
- **Mission**
- **Impact**
- **Invitation**



4. Build your sentence

We exist to _____ (what change)
for _____ (who) in _____ (where) because we
believe _____ (what you believe about God,
people, and possibility).

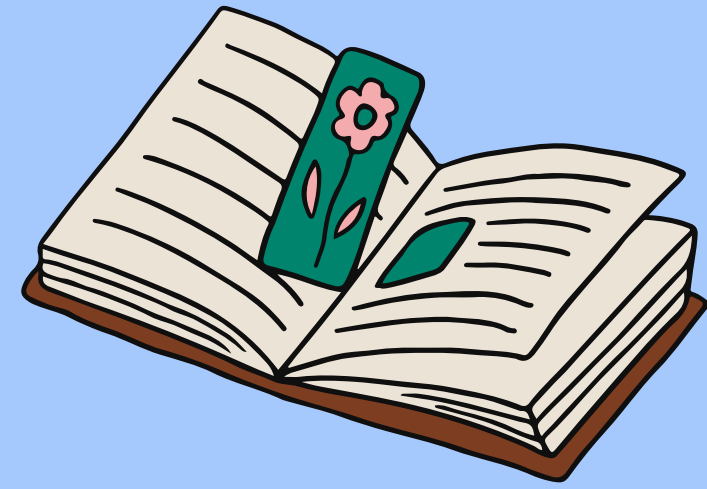


We exist to restore hope and belonging for families in our immediate neighborhood because we believe every person is made in the image of God and no one is meant to walk through life alone.

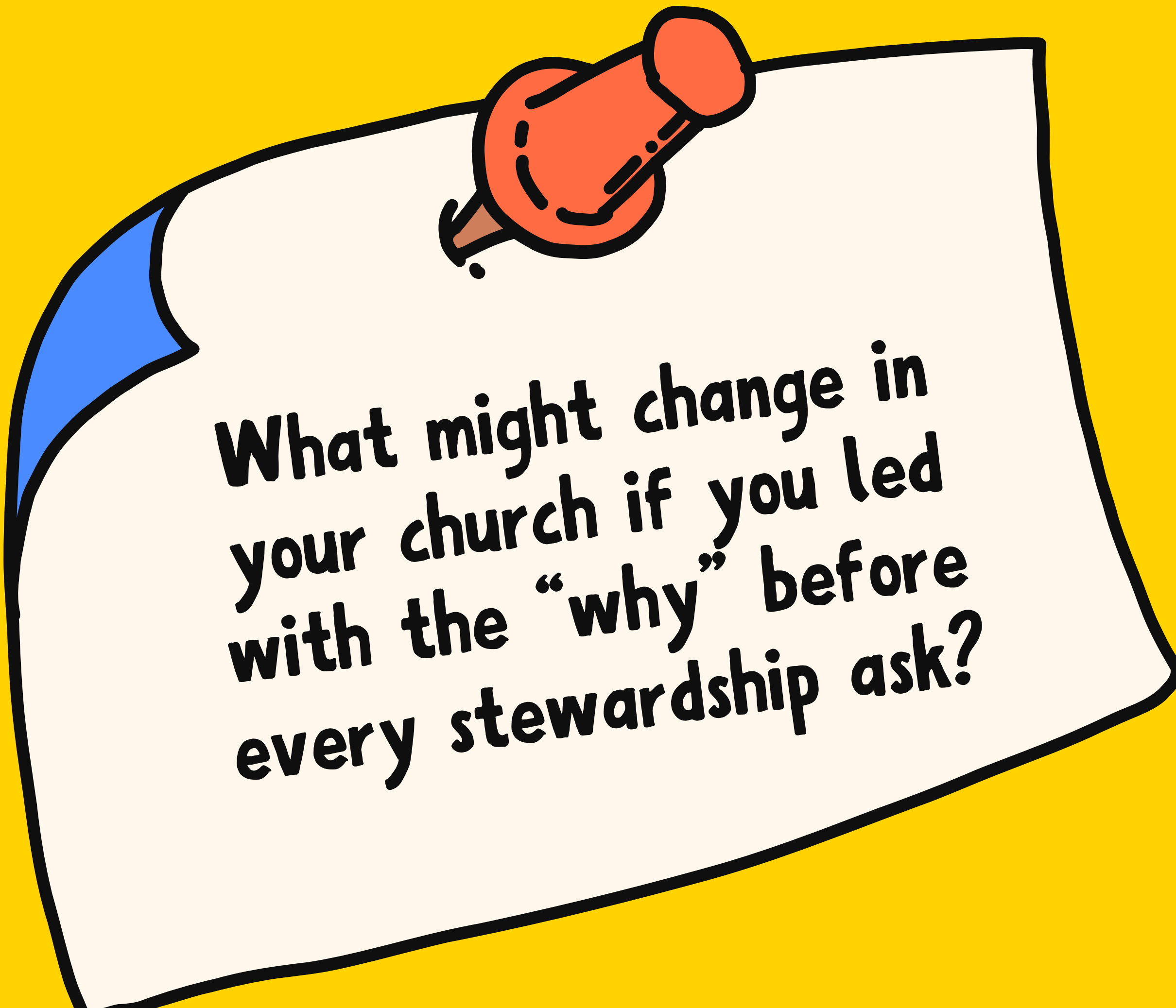
We exist to awaken purpose and spiritual renewal for young professionals and students in our downtown because we believe God meets people in the middle of their busiest, most uncertain seasons, not just on the other side of them.



Mission and Stewardship



- God as source- Mission as response
- Stewardship as identity- Mission as expression
- Breadth beyond money- Whole community engagement
- Gratitude as motive- Mission as the story of gratitude

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**What might change in
your church if you led
with the “why” before
every stewardship ask?**