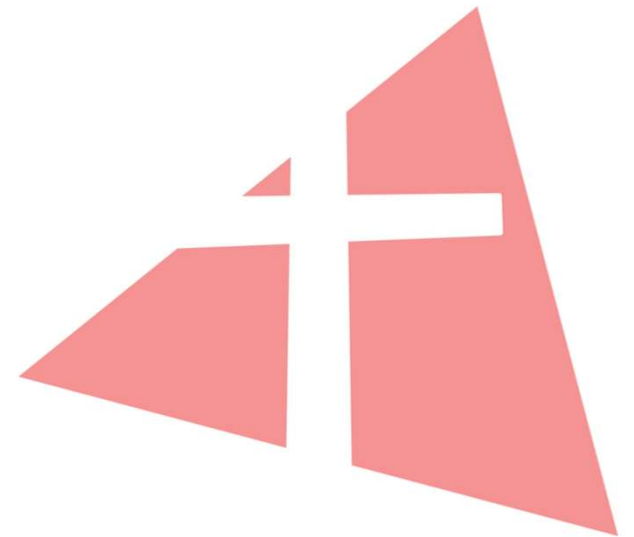


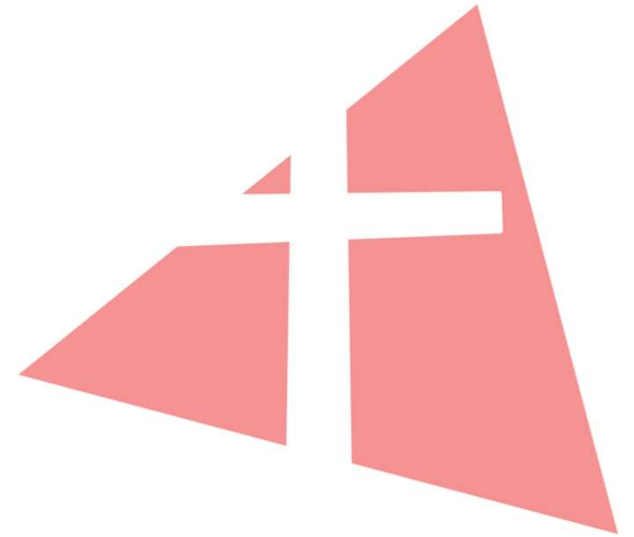
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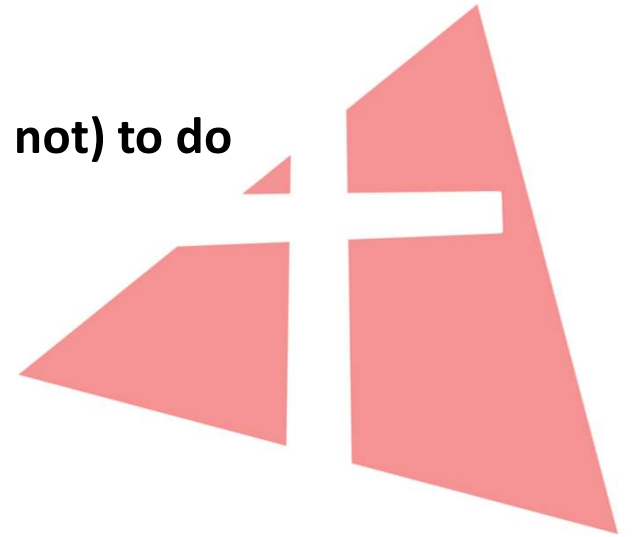
# OUR SERIES

- **The Heart of Evangelism**
- **Prayer and Evangelism**
- **Being the people God wants us to be**
- **Going**



# EVANGELISM 101

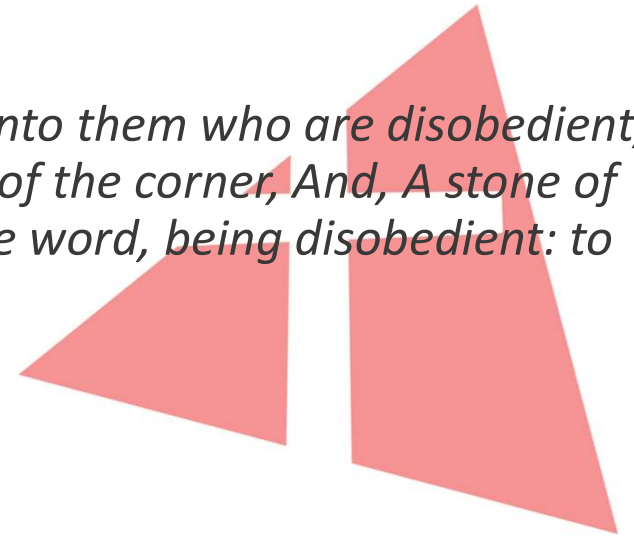
- How each person evangelizes is very different
- But: There are good principles on what we should (and should not) to do



# REALITY

- Some people will get offended when we try to evangelize
- We cannot use that as a justification for “being insensitive or rude”

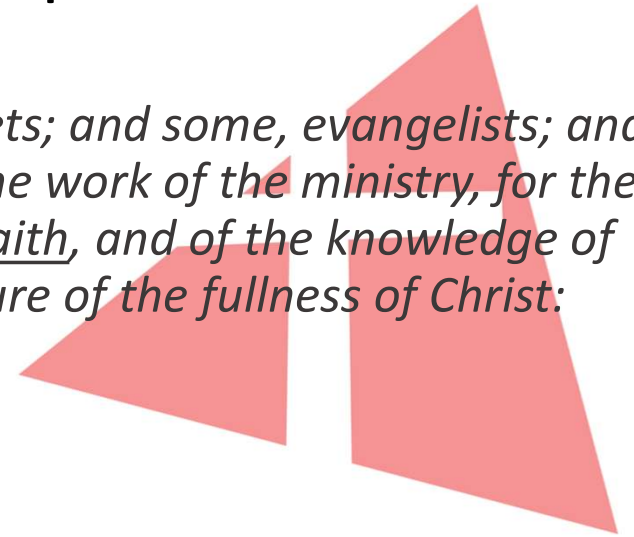
*1 Peter 2:7-8 Unto you therefore who believe he is precious: but unto them who are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the head of the corner, And, A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them who stumble at the word, being disobedient: to which also they were appointed.*



# WHO WE SHOULDN'T INVITE

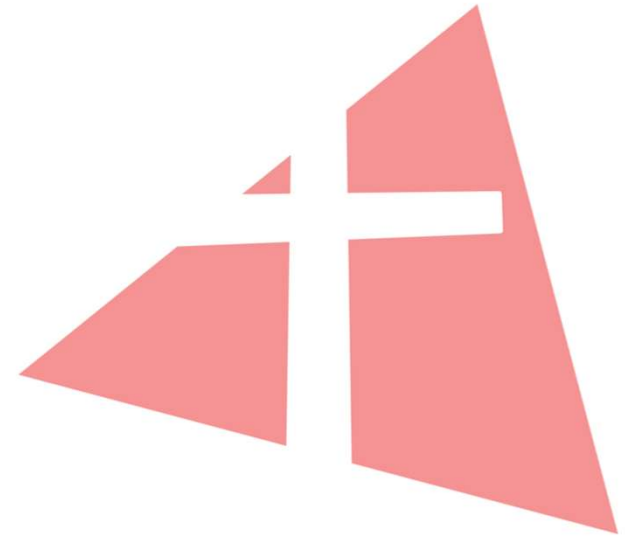
- The importance of unity within the global church
- Do not destroy the unity within the global church by pulling people from other churches

*Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*



# WHO DO WE TRY TO REACH?

- **Non-Christians**
- **Christians who currently do not have a church**
- **Christians who might not be too happy in their church**



# GENTLENESS AND RESPECT

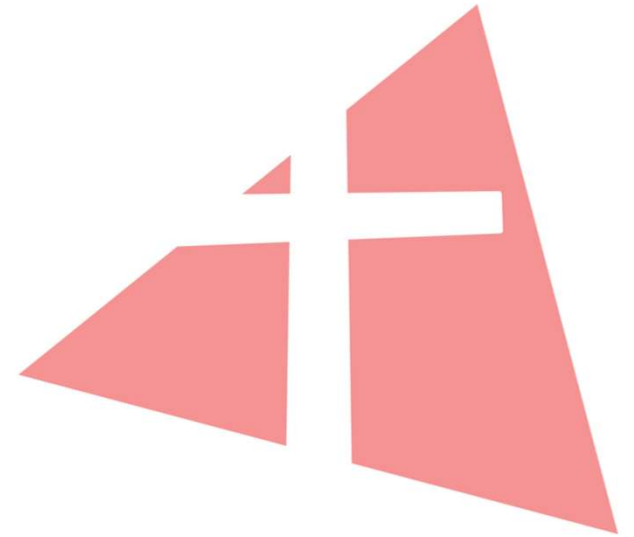
*1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

*... with gentleness and respect (NIV)*



# GENTLENESS

- **Love**
  - Don't argue
- **Offer**
  - Don't force





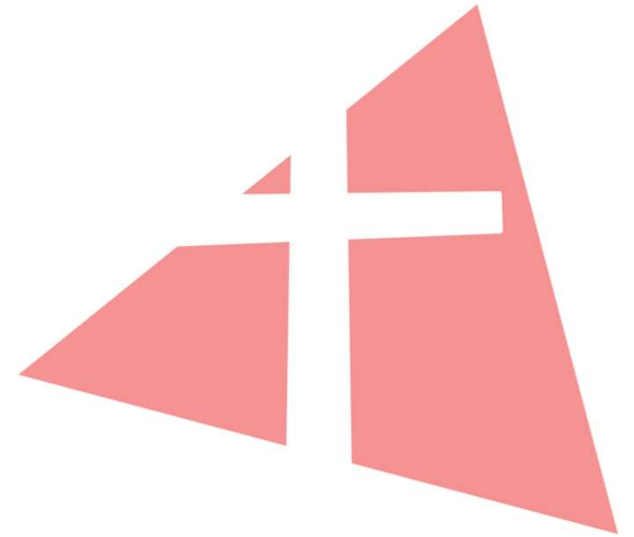
# RESPECT

- We cannot override people's free will
- There's a difference between "sharing what we believe" and "forcing other people to believe what we believe"

*John 6:63-69 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who would betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will you also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that you are that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

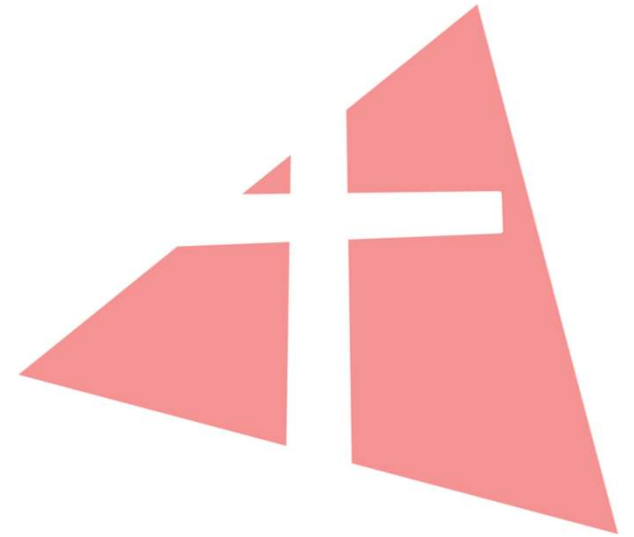
# FREE WILL

- Jesus always respected people's free will
- Every person has free choice what he/she chooses to believe



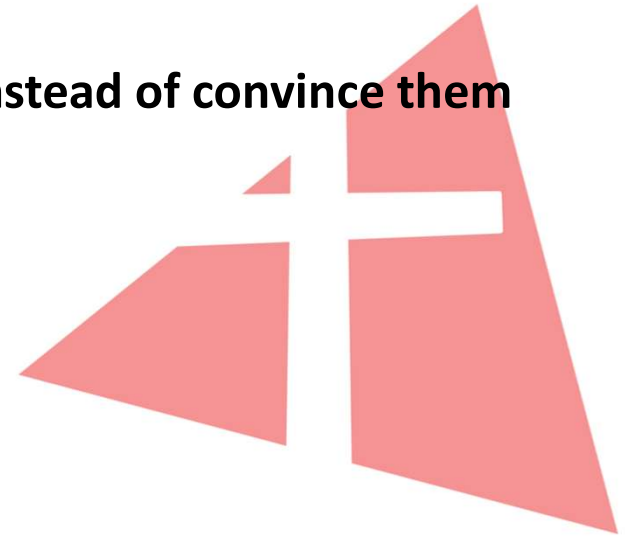
# FREE WILL

- We can believe different things
- That doesn't mean we can all be right



# FIND THE RIGHT TOPICS

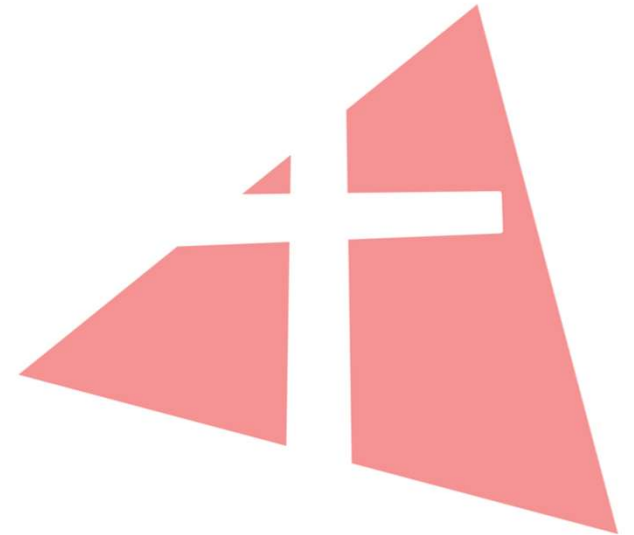
- **Approaching people with the wrong topics will offend them instead of convince them**



# FIND THE RIGHT TOPICS

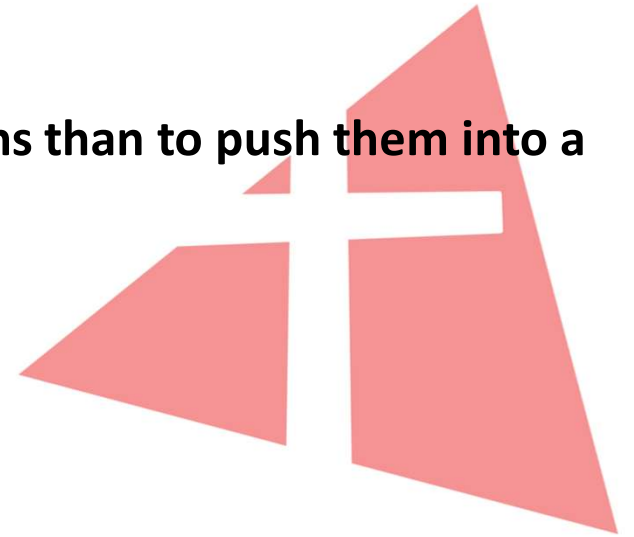
## ○ Respect the order in which people process the topic of Faith

- Is there a God?
- Is Jesus God?
- How does a relationship with God work?
- What about the Bible?
- What about prayer?
- What about Jesus' moral teaching?



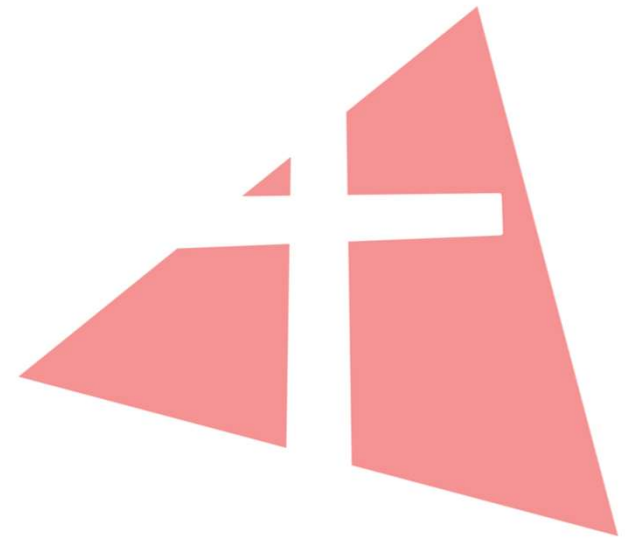
# HELP PEOPLE COME TO THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS

- **Many people are people-pleasers**
  - They say “yes” to us, not to Jesus
- **It’s better to give people time to come to their own conclusions than to push them into a quick “yes”**

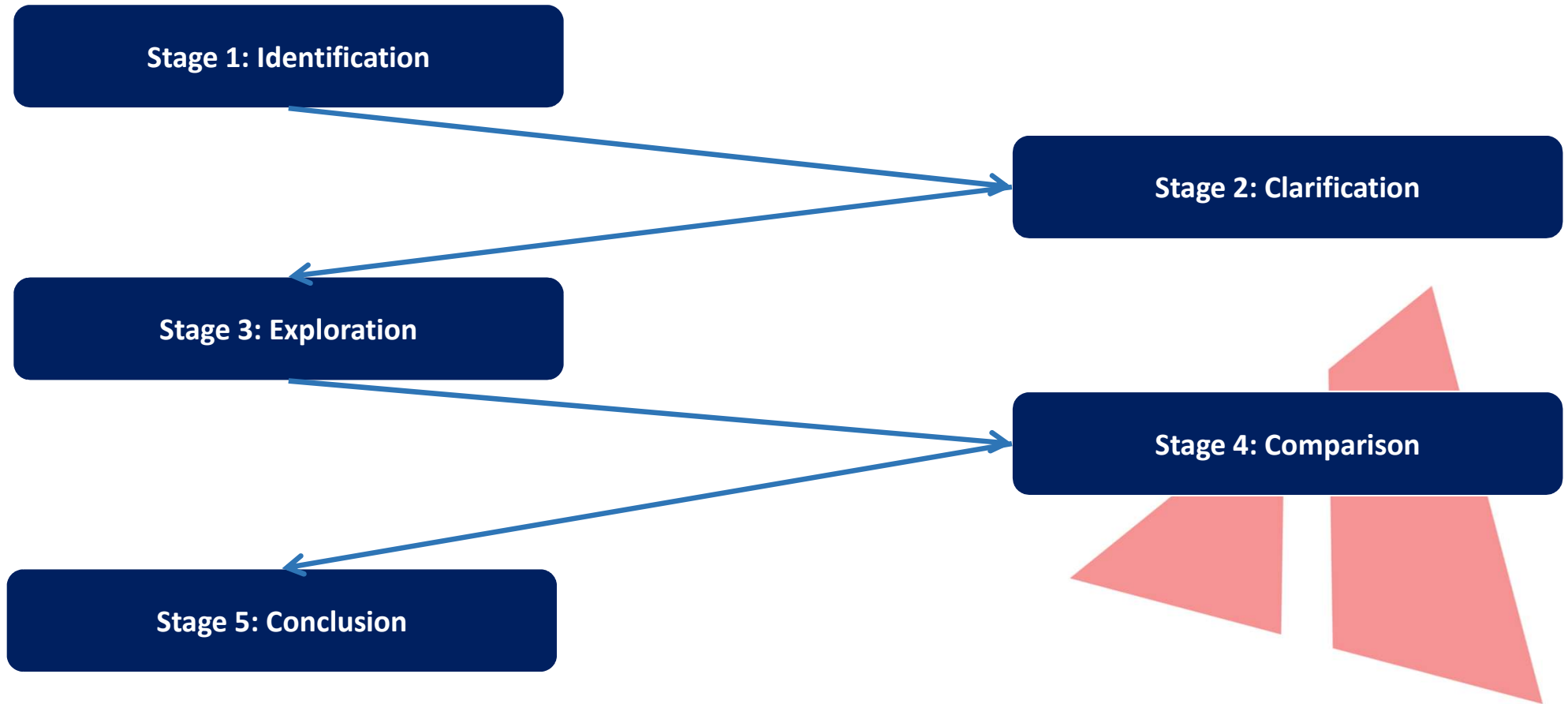


# HELP PEOPLE COME TO THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS

- Don't start preaching
- Start by asking questions



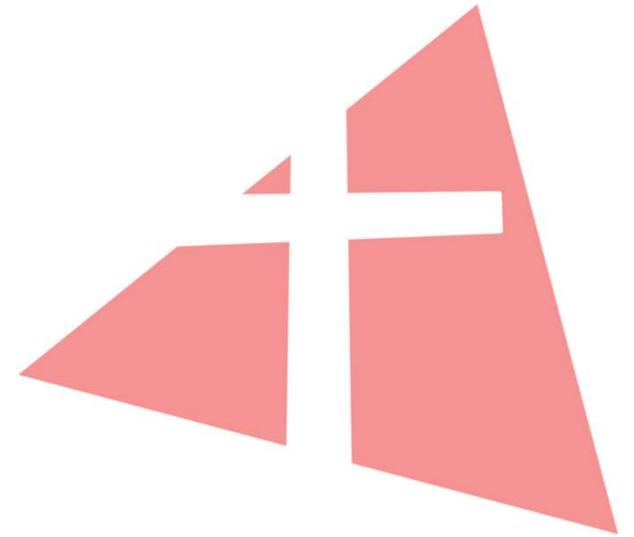
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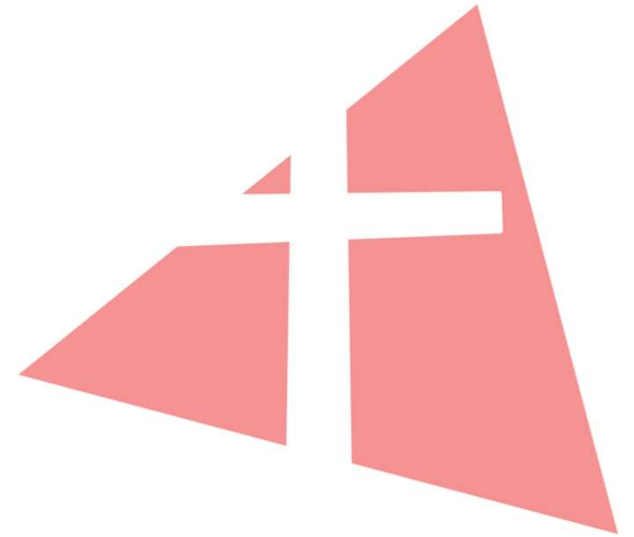
# IDENTIFICATION

- What do you currently believe?



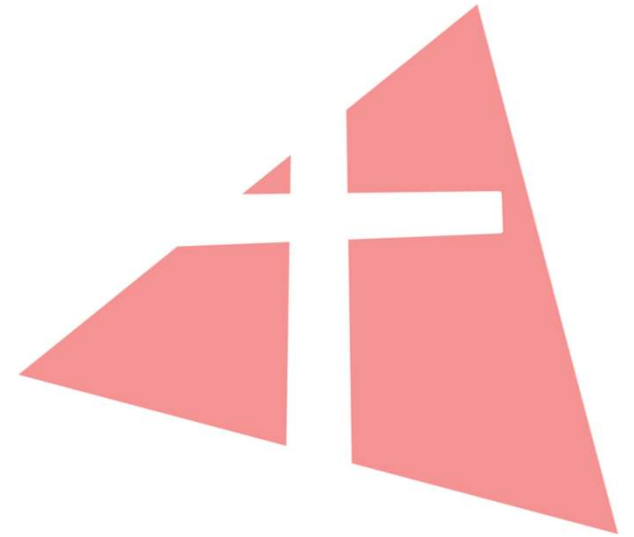
# CLARIFICATION

- Why do you believe what you believe?



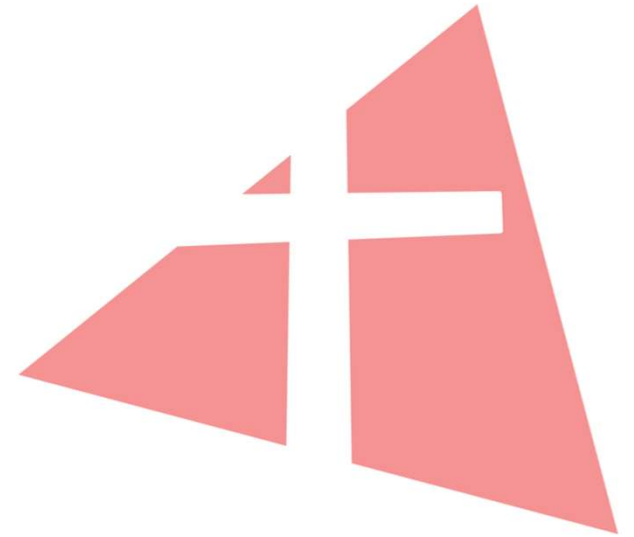
# EXPLORATION

- **Taking in information**
  - All kinds of information from all kinds of sources



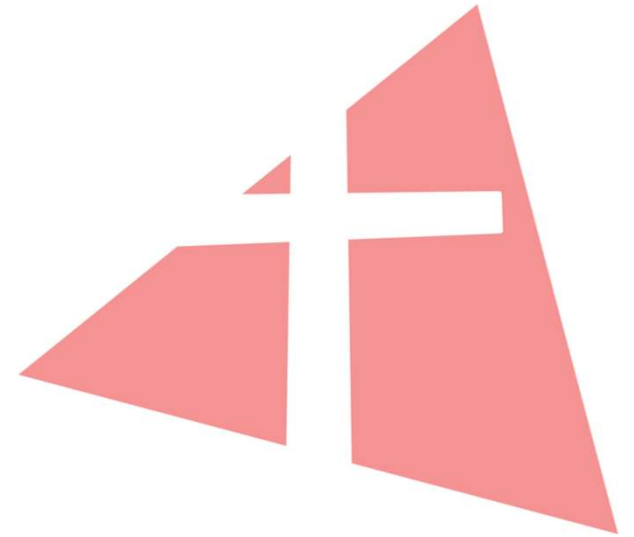
# COMPARISON

- Which of these opinions makes most sense?



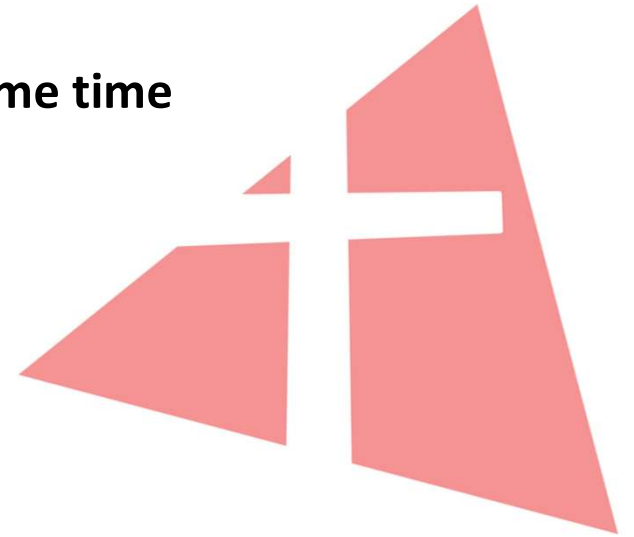
# CONCLUSION

- This is what I believe



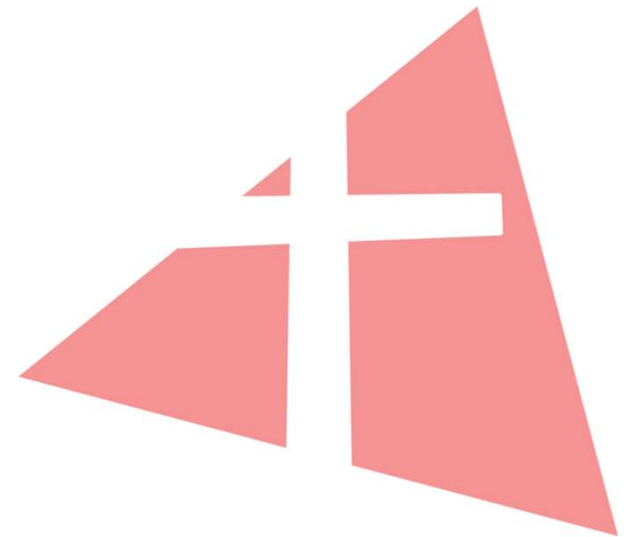
# REMEMBER

- People are at different stages for different questions at the same time



# SOME FINAL PRINCIPLES

- **Give people time**
  - Be there for them
- **Make sure they are connected to the church long term**
- **We are not responsible for people's responses**



# IN CONCLUSION

- **Evangelism works differently from person to person**
- **Some people will say no, some will be hostile**
- **But let's make sure we are not the reason for people to reject or be hostile towards Jesus**

