

“Faithful Presence”

Part 1

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**HOW NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES
ARE TRANSFORMING MISSION,
DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY**

"All paths to the future of the church must pass through this book."

LEONARD SWEET

This book could have been titled
“Faithful Presence”.

Presence

Presence

Awareness of

Noticing

Attending to

Being with

Faithful Presence

Faithfully present

To God

To Others

To Place

Faithful Presence

Instead of “living above a place” ...

We “live as a character
in the story of our place”

How can we present to a place? Or be a
character in the story of our place?

Faithful Presence

God's story

Our story

The story of our place

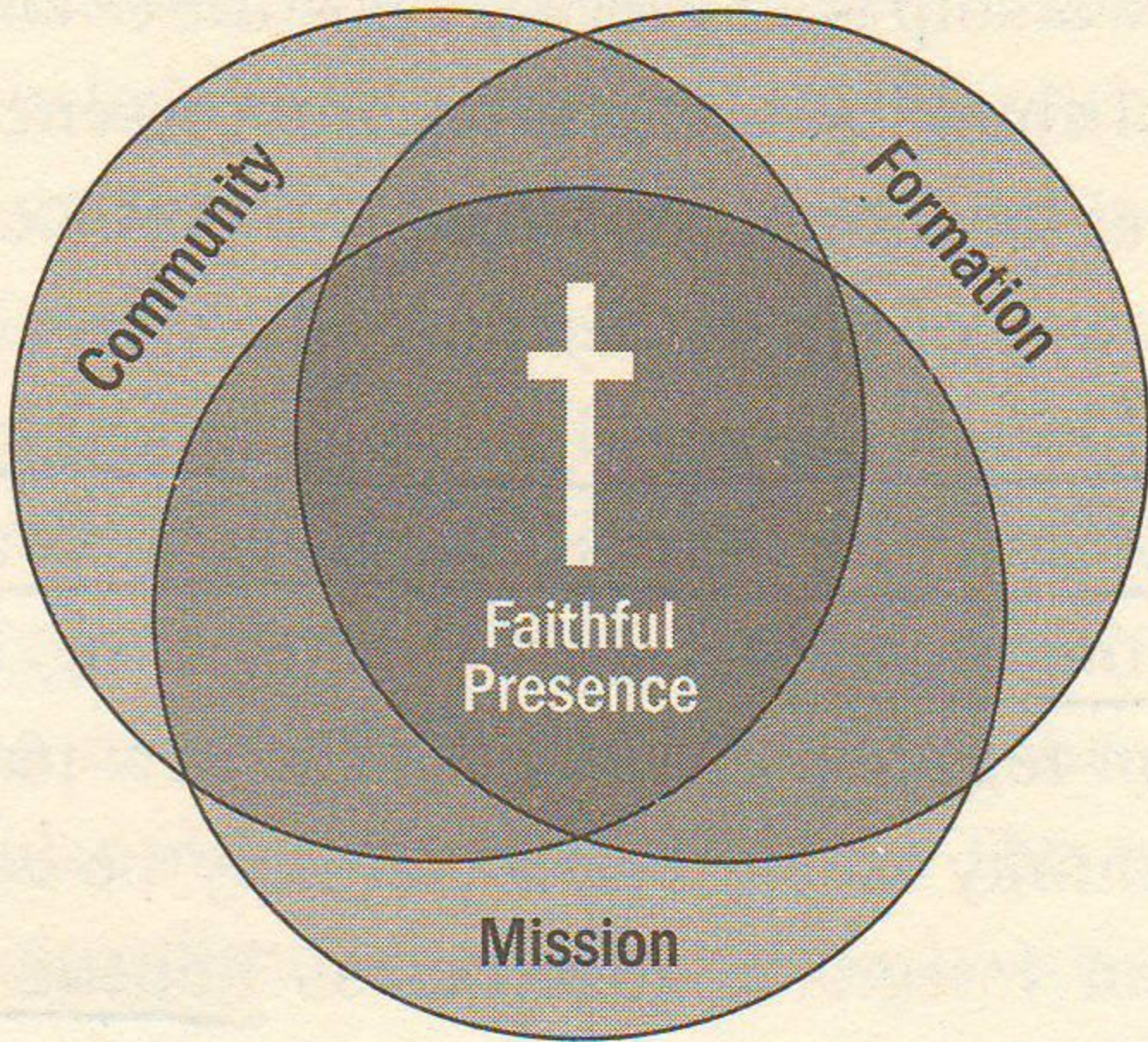
Faithful Presence

Faithful integration of
Community
Formation
Mission

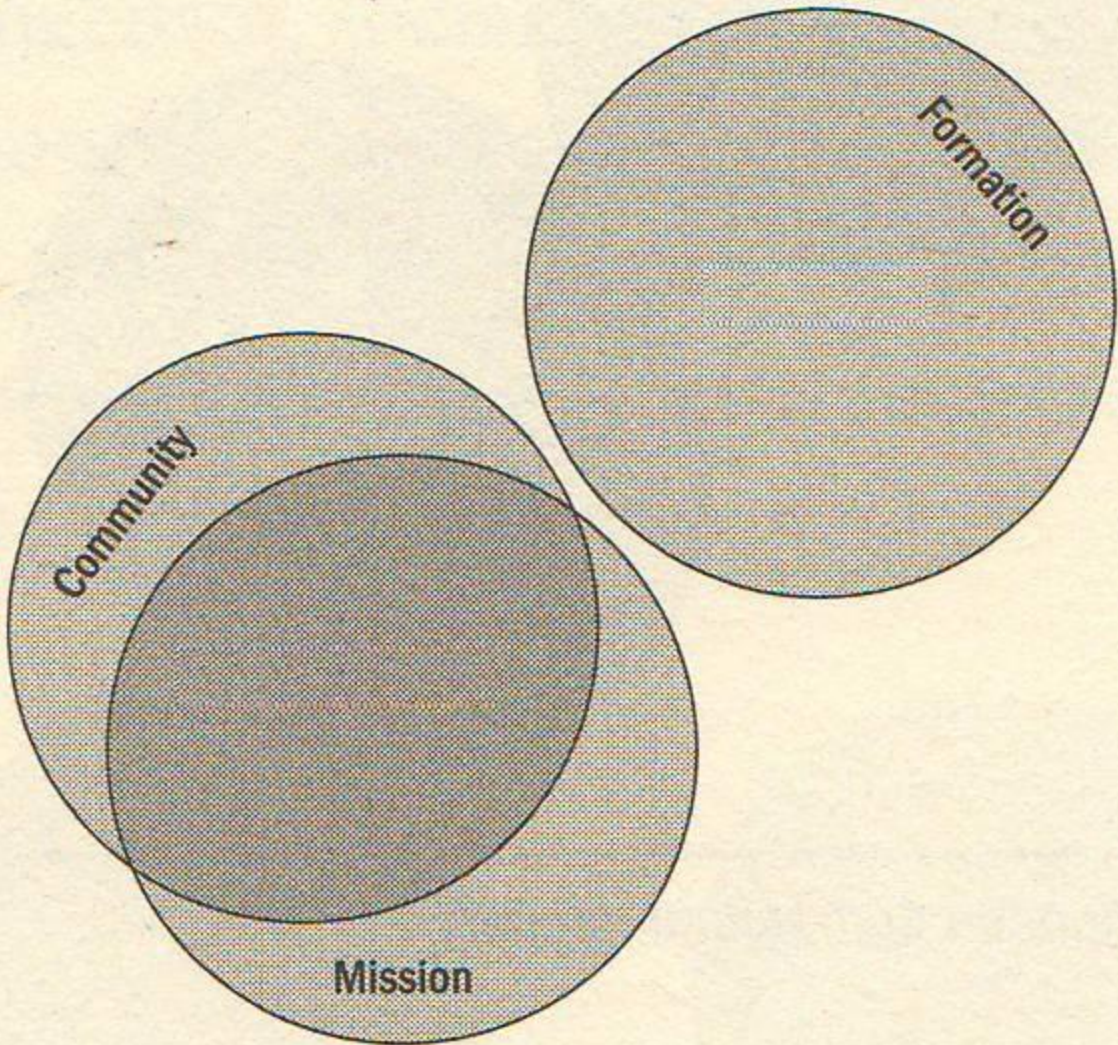
Community focuses on developing a common life together in the way of Christ. This includes knowing and being known by God and one another. It also means recognizing that each person has unique gifts to bring to the life of the body.

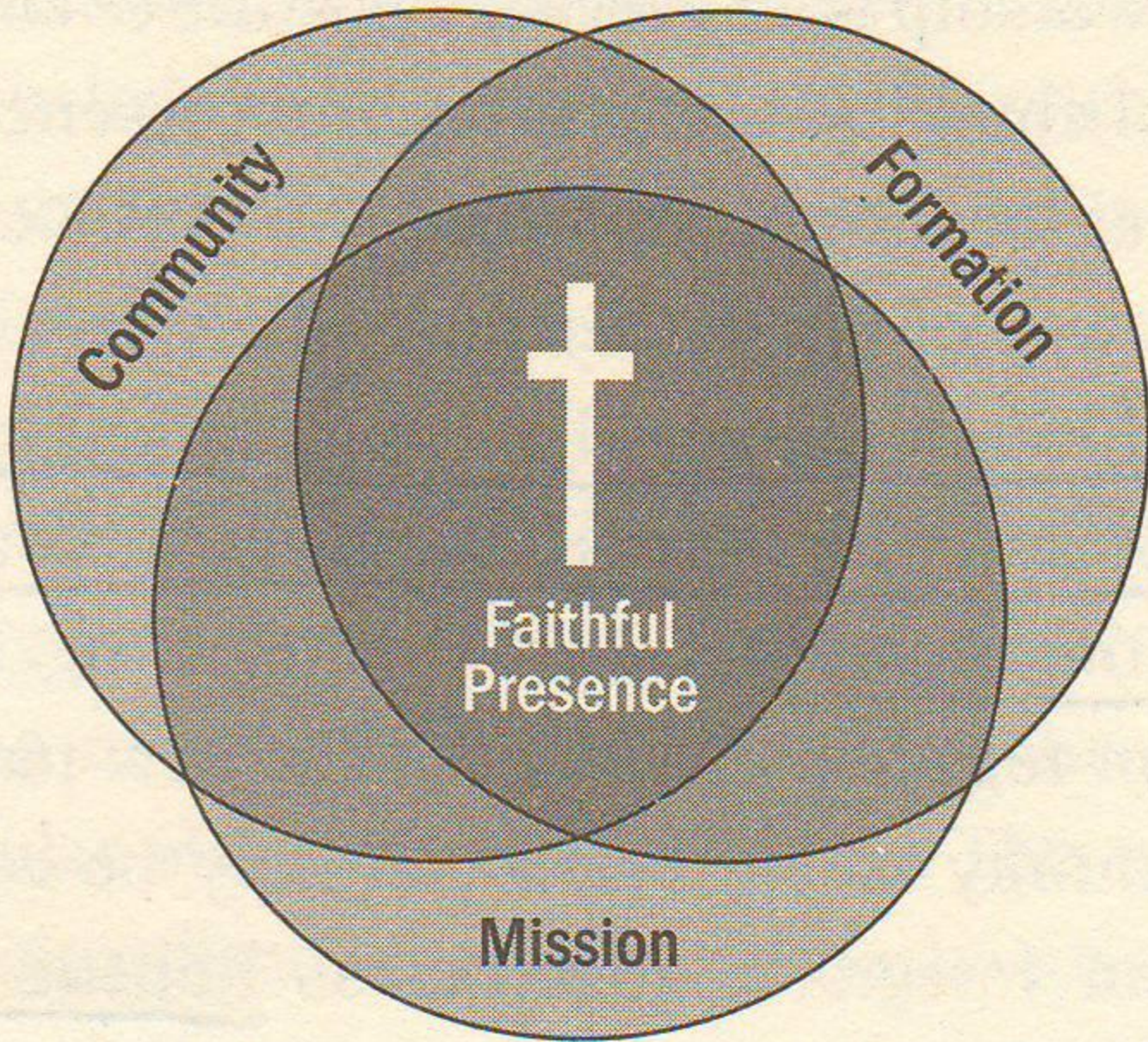
Formation has to do with developing the practices and postures that shape us into mature people of faith both personally and collectively.

Mission is bearing witness to the love of Jesus and the reign of God. It is joining the Spirit's movement in the neighborhood and seeking the reconciliation and renewal of all things.



Church is malformed when any of the three practices--community, formation, or mission--are separated from the others or when we are not faithfully present to God, others, and place.





On Faithful Presence

<https://vimeo.com/104023255>

What did you hear Tim say about
Faithful Presence?

Tim on **being the church**:

<https://vimeo.com/104023259>

What do you think Tim is trying to teach his son about “church”?

