

The Search to Belong – or: Why Men Hate Cell Groups!

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Rethinking Intimacy, Community and Small Groups

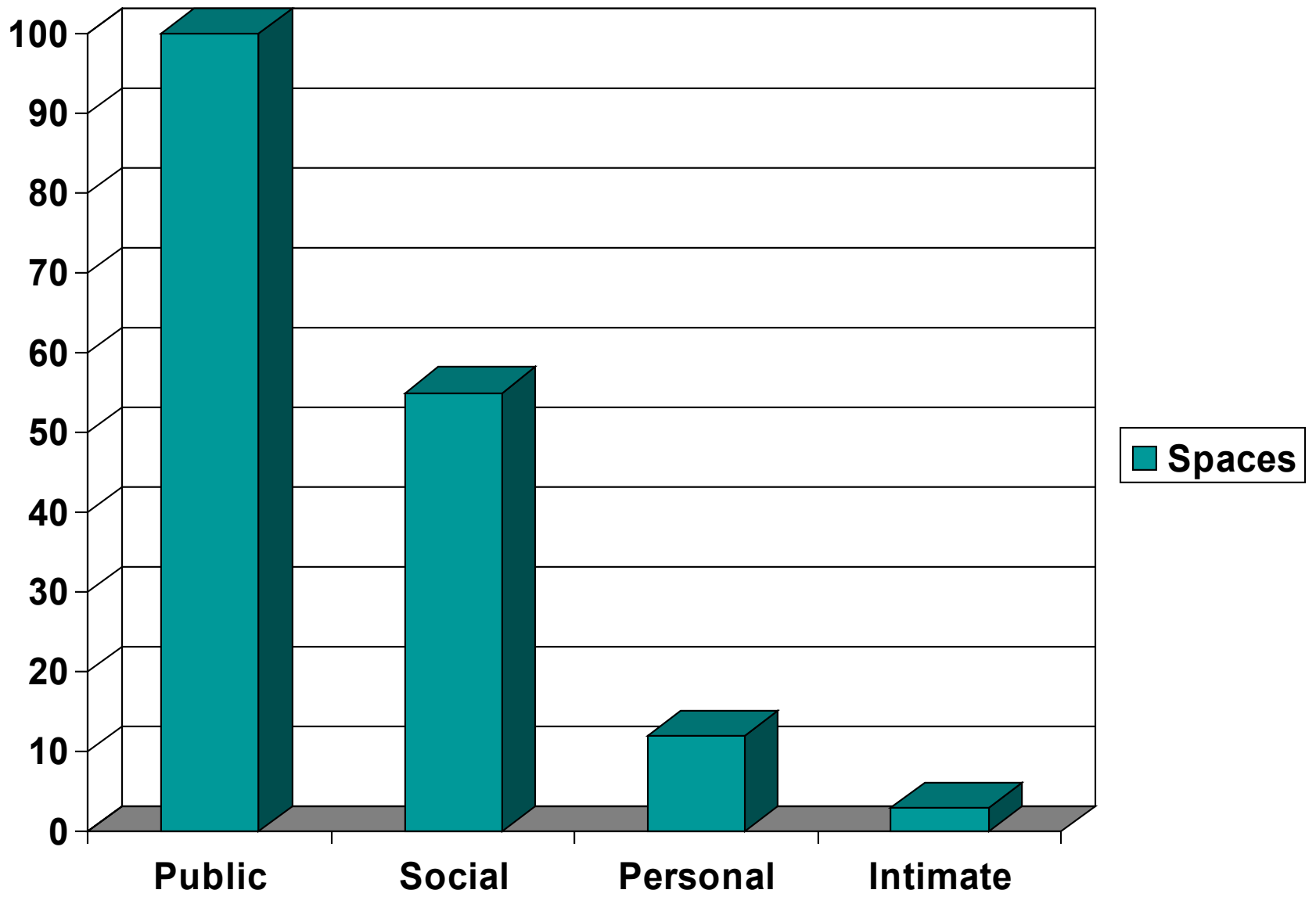
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Proxemics

- Edward T. Hall, in the 60's, developed a theory based on the relationship between space and culture, specifically how space affect the culture of living matter.
- Hall coined the term proxemics "for the interrelated observations and theories of man's use of space". He concluded there are four spaces we use to develop personalities, culture and communication.

Space Reference Distance

- Public 3.7 meters+
- Social 1.2-3.7 meters
- Personal 0.45-1,2 meters
- Intimate 0 – 0.45 meters



Spacial Assessment

- Personal Reflection

Parallels of Space – OT/NT

- Public
 - Social
 - Personal
 - Intimate
- Temple Festivals/Jesus proclaiming the Kingdom to the multitudes
 - Synagogue/Jesus and the 72/parties
 - Family devotion/Jesus and the 12
 - Husband and wife/Jesus with Peter, James and John

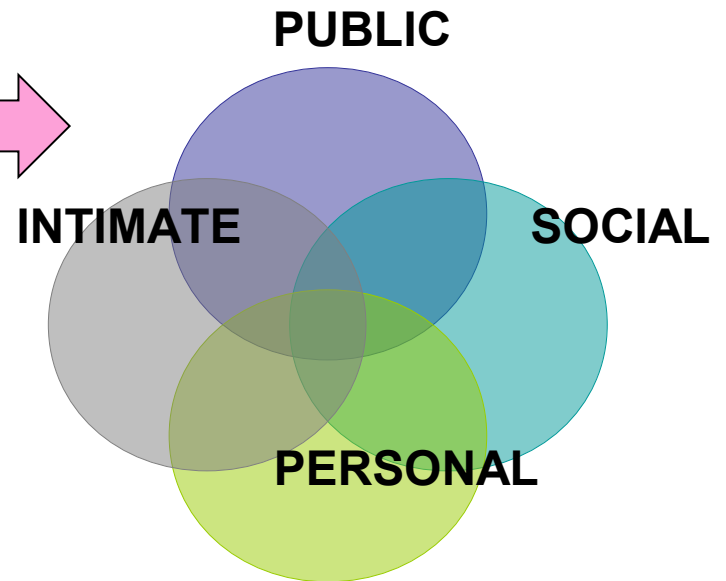
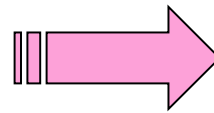
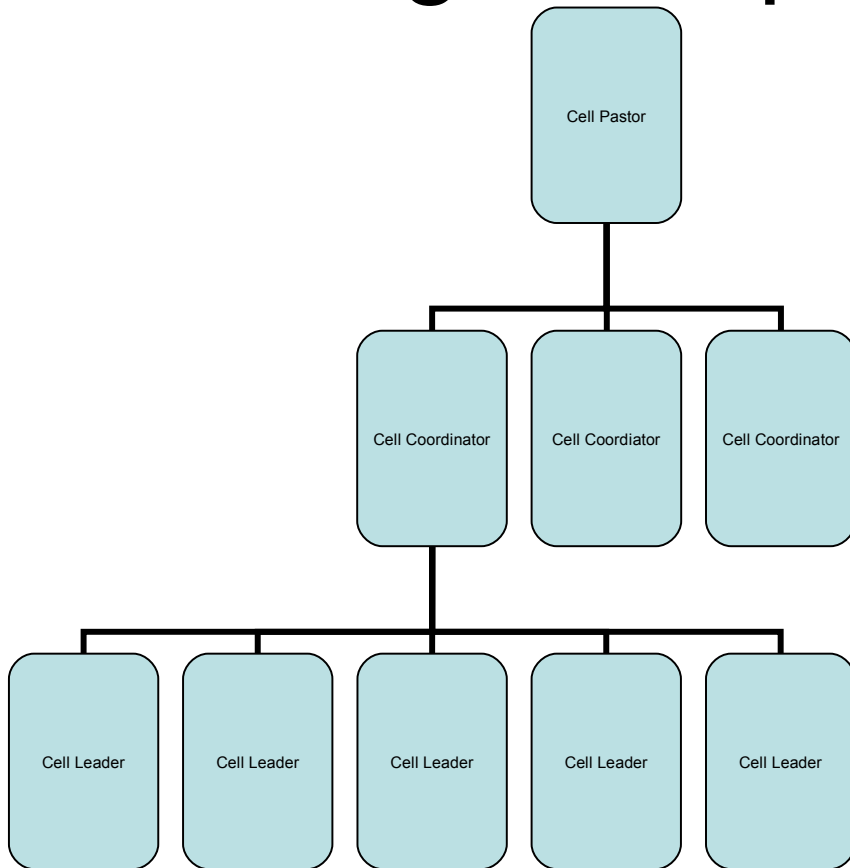
Parallels of Space in Luke 9-10

- Public
- Social
- Personal
- Intimate
- Proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom!
- Look out for the Person of Peace inviting you into their home & network (connectors)
- Operate as a team ("The 12")
- Accountability (Jesus had Peter, Jacob and John sharing "the unnaled truth without being ashamed").

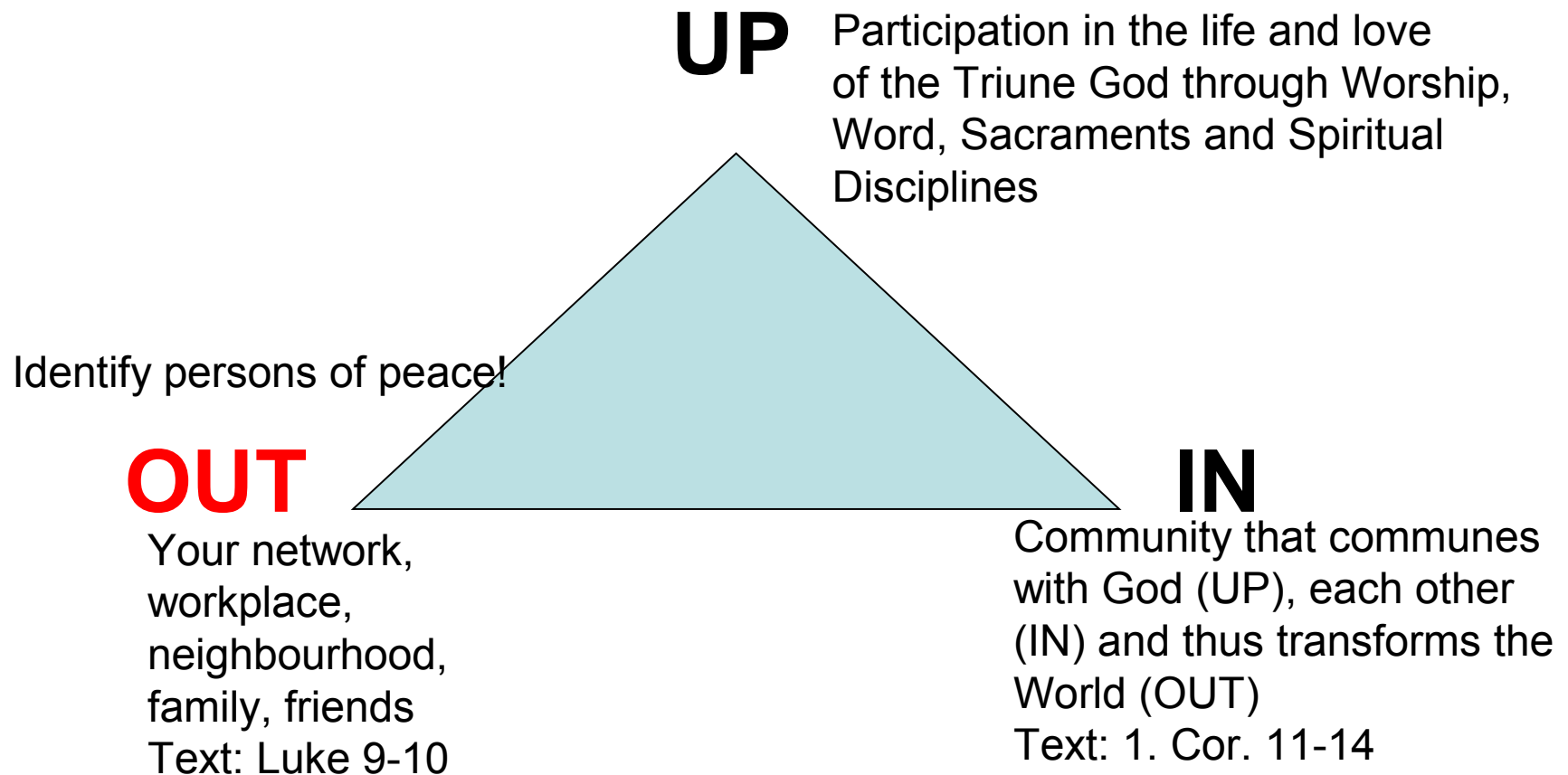
Parallels of Space in Church

- Public
- Social
- Personal
- Intimate
- Celebration/Workplace/business
- Cluster/Networkgroup
- Cell/Team/Friends
- Accountability group

Transition From Modern Era Industrial Engineering to Organic Spaces Thinking



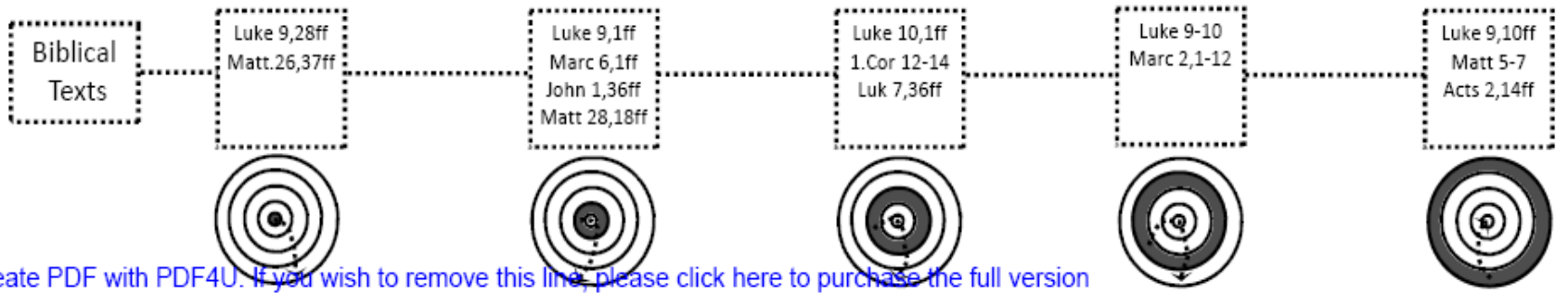
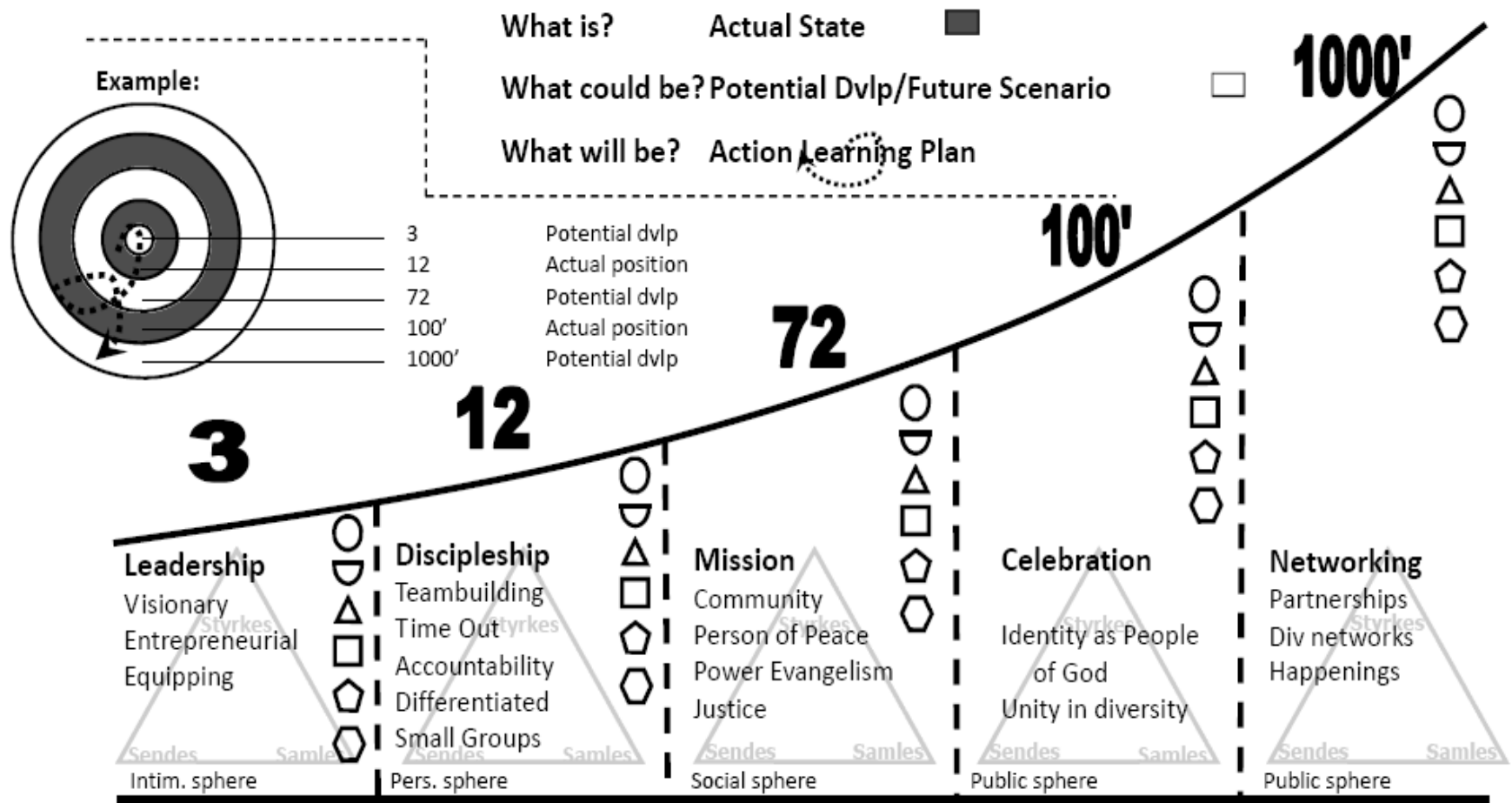
Faith-Communities defined around passion for God, spiritual practices/disciplines, flexible networks and missions



How to feed the thousands - 3 dimensions of ministry required

- "Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties (IN) ... looking up to heaven he gave thanks (UP)...Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people (OUT) ...they all ate and where satisfied ... the number of the men who had eaten was five thousand" Mark 6:39 – 44.

Missional NetworkPattern



Open Source Approach

- The Wikipedia and Encyclopedia Britannica compared ... (Starfish and the Spider pp. 72-74)
- Learning: people want to contribute! (1 Cor 11-14)