



Grantham
Church
BRETHREN IN CHRIST

EPIPHANIES OF EVER-INCREASING GLORY

Sunday, January 1st 2023 Epiphany Sunday



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

Epiphany (e-piph-a-ny)

(n) A moment of sudden revelation;
a poignant, sudden, profound
understanding of something.







EPIPHANIES FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

A few biblical examples of Spirit-guided illuminations:

- **Hagar**

Genesis 16:13

- **Abraham**

Genesis 22:1-19

- **Moses**

Exodus 3:1-14

- **Isaiah**

Isaiah 6:1-13

- **Mary & Gang**

Matt. 1:18-24, 2:1-12; Lk. 1:1-38

- **Woman at the Well**

John 4:1-42

- **Peter**

Matt. 16:13-20; Acts 10:9-23

- **Saul of Tarsus (Paul)**

Acts 9:1-19; 2 Cor. 12:1-5

Paul, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NIV

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18b

NLT: And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us **more and more like him** as we are changed into his glorious image.

VOICE: So we are being transformed, *metamorphosed*, into His same image **from one radiance of glory to another**, just as the Spirit of the Lord accomplishes it.

MSG: And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, **our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful** as God enters our lives and we become like him.

John 15:4-5 NIV

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Triangle of Spiritual Balance and Health

GOD

UP

Loving God

through prayer,
fasting, devotions,
Bible study, etc.

CHURCH

IN

Loving each other

through worship, service,
accountability, Bible study, etc.

OUT

WORLD

Loving unbelievers

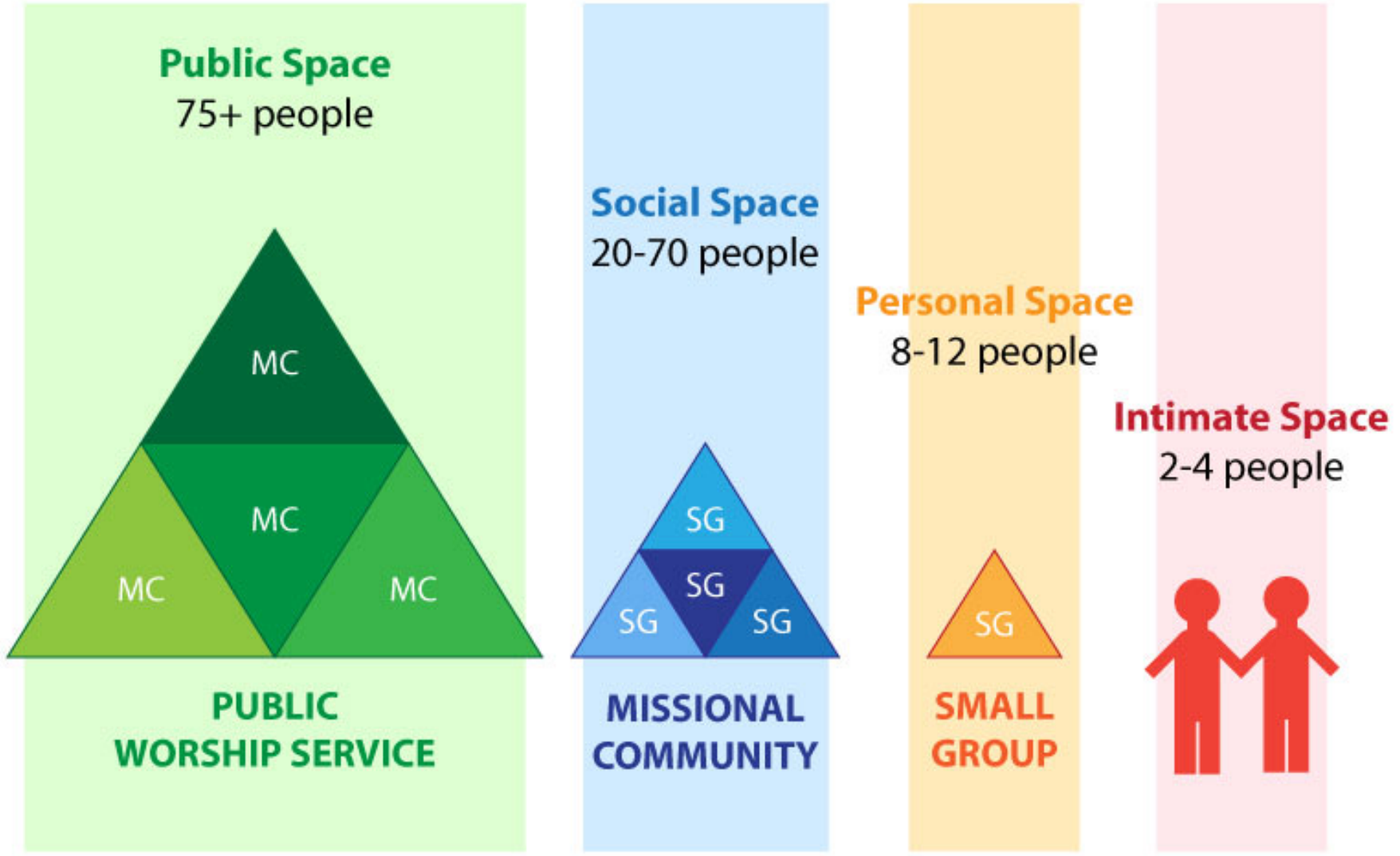
by sharing the gospel, being
peacemakers, serving the
poor and needy, etc.

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3. Be open to new insights from the Spirit as you **Gather, Grow, Give, and Go!**



GATHER



GROW



GIVE



GO



The purpose of the *gathered* church is for worship, community, and discipleship. We gather together so that we might be equipped, inspired, and empowered to be the *missional* (sent) church in the world.

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