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Vision and Strategy



Gratitude | Discipleship | Transformation

“No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 3:11



**'Knowing Jesus and
making Jesus known'.**

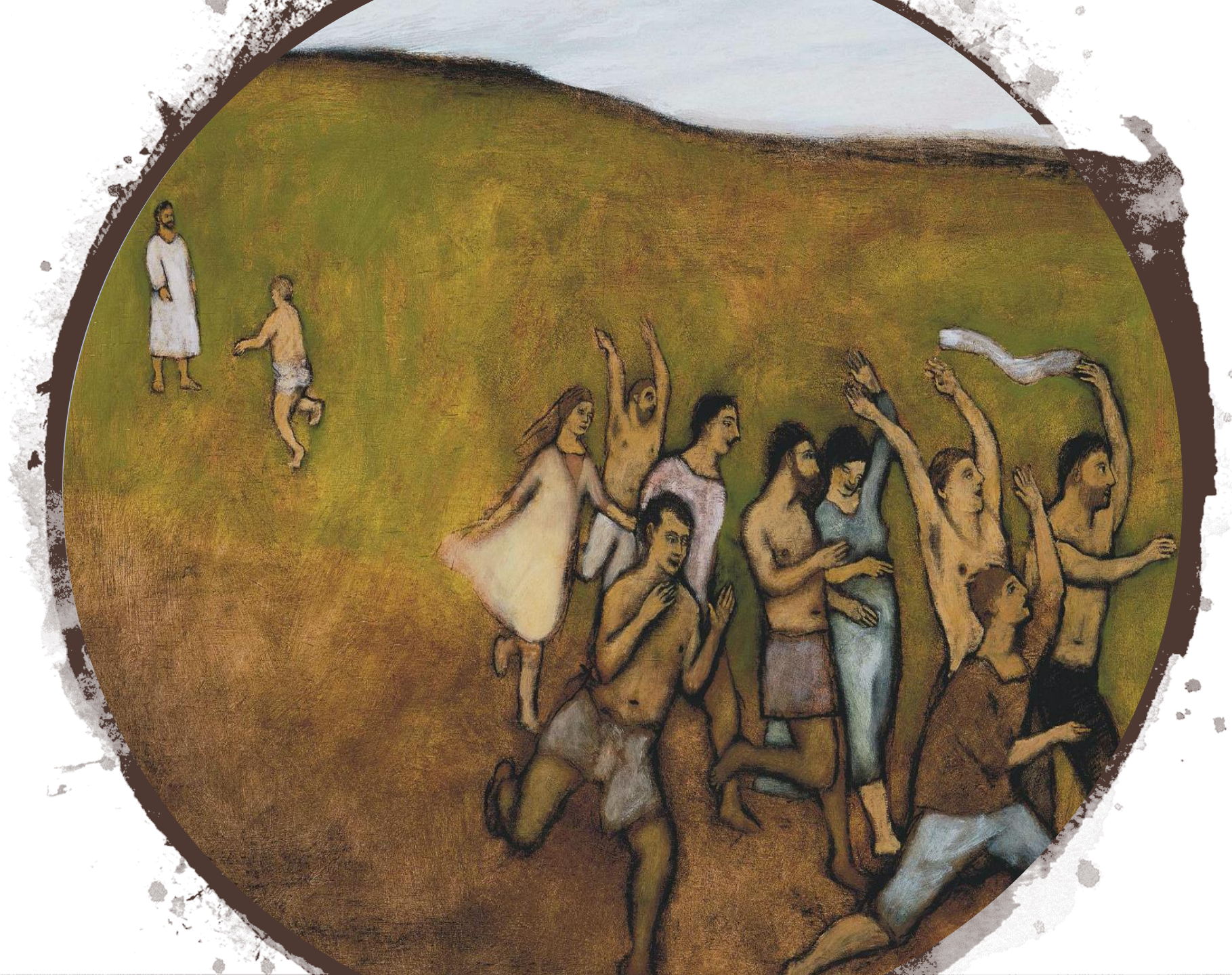
**Inviting, Forming,
Sending, Serving.**

**Responding to God's Call: Faith Communities
reading the Bible, praying, living out the life of
Jesus Christ.**

***We are family, we are disciples, we prioritise the last, the lost
and the least***

**We aspire to be a vibrant,
relevant, dynamic, missional
Church.**

***We're a transformative movement
of local faith communities***







Transforming our
community together.

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RE-INVIGORATING RURAL MINISTRY



Mission

- the land,
- its narrative,
- hearing the past,
- making disciples – a new generation
- living the kingdom alternative - love-in-community



The Gathering conversation

- Listening to God
- Listening to the people who are doing it, have done it.



PHASE ONE:

Listening to God and to each other:

- What is God doing when valued, loved and cherished church communities are reducing?
- Discerning the *Missio Dei* in rural communities.



What is God doing in our place?

Where are we?

- What continues?
(passion, creativity)
- What has changed?
(economics, partnership, environment, demography, farming practice, awareness)



What is God doing in our place?

Who are we?

- Who has God provided (past heroes)?
(passion, creativity)
- Who is God providing (present heroes)?



What is God doing in our place?

Where is God leading us?

- What resources have we got?
- What resources do we need?

- What do we need to hold on to?
- What do we need to let go of?
- How have rural communities managed change in the past?



PHASE TWO:

Leadership Development:

Drawing on the learnings from Phase One we believe we need to go on an extended two-year journey focusing on the unique challenges of rural ministry, and identifying ways to strengthen these ministry units. We imagine extended conversations addressing a variety of themes crucial for rural ministry.



PHASE TWO:

Leadership Development:

These include:

- theological and biblical reflection on rural life and ministry,
- specifics of rural worship and liturgy, pastoral care, community development,
- leadership development and change management,
- practical life issues specific to rural areas.

