



**PARTNERING
WITH PARENTS
COHORT**



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LANGUAGE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to
gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.



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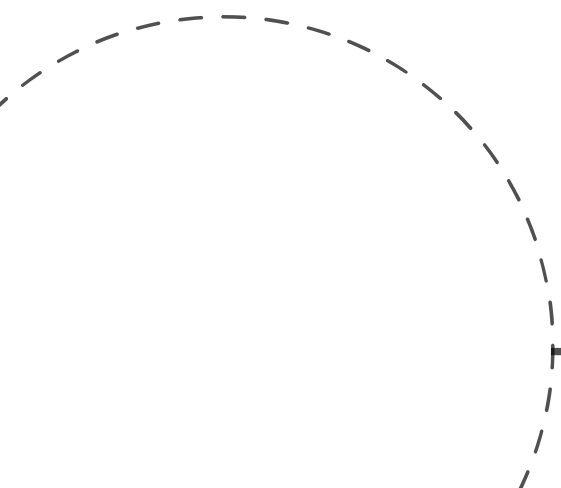
Seasons, Stages, and
Rhythms matter!

Key Question: Ministry and Rhythm

**Have you discovered seasons and rhythms
in your ministry area or do you feel you are
constantly sprinting?**



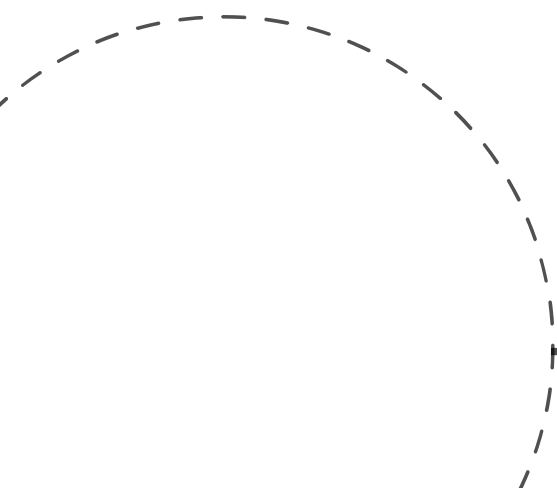
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The Myth of Balance



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STEP ONE

Identify Your "Stage"



Stages of Church Life

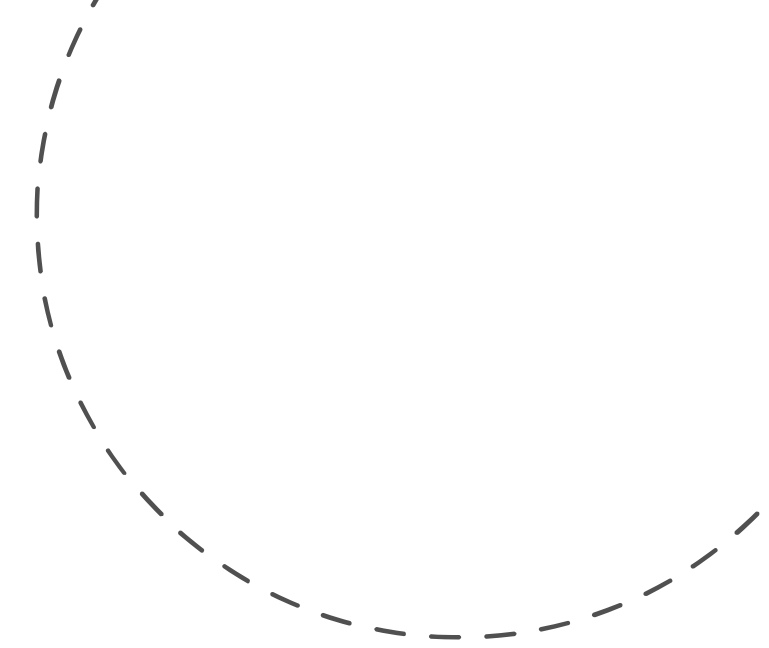
Maturity

Growth

Decline

Birth
Early Years

Death
Close Doors



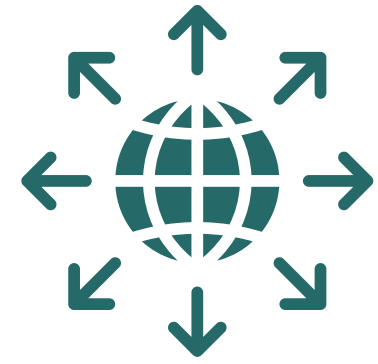


STEP TWO

Identify Your "Season"



Seasons



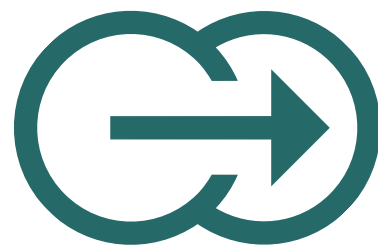
Expansion



Crisis



Restructure



Transition



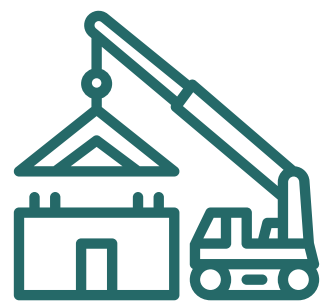
Ending



Starting



Grief



Building



Rehabilitation



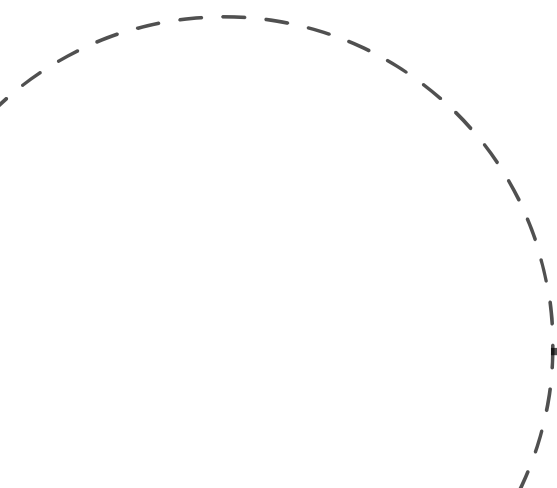
Capitol Campaign





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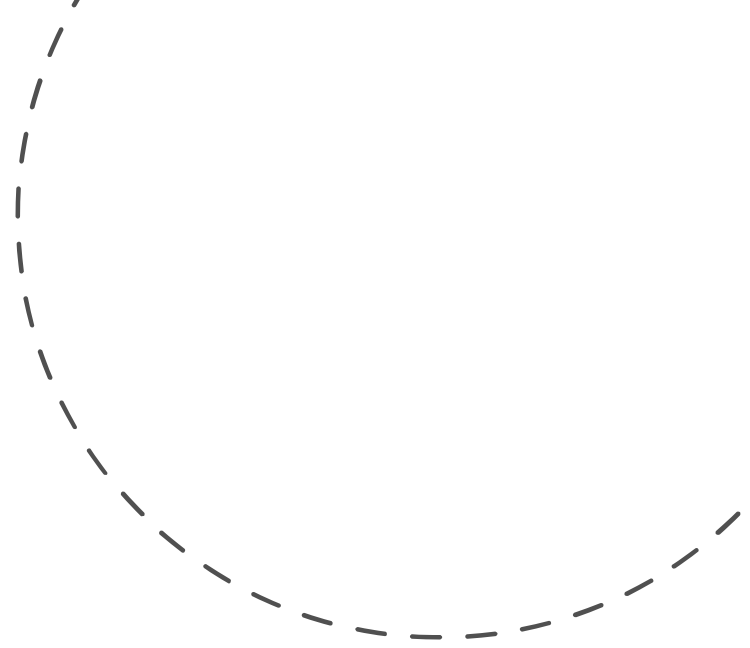
Establish Your Rhythms



Advantages of Rhythm vs. Balance

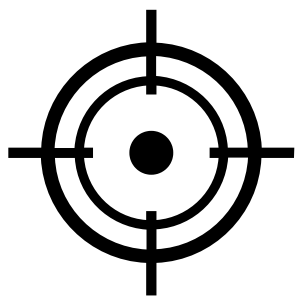
Burdens of Balance	Benefits of Rhythm
Guilt over not giving adequate attention to every priority at every time	Peace in releasing expectations that do not fit this time and in setting a healthy pace for activities
Busyness in trying to push every purpose and ministry in every season and stage	Fulfillment in seizing the unique opportunities offered by each season
Stress in the attempt to keep everything proportionate at all times	Joy in embracing the blessings of each time and in the oscillation of work and rest
Despair of being stuck in the impossible pursuit of keeping everything in balance	Hope in anticipating a new season ahead and the ultimate rhythm sure to come

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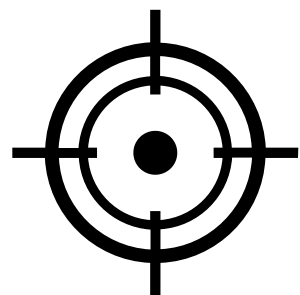
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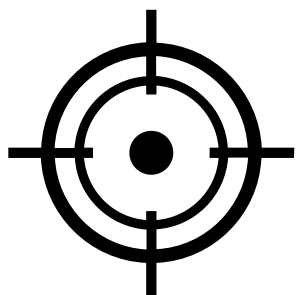
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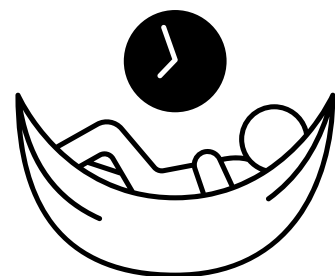
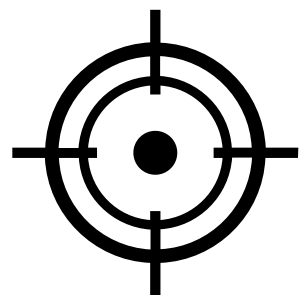
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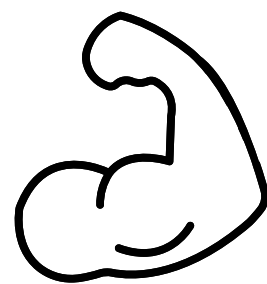
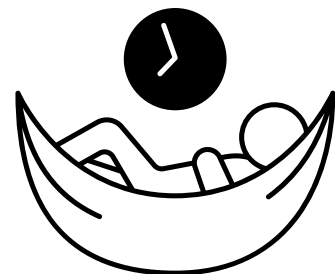
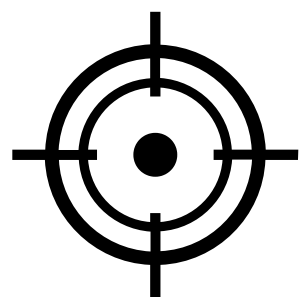
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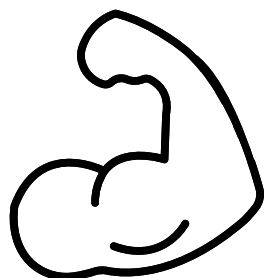
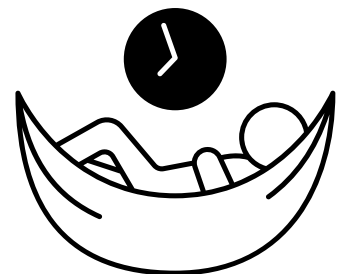
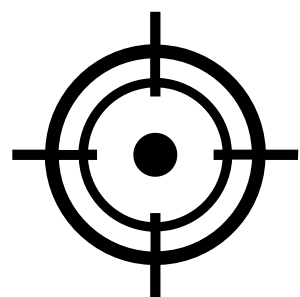
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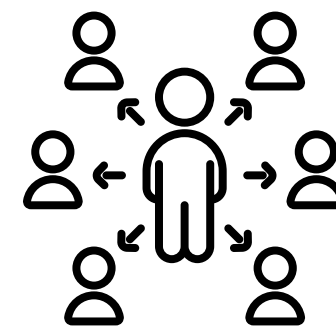
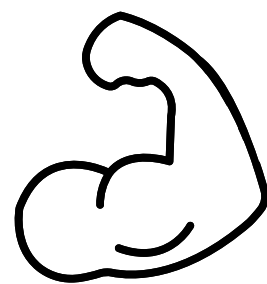
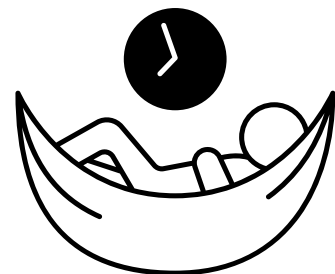
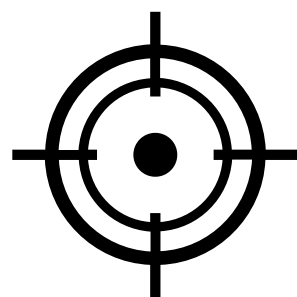
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Weekly

Faith Talks
Community Groups
Student Lifegroups
Baptism

Annual

Easter
Christmas
Caring 4 Katy
Kamp, VBS, Mission Trips

Monthly/Quarterly

Parent Open Forums
Men / Women Ministry
Resource Newsletters

Connecting Church and Home

Semi-Annual

Milestone Months (April & Oct)
Community Group Service Projects
Restore Prayer and Worship
Resource Magazine



ORGANIZATION & TEAM RHYTHMS

