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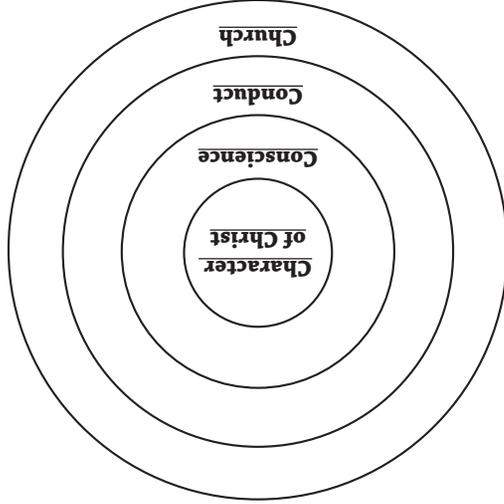
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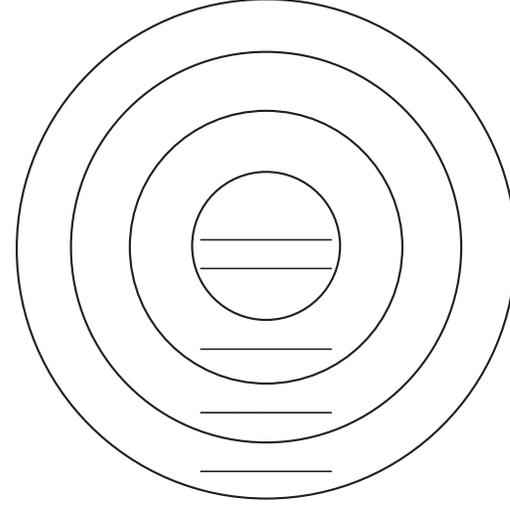
- We are a community **formed** by God's Word.
- ▶ We are **saved** by the Word.
- ▶ We are **sanctified** through the Word.



- ▶ We are **servants** of the Word.
- We are a community **in awe** of God's Word.
 - ▶ The Word evokes the **worship** of God.
 - It reminds us of our need for His **presence**.
 - ▶ The Word exalts the **Son** of God.
 - It reminds us of our submission to His **authority**.
- We are a community **trusting** in God's Word.
 - ▶ We want our lives to **count**.
 - ▶ We long for our Savior to **come back**.

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