

FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP

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WHERE DO WE GET OUR IDEAS ABOUT WORSHIP?



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WORSHIP IS NOT



A MUSICAL STYLE



SPECIFIC ACTION



**SPECIFIC FORM OR
LITURGY**

WORSHIP IS GOD'S IDEA

In Creation

Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)

Moses (Exodus 3-10)

New Testament (John
4:5-26; Romans 5:1-11)

STARTING IDEAS ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship is something we do

Worship is a celebration

Worship is a relationship

Worship is a way of life





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WORSHIP IS A CELEBRATION

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“Worship is the believer’s response of all that he is – mind, emotions, will, and body – to all that God is and says and does.”

- WARREN WIERSBE

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“Worship is communion with God in which believers, by grace, center their mind’s attention and heart’s affection on the Lord, humbly glorifying Him in response to His greatness and His Word.”

- BRUCE LEAFBLAD

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- Worship is **focused** on Christ
- Worship's **pattern** is revelation and response
- Worship is **centered** on the Gospel
- Worship is **corporate** in nature





WORSHIP IS CENTERED ON CHRIST

Colossians 1:15-20

Philippians 2:5-11



COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

He is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him.**

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the **head of the body**, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

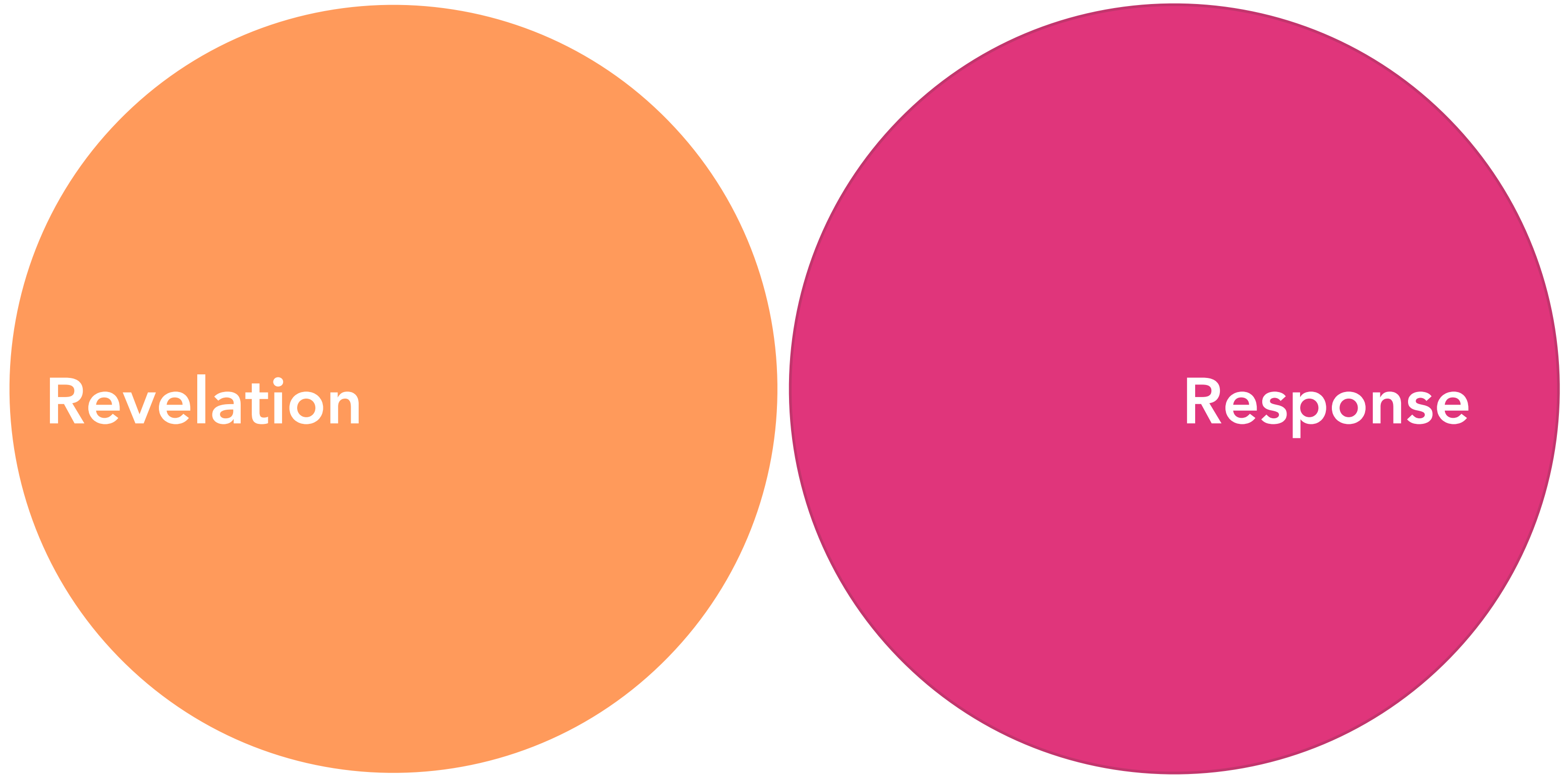
For in him **all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though **he was in the form of God**, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore **God has highly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and **every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the **glory of God the Father**.



Revelation

Response

God Reveals His

- Attributes
- Character
- Actions

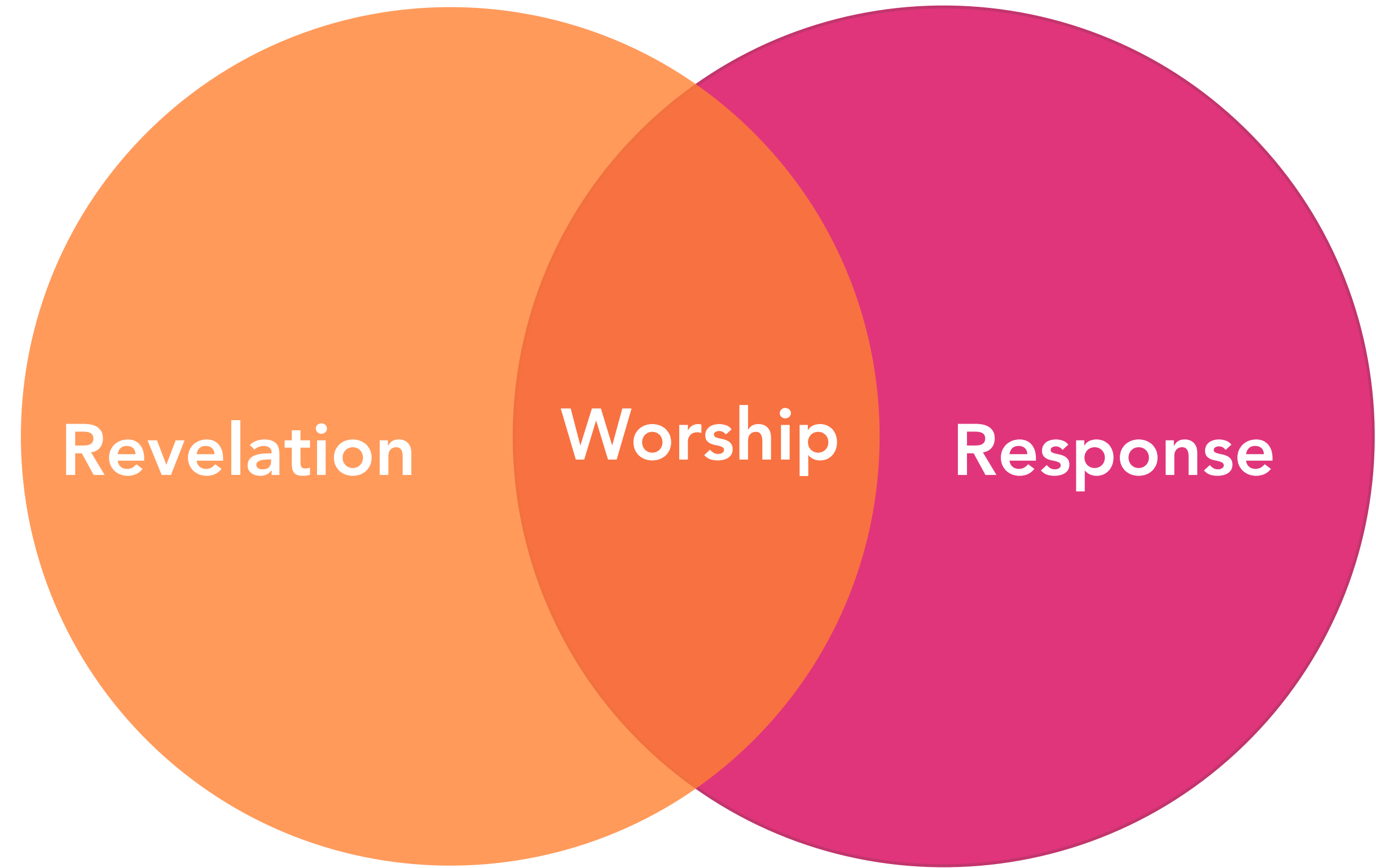
Through

- The Word of God
- Creation
- The Body of Christ

We Respond In

- Adoration
- Prayer
- Praise
- Sacrifice
- Obedience

**WORSHIP'S PATTERN:
REVELATION & RESPONSE**



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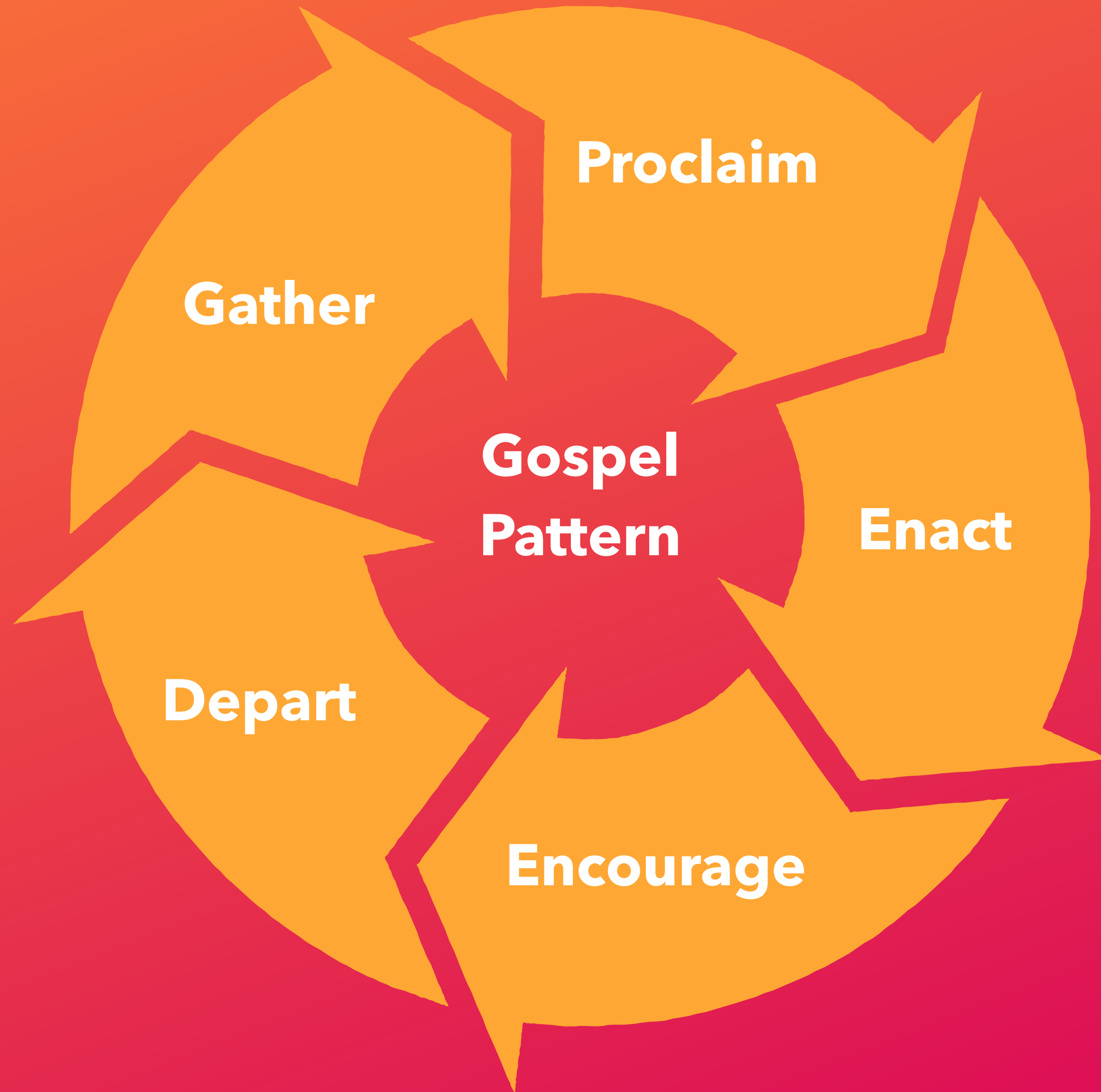
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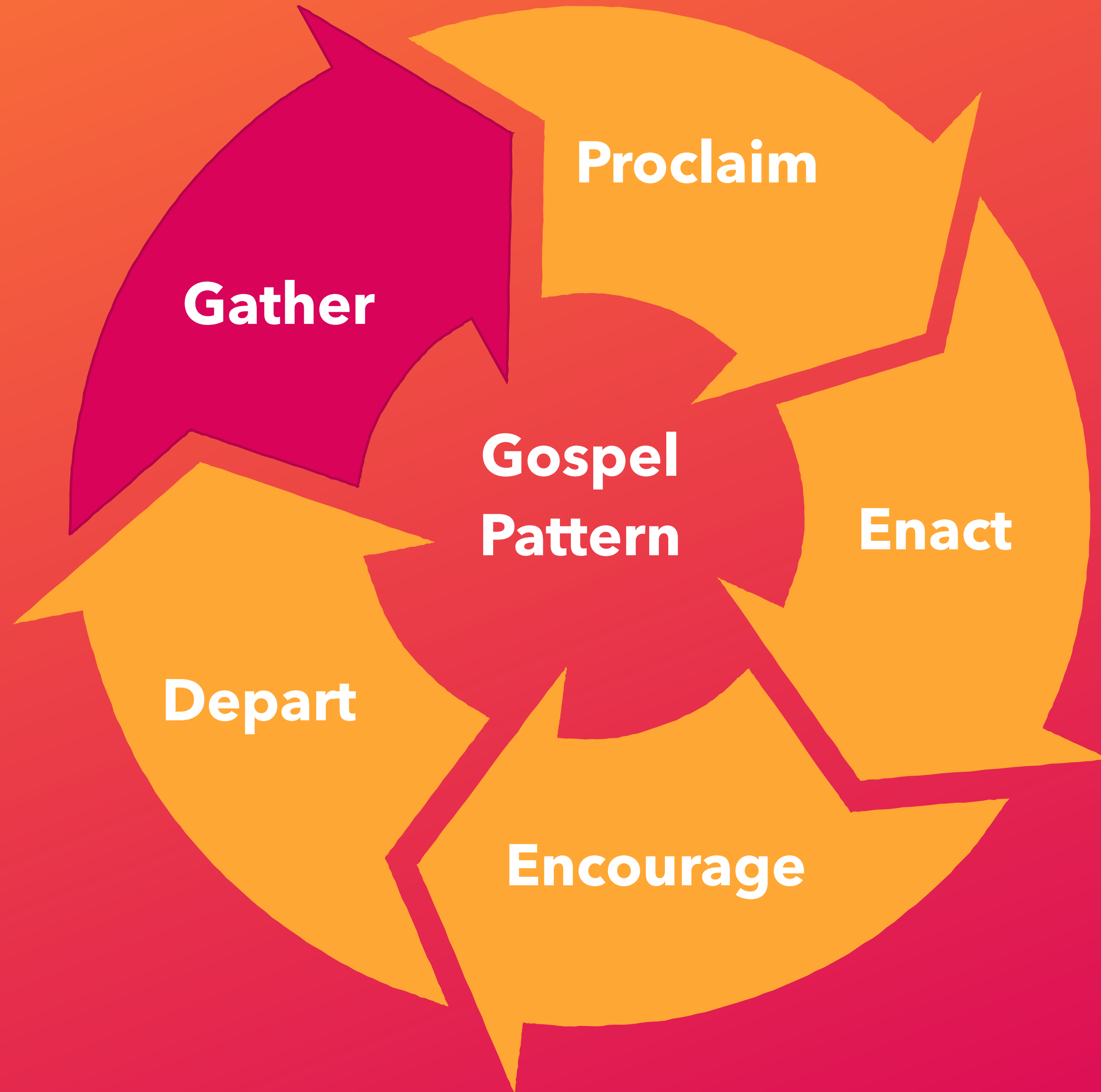
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Gather

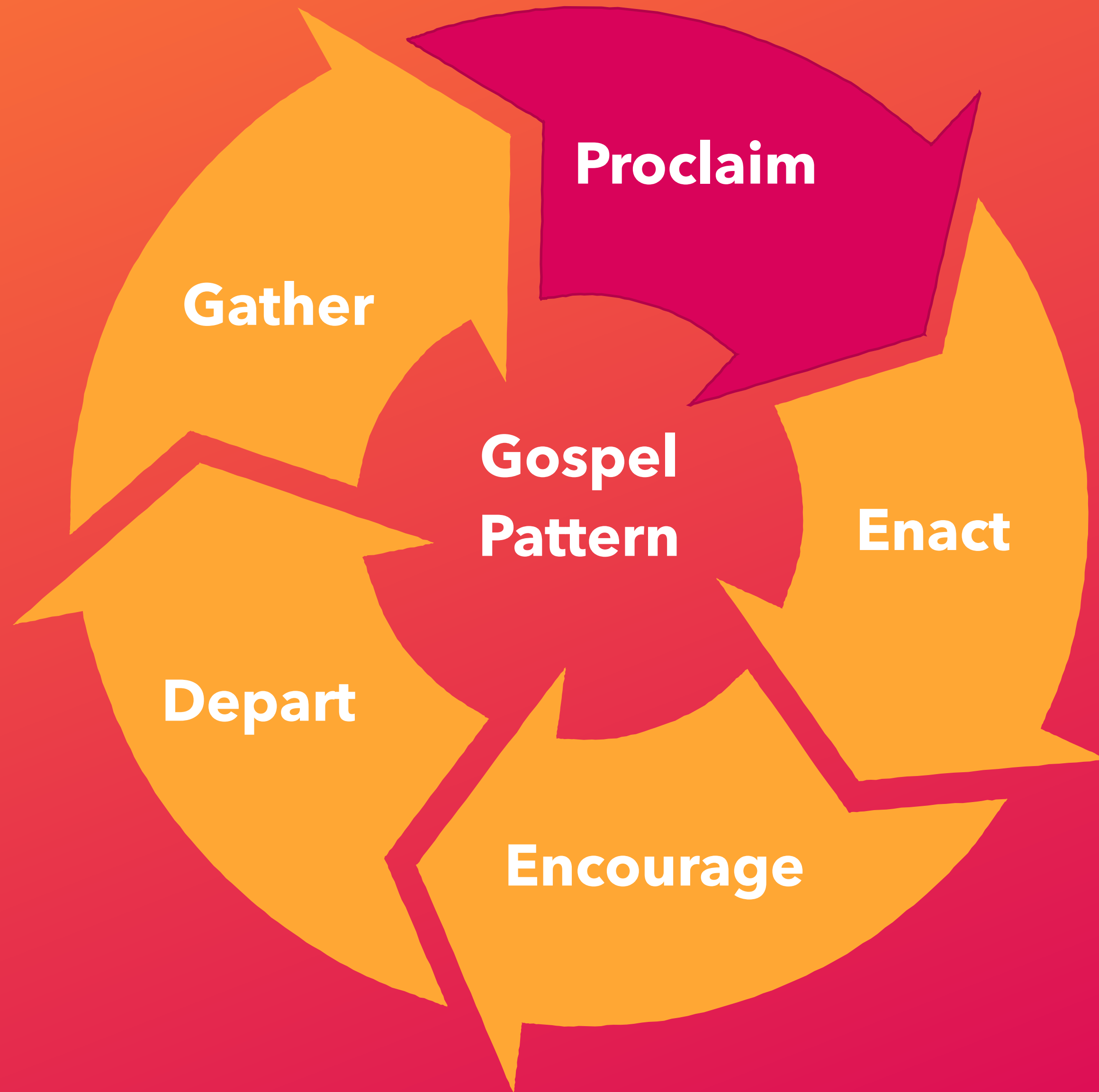
We Gather as the
Body of Christ to
Behold the Lord



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Proclaim

We Proclaim the Gospel through Song, Word, and Action

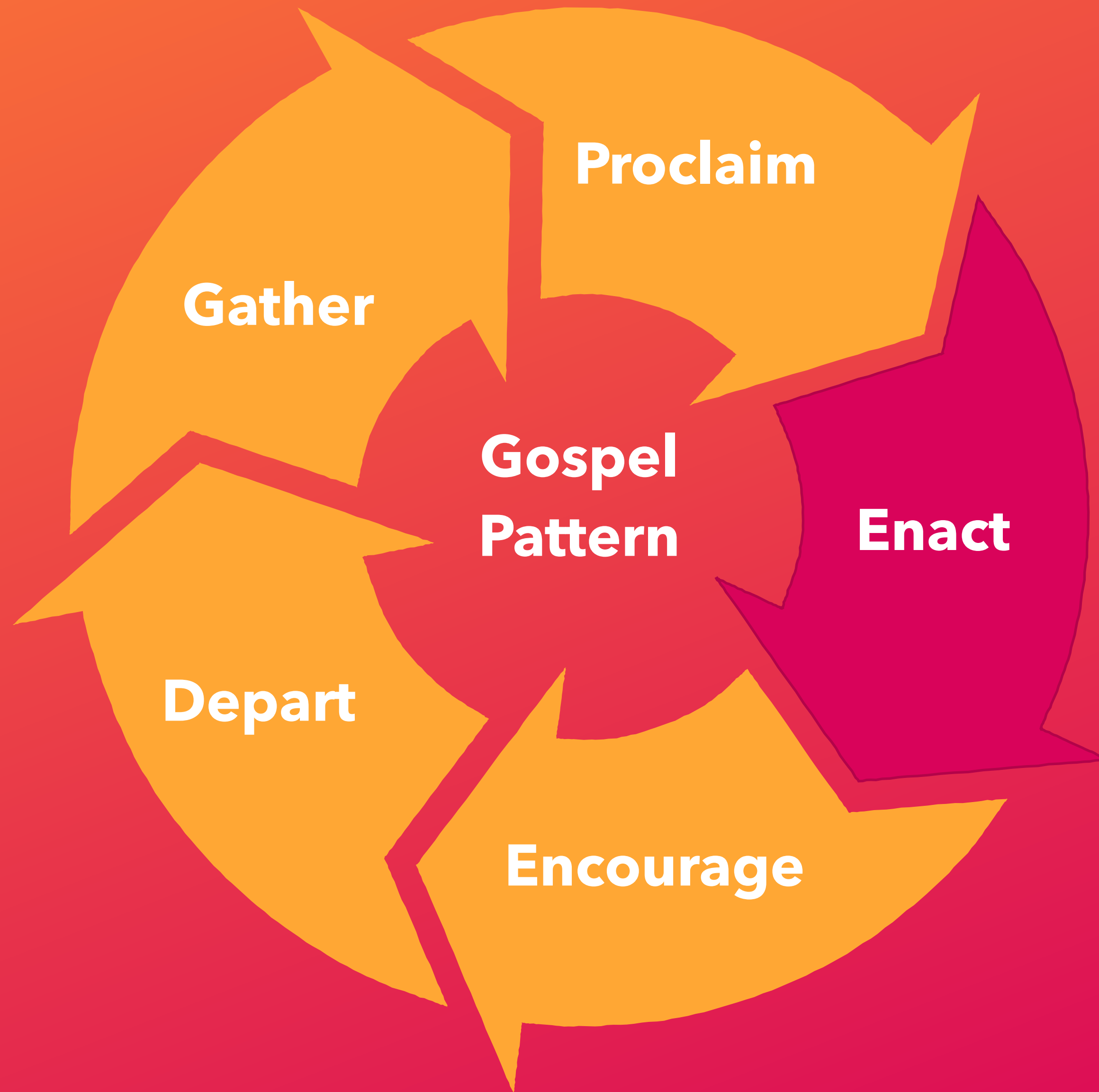


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Enact

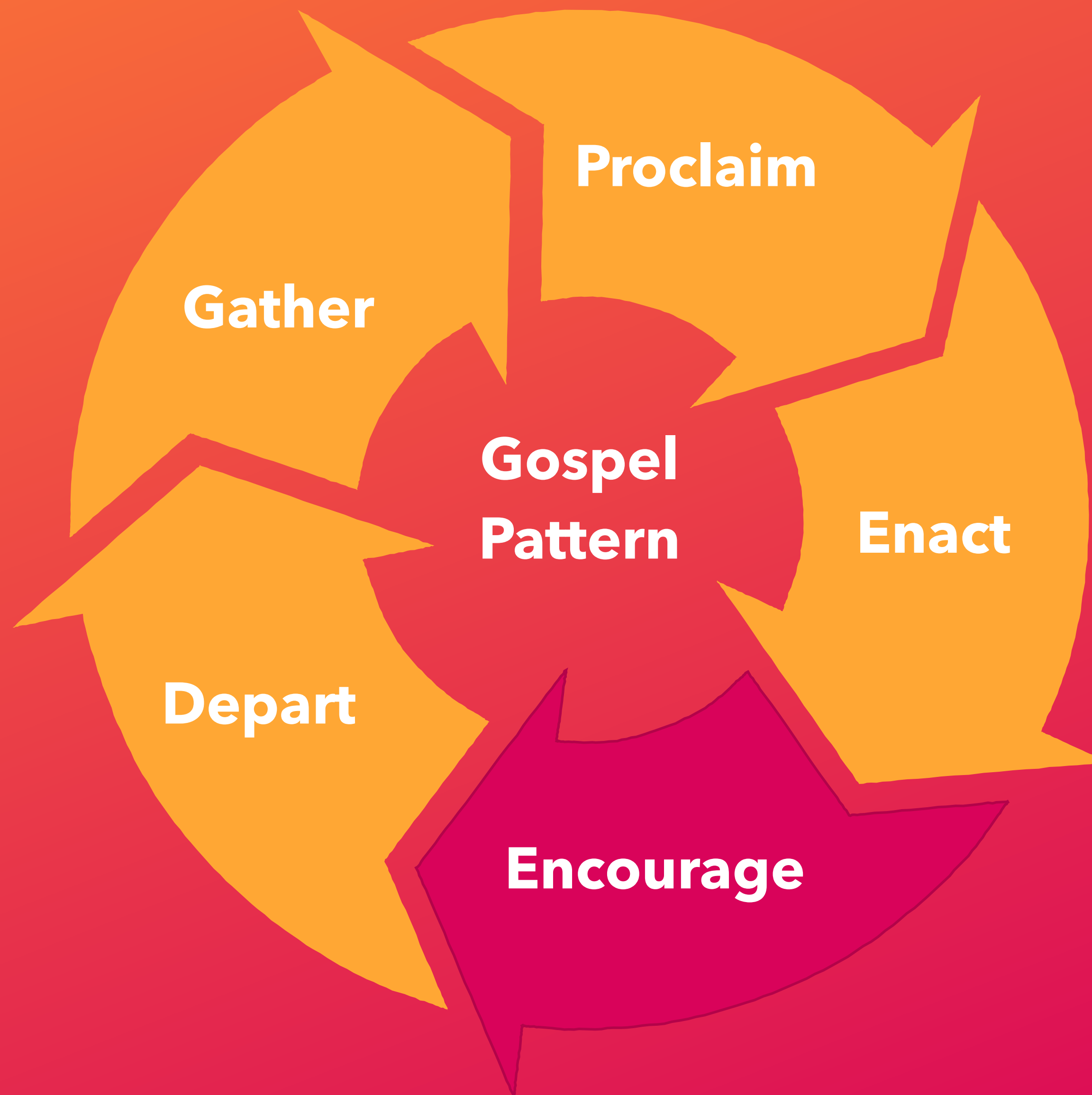
We Enact the Gospel through Baptism and the Lord's Supper

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Encourage

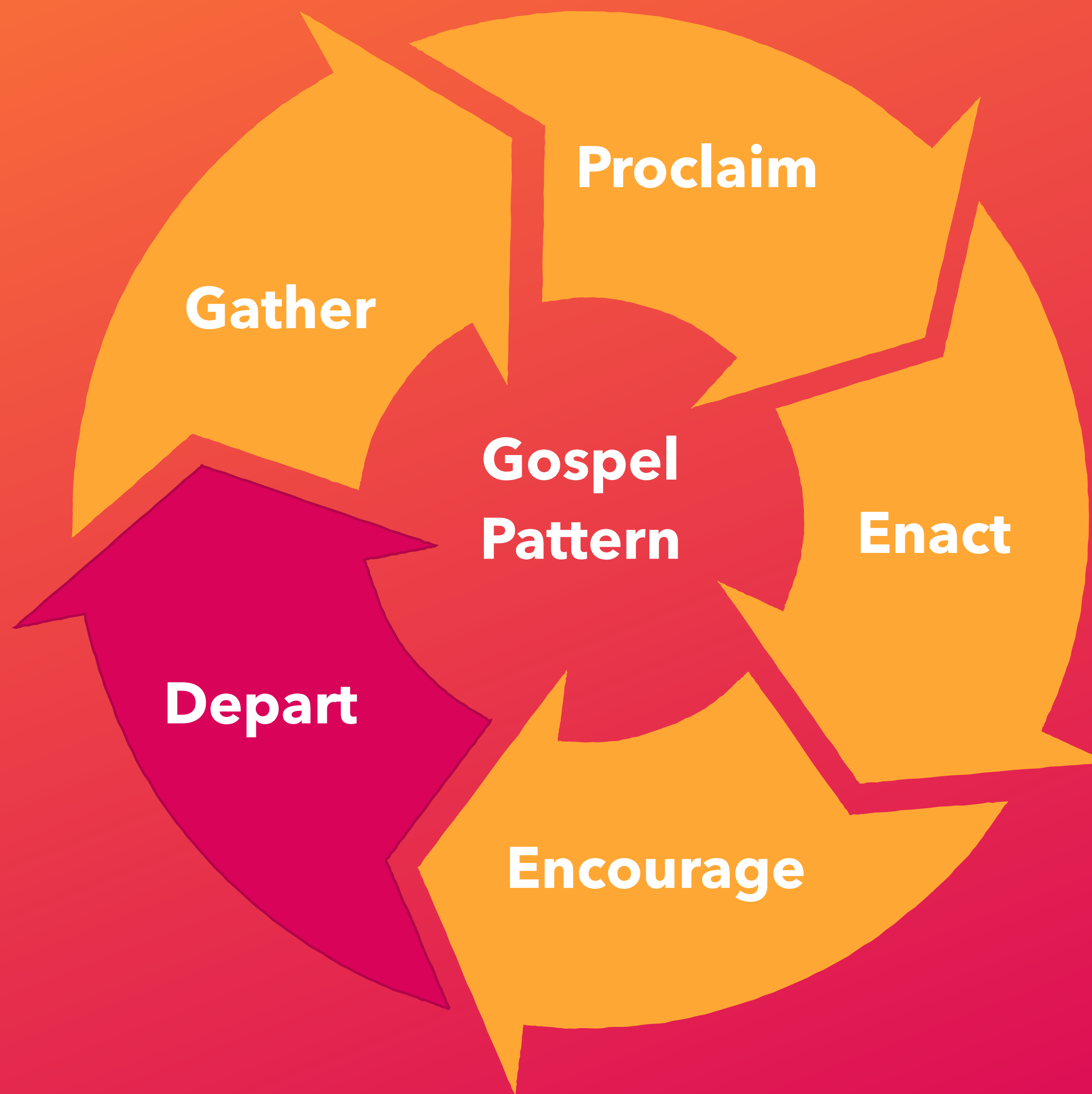
We Encourage
Each Other in the
Faith



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Depart

We Depart to Fulfill
God's Mission in
the World



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WORSHIP IS CORPORATE IN NATURE

Corporate worship is not just a collection of individuals who happen to be worshiping God in the same room.

We gather together as the Body to celebrate what God has done in our lives throughout the week and to glorify Christ who is the Head of the Body.

This is patterned in the Old and New Testaments.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES?

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR SERVICES?

Worship is not about us, it's about Christ!

Worship is God's idea, not ours!

Even believers need to hear and rehearse the Gospel weekly in worship.

Worship is a family affair.

Do the elements and songs of worship demonstrate this?

**Do we come to worship with our own agendas?
What is driving our decision-making process?**

Do we treat the Gospel as something for non-believers only?

Are we making choices that encourage everyone to actively participate and treat each other with deference?