



# *New Start*

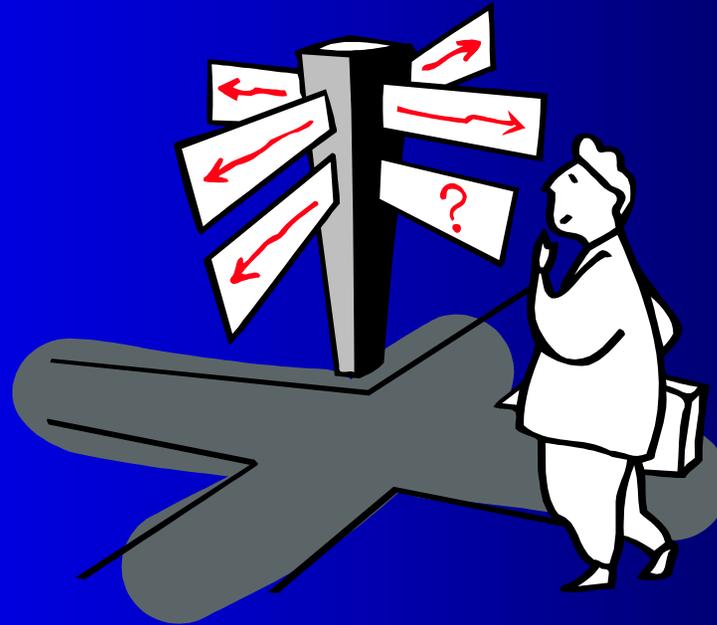
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# THE NEWSTART STRATEGY

**Starting Strong Churches The Right Way**

# NewStart Action Plan

"Starting Strong New Churches The Right Way"



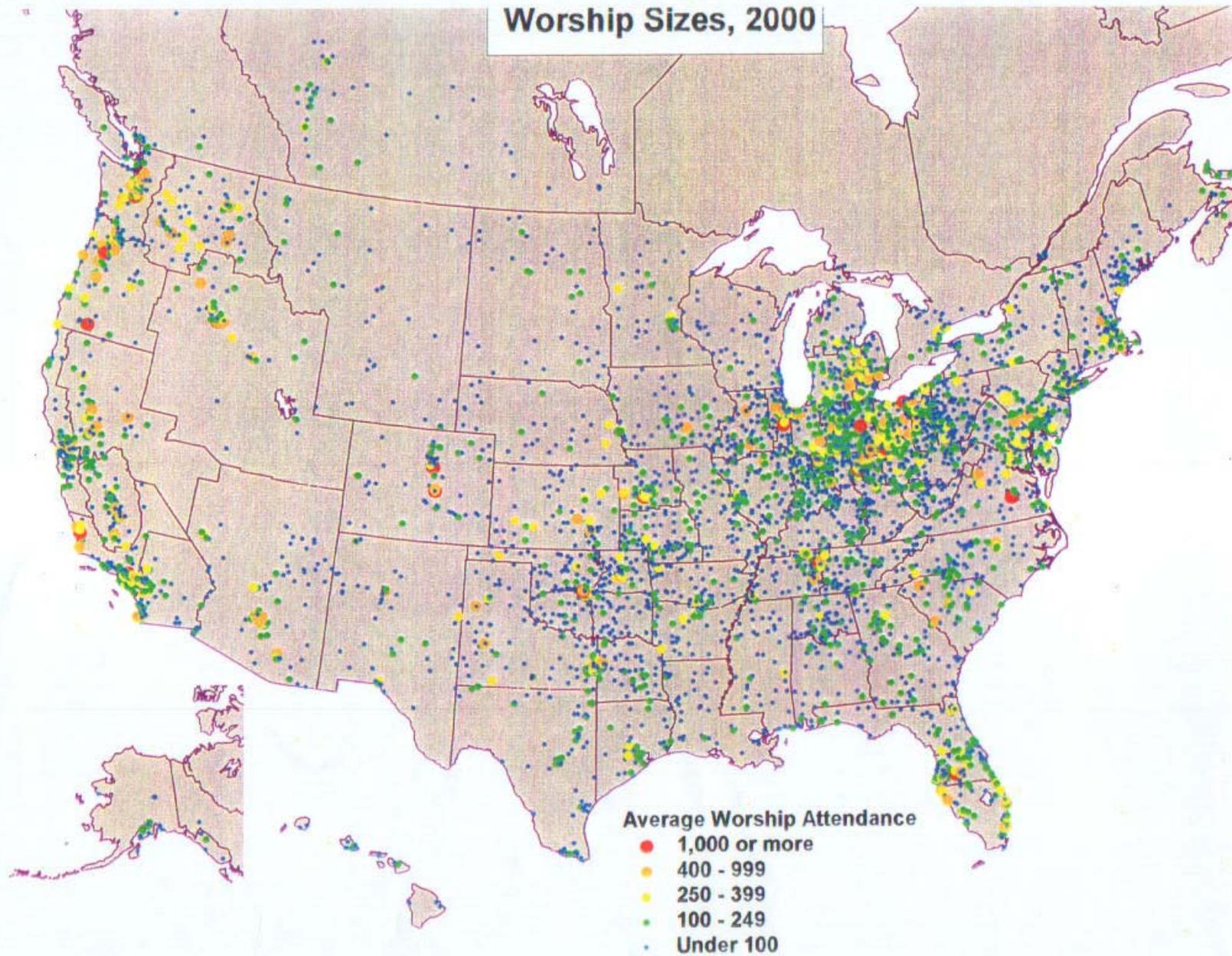
# 1. The Right Leader

- Have the pastor and Spouse gone through the NewStart Assessment center?
- Do they sense a call for starting this church?
- Does the pastor have a sponsoring church to support and encourage them?

## 2. The Right Reasons

- Are the Biblical Motivations for starting new churches clear?
- Is the priority really winning new people to Christ?
- Are Secondary incentives seen as potentially disappointing?

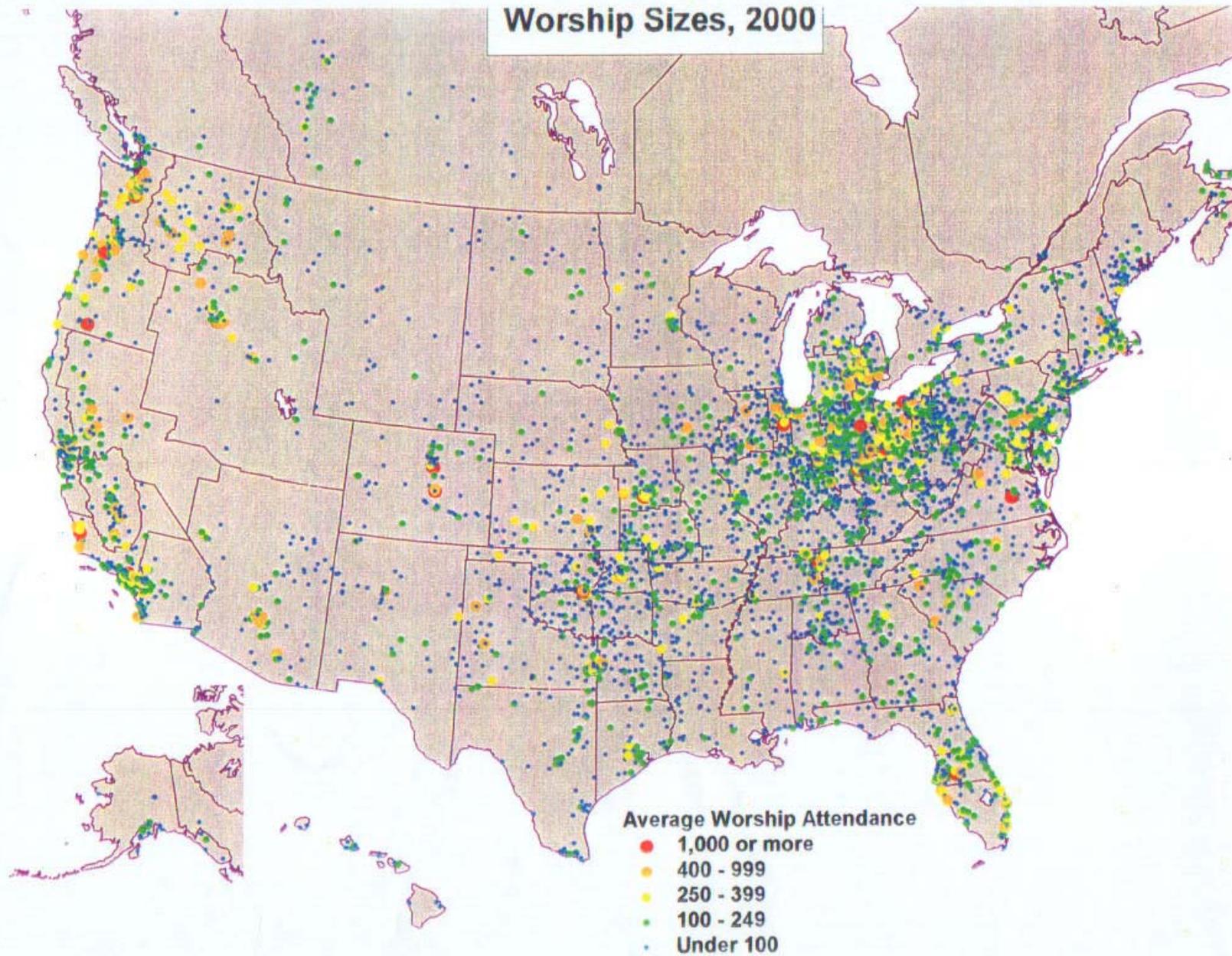
## Worship Sizes, 2000



## 3. The Right Sponsor

- What local church or churches are helping sponsor?
- Has the district been notified?
- What will the sponsors each contribute?

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## 4. The Right Core Group

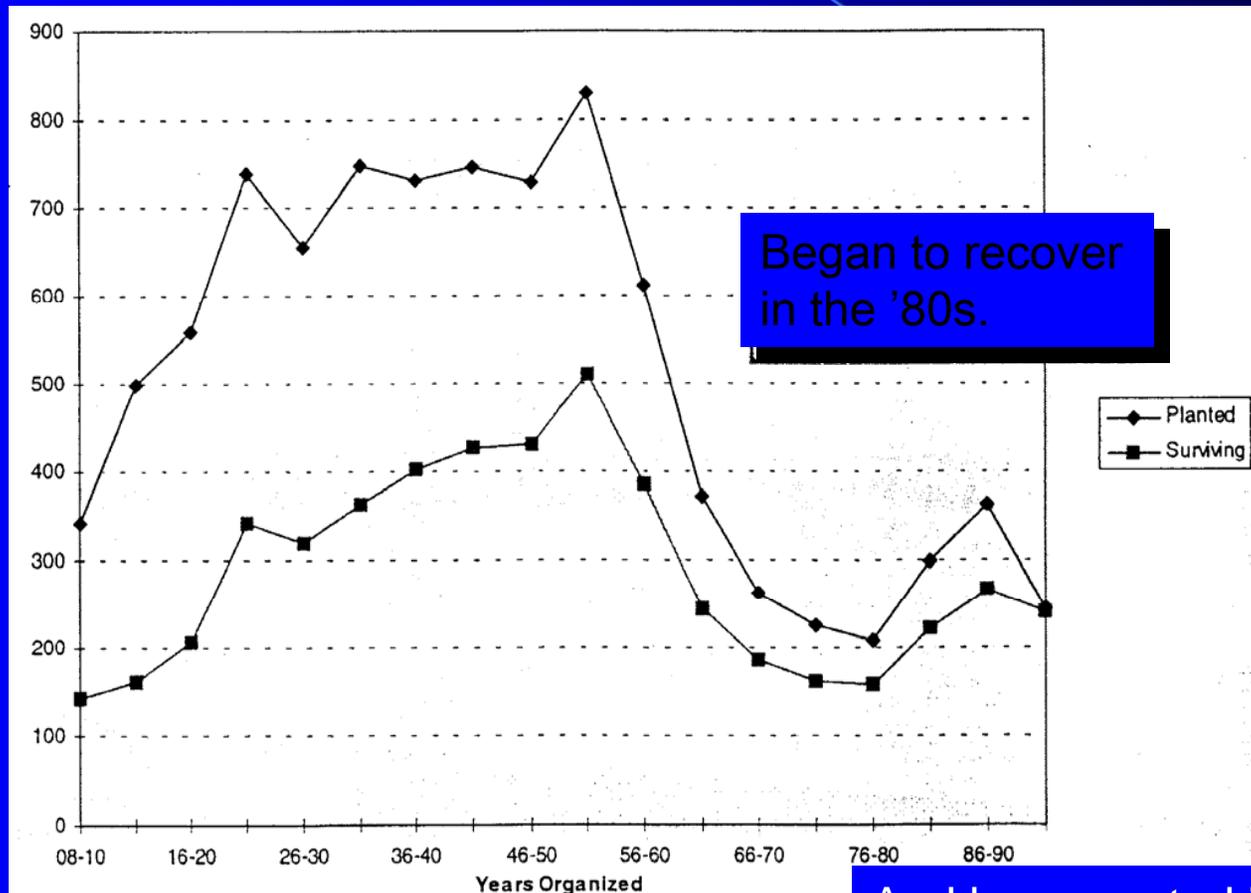
- Are there mature believers to join in this effort?
- Will they assist in ministries, as they are gifted and able?
- Are there at least forty before the launch?

## 5. The Right Target

- Does the pastor relate to the target group?
- Does the core group reflect similarities of the target group?
- Are there significant numbers of unchurched in this target group in the area?

# Nazarene Church Planting Changed in the Mid-50's...

## Church Planting Survival Trends



Began to recover  
in the '80s.

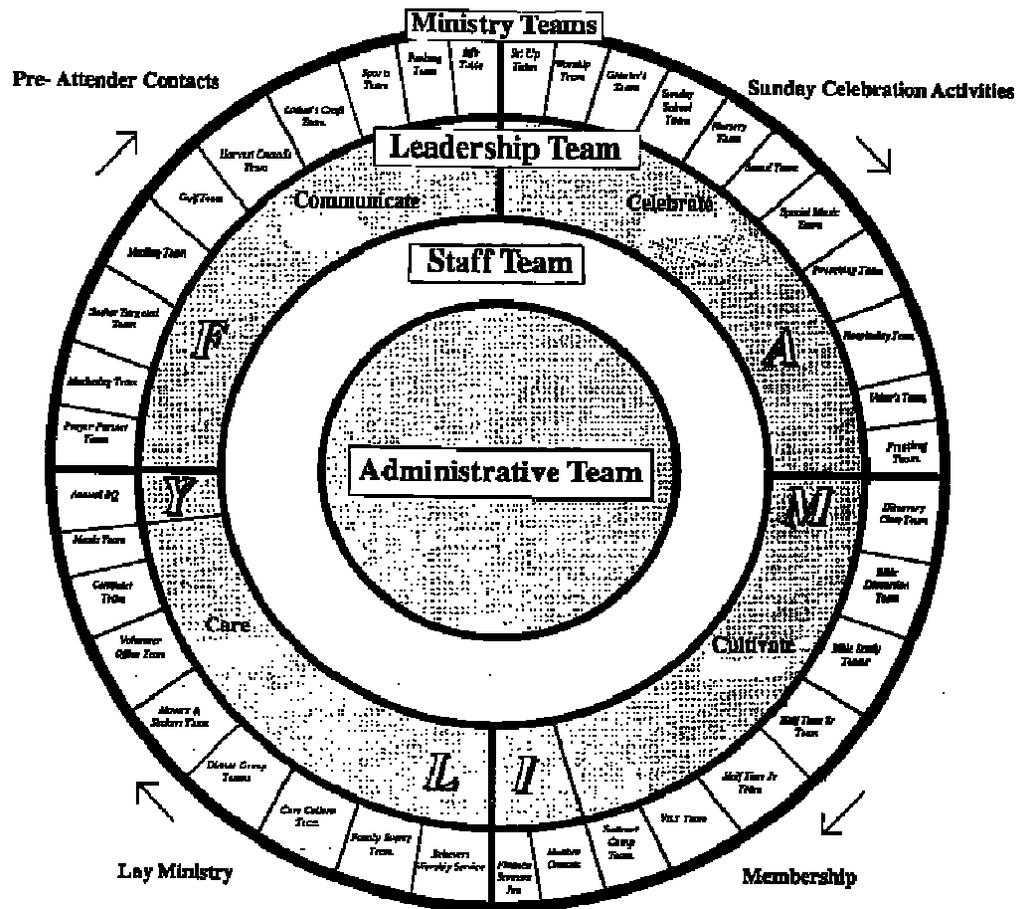
And has reverted in the '90s.

## 6. The Right Ministry Plan

- Is the launch Sunday one of the best days in the calendar for unchurched people to attend worship?
- Has the core group had adequate time to practice their ministry assignments?
- Have the preparations been completed for an effective launch?

# THE FAMILY CHURCH

## "MINISTRY LIFE CYCLE"



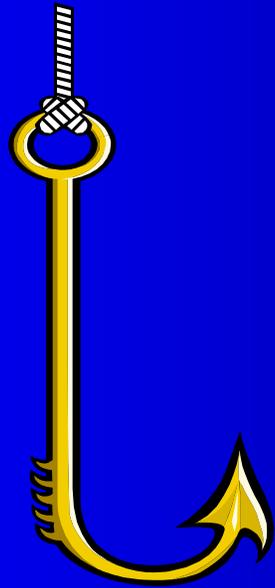
- F** First Three Visits
- A** Attender
- M** Member
- I** Investor
- L** Lay Minister
- Y** Yields

*Jim Davis*

## 7. The Right Invitations

- Will unchurched people respond to the invitations you are using?
- How many different forms of invitations are you using?
- How many do you expect to attend on the first Sunday based on all the invitations you are using?

# Trotline Approach



## Active Seekers



## Receptive Individuals in Crisis or Change



## Unchurched General Public





Becoming a  
High Impact Believer

You have recently become a Christian, and you are enthused about your new walk with Jesus Christ, or you have been a Christian for some time, but you are just now learning what Jesus meant when He promised abundant life. In either case, you need to grow further in your understanding of the basics of the Christian faith and of what it means to walk daily in a personal relationship with Christ.

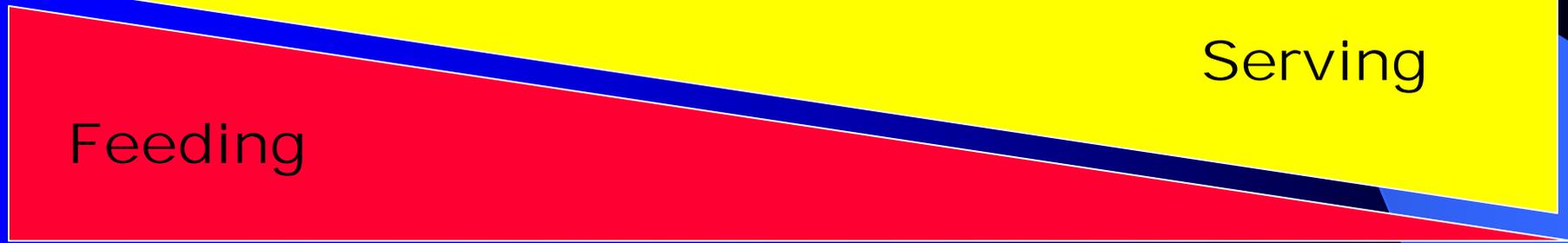
New/Young Believer

You are confident of God's faithfulness and His ability to accomplish his will in your life. You are teachable and sensitive to the Spirit's leading. You are regularly tithing of your means. You exhibit the stability that comes from knowing Christ, regularly worshipping with his people, and actively pursuing a life of greater devotion.

Stable/Growing Believer

You have reached a high level of maturity in the faith. You are able to model faithfulness and in spite other believers. You are sacrificially giving as the Spirit directs you. You can lead by example and guide others in a deeper understanding of what it means to walk personally with Jesus Christ.

Leading/Guiding Believer



Seeker



You are gaining a better understanding of Christ and the Christian faith, but you have not yet personally trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins. You are still investigating Christianity, still seeking truth

Expected Growth in Four Years

## 8. The Right Community

- Have you completed demographic research for the area?
- How unchurched is this community?
- How many different groups need a new church?

## 9. The Right Financial Plan

- What sources are providing financial support?
- How will a donor base be developed?
- When will sponsor support be adjusted?

## 10. The Right Reinforcement

- Has the church enlisted prayer partners who regularly pray for the new church?
- Are the prayer partners updated regularly?
- How is the new church cultivating a spirit of prayer among its new members?



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