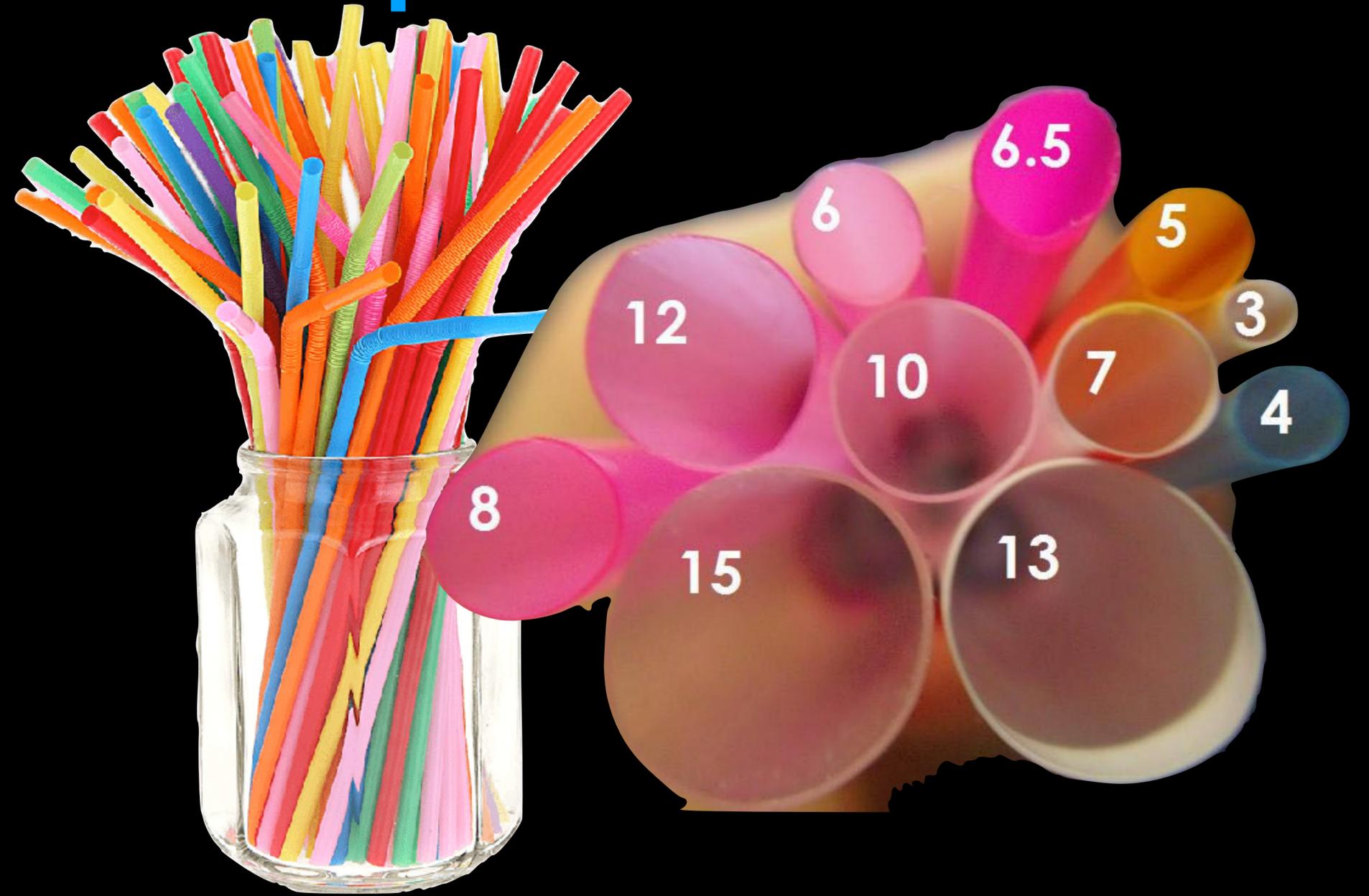


**HALF**  **FLAKE**

**Fruits, Nuts & Flakes**

## Recap



A straw is an **empty** container that merely **directs** the contents **when** they are **available**

# Recap

The Holy Spirit is triggered by **need** (salvation)

**Comfort** resists the Spirit (growth)

**Oil, wind** and **fire** addresses both of these

## Recap

And I know that nothing good lives **in me**, that is, in my **sinful nature**. I want to do what is right, but I can't. **Romans 7:18**

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will **free me** from this life that is dominated by **sin and death**? **Vs 24**

For all who are **led** by the **Spirit of God** are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **8:14-15**

For his **Spirit** joins with our **spirit** to affirm that we are God's children. **Vs 16**

**What** is a Christian?

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A true Christian is a person who has put faith and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ, including His death on the cross as payment for sins and His resurrection on the third day. [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

one who professes belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ [Encyclopaedia Britannica](#)

A Christian is someone who is saved, exhibits a changed life, walks in faith, shares the Gospel, and helps teach others how to live like Christ. [Dr. Michael L. Williams, patheos.com](#)

# Definition of a Christian

If you openly **declare** that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**. For it is by **believing** in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by **openly declaring** your faith that you are saved. [Romans 10:9-10](#)

## Definition of a Christian

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the **realm of the Spirit, if** indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And **if** anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But **if** Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the **Spirit gives life** because of righteousness. [Romans 8:9-10](#)

For those who are **led by the Spirit of God** are the **children of God**. The **Spirit** you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the **Spirit** you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And **by him** we cry, "Abba, Father." The **Spirit** himself **testifies** with our spirit that we are God's children. [Vs 14-16](#)

# Definition of a Christian

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are **born again**, you cannot see the **Kingdom of God**." John 3:3

Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can **enter** the **Kingdom of God** without being born of water and the **Spirit**. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the **Holy Spirit** gives **birth** to spiritual life. Vs 5-6

**This is how we know** that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his **Spirit**. 1 John 4:13

# Definition of a Church

The church is the God-ordained local assembly of believers who have committed themselves to each other. They gather regularly, they teach the Word, celebrate communion and baptism, discipline their members, establish a biblical structure of leadership, they pray and give together. Certainly the church may do more, but it is not less than this. [Mack Stiles](#)

# Definition of a Church

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by **one Spirit** so as to form **one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the **one Spirit** to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. [1 Corinthians 12:12-14](#)

Now to each one the manifestation of the **Spirit** is given for the **common** good. [Vs 7](#)

# Definition of a Church

“the task of the **church** cannot be attempted without the **Spirit**. I have sometimes heard Christian people talk as though, having done what he's done in Jesus, God now wants us to do our part by getting on with things under our own steam. But that is a tragic misunderstanding, and leads either to arrogance or to burnout, or both. Without God's Spirit, there is nothing we can do that will count for God's kingdom. **Without God's Spirit, the church simply can't be the church.**” NT Wright

If you believe Christianity is only **decision**  
then you will choose **once** and never **grow**

If you believe church is a gathering that takes  
place **Sunday mornings**, or a building that  
you go to, then your faith becomes **situational**

If you understand that a biblical Christianity is **immersed** in the  
Holy Spirit, then the **growth, failure and transformation** of  
who and what you are becoming is **normalized**

**Ignorance** and **refusal** of the Holy Spirit's  
**work** can cost you your **soul/salvation**

# The Process of Salvation

## Pre-Salvation

And when he comes, he will **convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment [John 16:8 ESV](#)

Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not **contend** with humans forever... [Genesis 6:3a NIV](#)

Everyone on the planet, throughout history, has had the Holy Spirit **convicting, challenging** and **nudging** them towards an authentic **discipleship** to Christ. This is the **choice** placed before humanity. Until we **surrender**, we, we are in **opposition** to God's redemptive plan.

"Anyone who isn't **with me** opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually **working against** me." [Matthew 12:30](#)

You **adulterers**! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an **enemy of God**? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. [James 4:4](#)

If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't **obey** God's commandments, that person is a **liar** and is not **living** in the truth. [1 John 2:4](#)

For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose **conduct** shows they are really **enemies** of the cross of Christ. [Philippians 3:18](#)

For if while **we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. [Romans 5:10 ESV](#)

# The Process of Salvation

## Salvation (part 1)

and he has identified us as his own by **placing** the **Holy Spirit** in our hearts as the **first instalment** that guarantees everything he has promised us. [2 Corinthians 1:22](#)

And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God **saves** you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by **giving you the Holy Spirit**, whom he promised long ago. The **Spirit** is God's guarantee (**deposit**) that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. [Ephesians 1:13-14](#)

# The Process of Salvation

## Salvation (part 1)

When we **surrender** to Christ, accept his Kingship and become a true disciple, we receive the **first** instalment of the Holy Spirit

Imagine the Holy Spirit like a **mortgage**, God places 10% down on us and for the rest of our lives, continues to 'deposit' the Holy Spirit in us, till upon our death, we are fully purchased by Him

Day 1 we get the Holy Spirit, day 2 till death, The Spirit wants to get the **rest** of us

And God has given us his Spirit as **proof** that we live **in him** and he **in us**. [1 John 4:13](#)

# The Process of Salvation

## Salvation (part 2)

As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a **salvation** that came through the **Spirit** who **makes you holy** (sanctify) and through your belief in the **truth**. [2 Thessalonians 2:13](#)

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, **the veil** is taken away. For the **Lord is the Spirit**, and wherever the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is **freedom**. So all of us who have had that veil removed can **see and reflect** the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the **Spirit**—**makes us more and more** like him as we are **changed** into his glorious image. [2 Corinthians 3:16-18](#)

# The Process of Salvation

## Salvation (part 2)

How Does Sanctification Work?, David Powlison

**God:** "It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13)

**Truth:** Sanctification, the process of holiness is only effective off you focus on biblical worldview

**Wise people (community/church):** God mediates our change "through the gifts and graces of brothers and sisters in Christ."

**Suffering and struggle:** "People change because something is hard, not because it goes well . . . Struggles force us to need God."

**You change (transformation):** Realize the steps that precede this one

Much of the conversation on the **fruit** and **gifts** of the Holy Spirit seem to be **optional**. As if they will **appear** (by magic) and that we are not in **control** of the **process** of transformation

# Fruit of the Spirit

But the **Holy Spirit produces** this kind of **fruit** in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,** and **self-control**. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their **sinful nature** to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us **follow** the Spirit's leading in **every part of our lives**. [Galatians 5:22-25](#)

# Fruit of the Spirit

In the New Testament, the Greek word **karpos** comes up several times. Sometimes it is translated as "crop," and others, as "fruit."

And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a **harvest** of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted! [Mark 4:20](#)

**Prove by the way you live** that you have repented of your sins and turned to God...Even now the ax of God's **judgment** is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not **produce** good **fruit** will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. [Matthew 3:8, 10](#)

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much **fruit**. For apart from me you can do nothing...

When you produce much **fruit**, you are my **true** disciples. [John 15:5](#)

# Fruit of the Spirit

You can **identify** them by their **fruit**, that is, by the way they **act**. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [Matthew 7:16](#)

A **good tree** produces good fruit, and a **bad tree** produces bad fruit. [Vs 17](#)

So every tree that does not produce good fruit is **chopped down** and thrown into the **fire**. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can **identify people** by their **actions**. [Vs 19-20](#)

# Fruit of the Spirit

The growth of fruit is **gradual**

The growth of fruit is **inevitable**

The growth of fruit is **internal**

The growth of fruit is **symmetrical** (they grow together)

# Gifts of the Spirit

Now about the **gifts of the Spirit**, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of **wisdom**, to another a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing** between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of **tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation** of tongues. [1 Corinthians 12:1,8-10](#)

# Gifts of the Spirit

In his grace, God has given us **different gifts** for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **serving** others, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly. [Romans 12:6-8](#)

# Gifts of the Spirit

Spiritual gifts are **need** oriented. They manifest when encountered by **two parts**, a **willing** participant (straw) and a **need** the Holy Spirit **wants** to meet

You can NOT take a **test** to determine your spiritual gifts. Those tests determine **affinities** (interests) and not the working of the Holy Spirit.

The reason the various **gift lists** do not align is because the authors were referencing their experience. But their experience is based on what they have witnessed the Spirit do. They are not meant to be definitive

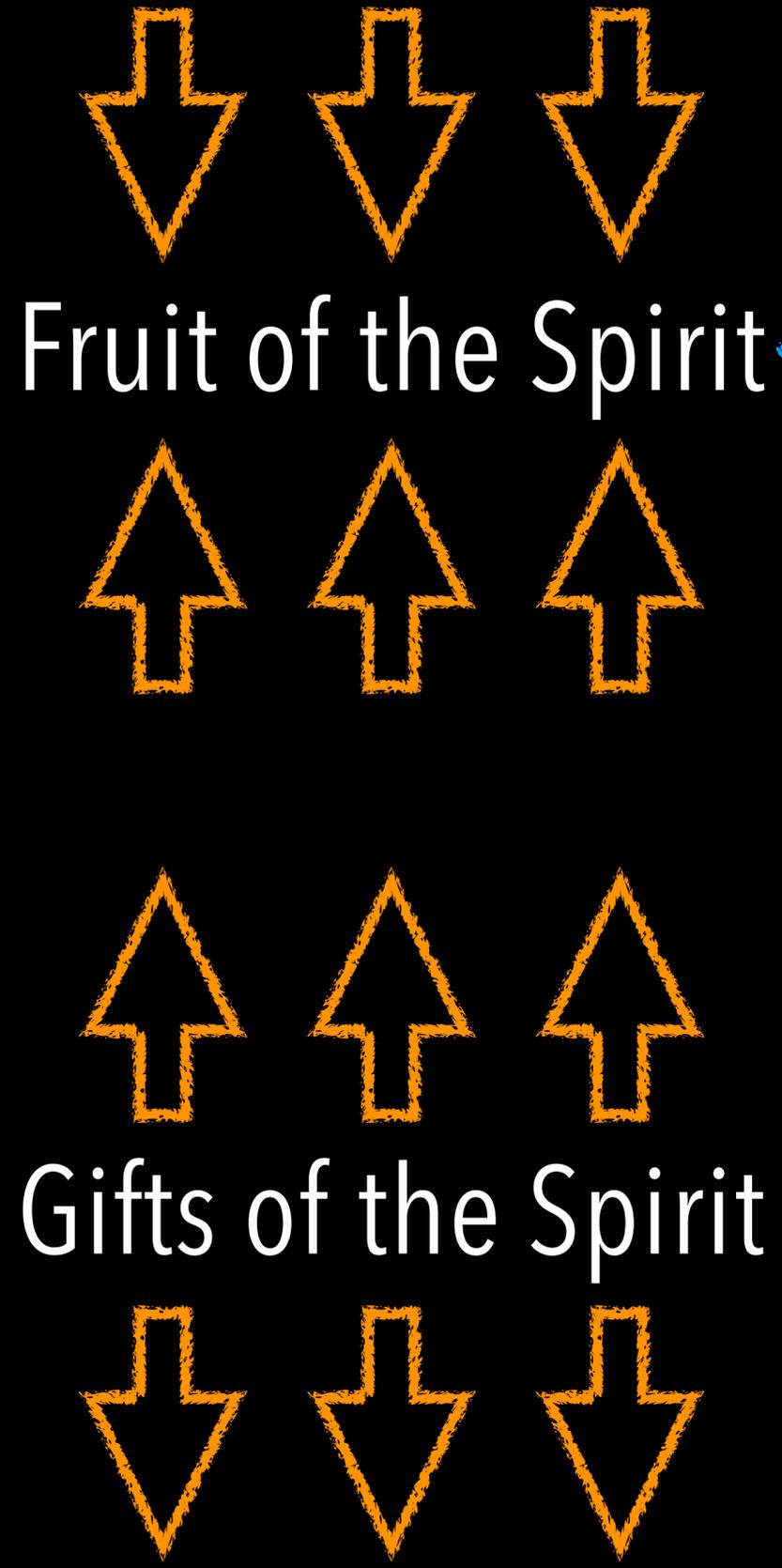
## Gifts of the Spirit

"It can help identify how God **has used you** since you've become a Christian. But it shouldn't be used as a guide for how God desires to use you in the **future**, for God's purposes are based upon His strengths, not yours alone. He may choose to take you into areas of service in which you're naturally weak, to reveal His strength and bring glory to Himself." *What's So Spiritual about Your Gifts?*, Henry and Mel Blackaby

"At their best, spiritual gifts tests may identify spiritual gifts *and* natural talents and abilities. But at their worst, since they cannot distinguish between them, the tests could actually encourage believers to "serve" according to our **natural talents** rather than **relying** on the power and **equipping** of the Holy Spirit." *Kathy Howard*

Internal Change  
(Christ-likeness)

External Working  
(Christ-likeness)



Transformation  
(Jesus)

The most Spirit **filled** people **resemble** Jesus

**Ignorance** and **refusal** of the Holy Spirit's  
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When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me **glory** by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.' [John 16:13-15](#)

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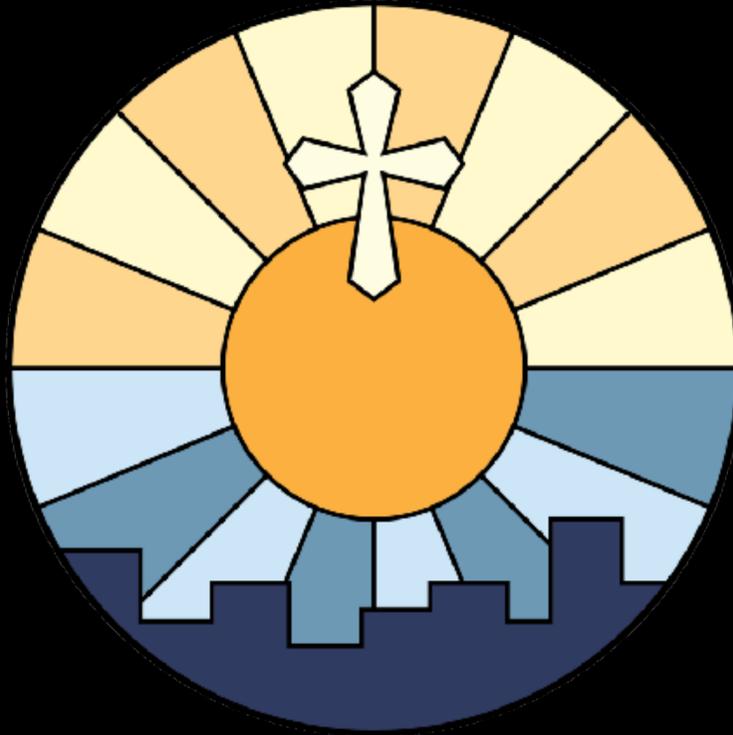
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