

Acts 2 Journey

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The Acts 2 Journey provides...

- A sense of **hope** for the future beyond present boundaries.
- A clear **template** for a pastor and team to collectively discern God's vision for the church.
- **Alignment** of culture and strategy around a clear vision.

The Purpose of the Acts 2 Journey

The Acts 2 Journey helps churches establish a new life cycle by infusing

- **Fresh vision**
- **Outward focus**

The Acts 2 Journey Template

The template is

- Culturally relevant
- Scalable to location
- Biblically based
- Stylistically neutral

Who is engaging the Acts 2 Journey?

- **1,670** churches have participated in an *Acts 2 Journey* cohort.
- **41.7%** of churches engaged in the *Acts 2 Journey* are located in communities of less than 10,000 in population.
- **80%** are under 200 in attendance.
- **28%** are already growing at the time they engage.
- **All 12** of the AG USA Hispanic districts have engaged the *Acts 2 Journey*

Cross-cultural Effectiveness

“After conducting the Acts 2 Journey cohort with more than 220 Indonesian churches, we found that the materials speak directly to the need of our Indonesian churches.”

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Infusing Hope and Fresh Vision

- Of the 244 "**declining churches**" to engage the *Acts 2 Journey* (2010-2016), **48.4%** were at a higher level of attendance within three years.

Preventing Church Closures

Only **1.3%** of the total number of **Acts 2 Journey** participating churches have closed.

This is compared to the overall closure rate of **18.9%** for all AG USA churches during that same time period.

acts 2 journey cohort

Ten Questions

- Why do we exist? **Mission**
- Where are we going? **Vision**
- How should we behave? **Values**
- How will we get there? **Strategy**
- How will we engage new people? **Go**
- How will we treat them when they arrive? **Connect**
- How will we disciple them? **Grow**
- How will we train them to serve? **Serve**
- How will we involve them in missions (personal, local, global) and church planting?
- How will we help them to encounter God? **Worship**

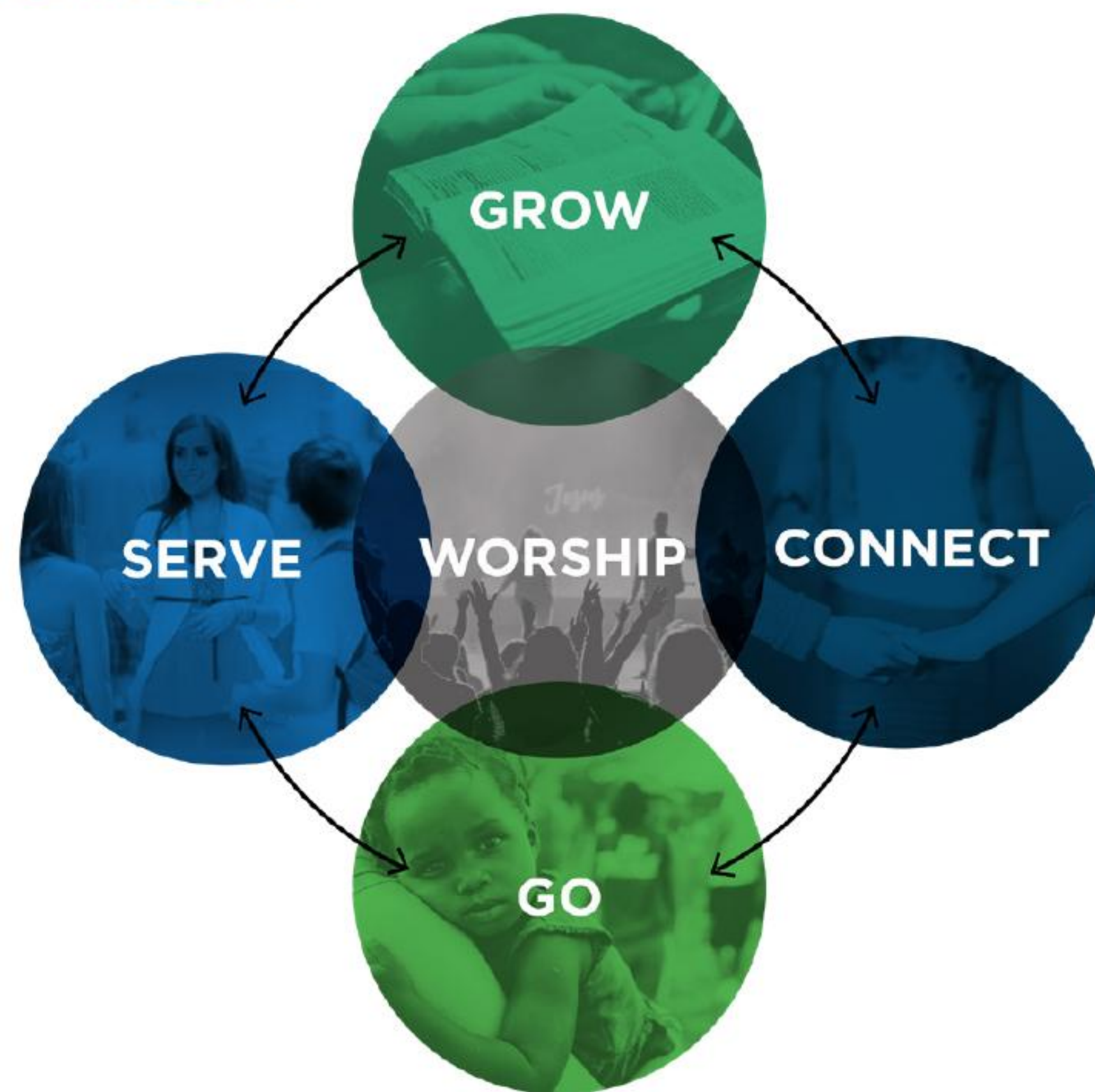
definition of a healthy church

A **healthy church** is one that ...

- Pursues and obeys God passionately **Worship**
- Engages and maintains loving relationships **Connect**
- Develops and mobilizes its people **Grow**
- Acts with clear direction and outward focus **Serve**
- Reproduces and multiplies his mission in other peoples and places **Go**

5 FUNCTIONS OF AN ACTS 2 CHURCH

- Fellowship **(CONNECT)**
- Discipleship **(GROW)**
- Gift-Oriented Ministry **(SERVE)**
- Evangelism **(GO)**
- **WORSHIP**



Assessing current health

Assessing a church's health involves more than finances and attendance. Our five church health metrics include

- Missional effectiveness
- Assimilation effectiveness
- Kingdom growth
- Discipleship and mobilization
- Reproduction effectiveness

The Acts 2 Journey Template

The template is delivered in two primary settings:

- A four-retreat in-person **cohort**
- A **video series** with support from a trained facilitator

Upcoming Training Opportunity



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