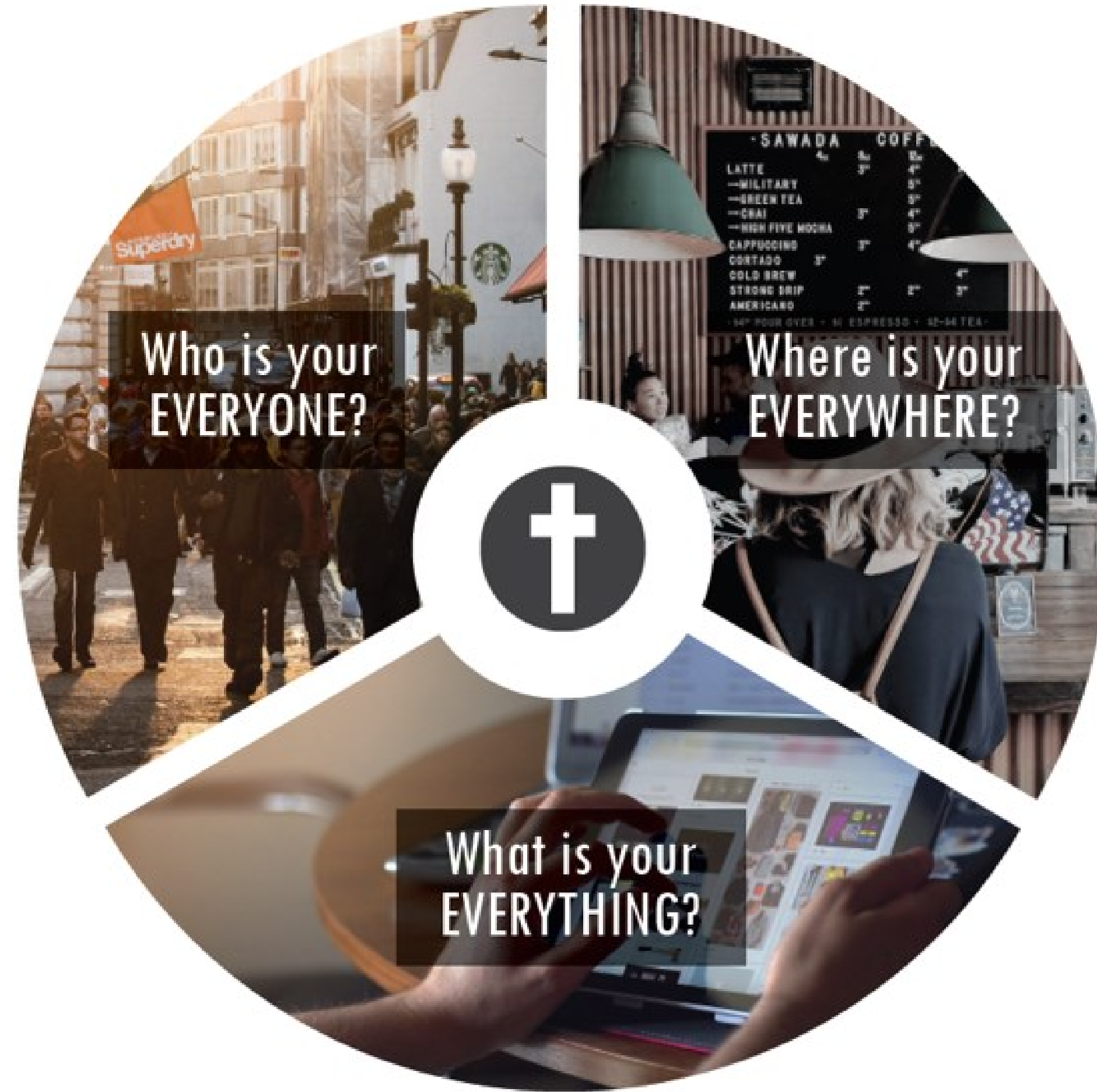


An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people walking on a sandy beach. The crowd is dense and forms a long, winding line that curves across the frame. The people are wearing various colorful clothing, and their shadows are cast on the sand. The background shows the vast expanse of the beach and the ocean in the distance.

NOW WHAT

14 FEBRUARY - 14 MARCH



vision

to build disciples who represent Jesus to
everyone, everywhere with everything

An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people on a sandy beach. The crowd is spread out across the upper and middle portions of the frame. In the lower center, a group of people has formed a large, dark question mark shape. The background is a vast, light-colored sandy beach with some faint tracks and shadows.

OUR COMMUNITY

NOW WHAT ? SERIES

Exodus 19:3-6, 21:2 (NLT)

³ Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be **my kingdom of priests**, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.”

“These are the **regulations** you must present to Israel....”

It's more than just a list of regulations. It's a vision of the community that God wants to build.

God wants a world that looks like Him.
His method of creating it is to create
a people that look like Him.

**A VISION OF THE
CHURCH**

GOD'S LOVING JUSTICE

- **Fairness with freedom**

² “If you buy a Hebrew *slave*, he may serve for no more than six years. *Set him free in the seventh year*, and he will owe you nothing for his freedom. ³ If he was single when he became your slave, he shall leave single. But if he was married before he became a slave, then *his wife must be freed with him*.

Exodus 21:2-3

GOD'S **LOVING JUSTICE**

- **Fairness with freedom**
- **Justice that loves equally**

²² “Now suppose two men are fighting, and in the process they accidentally strike a pregnant woman so she gives birth prematurely. If no further injury results, the man who struck the woman must pay the amount of compensation the woman’s husband demands and the judges approve. ²³ But if there is further injury, **the punishment must match the injury**: a life for a life, ²⁴ an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, ²⁵ a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, a bruise for a bruise.

Exodus 21:12-14

GOD'S **LOVING JUSTICE**

- **Fairness with freedom**
- **Justice that loves equally**
- **Love that breaks the cycle of hatred**

⁴ “If you come upon your *enemy's ox* or donkey that has strayed away, take it back to its owner. ⁵ If you see that *the donkey of someone who hates you* has collapsed under its load, do not walk by. Instead, stop and help.

Exodus 23:4-5

GOD'S **LOVING JUSTICE**

- **Fairness with freedom**
- **Justice that loves equally**
- **Love that breaks the cycle of hatred**
- **Respecting property with restitution**

¹ “If someone steals an ox or sheep and then kills or sells it, *the thief must pay back* five oxen for each ox stolen, and four sheep for each sheep stolen.

Exodus 22:1

GOD'S **LOVING JUSTICE**

- **Fairness with freedom**
- **Justice that loves equally**
- **Love that breaks the cycle of hatred**
- **Respecting property with restitution**
- **Justice with truth**

¹ “You must not pass along *false rumors*. You must not cooperate with evil people by *lying on the witness stand*

⁷ “Be sure never to *charge anyone falsely* with evil. Never sentence an innocent or blameless person to death, for I never declare a guilty person to be innocent. ⁸ “*Take no bribes*, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even a righteous person *twist the truth*.

Exodus 23:1, 7-8

GOD'S **LOVING JUSTICE**

- **Fairness with freedom**
- **Justice that loves equally**
- **Love that breaks the cycle of hatred**
- **Respecting property with restitution**
- **Justice with truth**
- **Judgment without prejudice**

² “You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you are called to testify in a dispute, *do not be swayed by the crowd to twist justice.* ³ And *do not slant your testimony in favor of a person just because that person is poor.*

Exodus 23:2-3

GOD'S COMPASSION

⁹ “You must not oppress *foreigners*. You know what it’s like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

¹² “You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working. This gives your ox and your donkey a chance to rest. It also allows your slaves and the *foreigners* living among you to be *refreshed*.

Exodus 23:9, 12

the foreigner

GOD'S COMPASSION

²² "You must not exploit a *widow* or an *orphan*. ²³ If you exploit them in any way and they cry out to me, then I will certainly hear their cry. ²⁴ *My anger will blaze against you, and I will kill you with the sword.* Then your wives will be widows and your children fatherless.

Exodus 22:22-24

the foreigner

the widow and orphan

GOD'S COMPASSION

²⁵ “If you lend money to any of my *people who are in need, do not charge interest* as a money lender would. ²⁶ *If you take your neighbour’s cloak as security for a loan, you must return it before sunset.* ²⁷ This coat may be the only blanket your neighbour has. How can a person sleep without it? If you do not return it and your neighbour cries out to me for help, then I will hear, for I am merciful.

Exodus 23:9

the foreigner

the widow and orphan

the poor

GOD'S RESOURCES

²⁹ “You must not hold anything back when you *give me offerings from your crops and your wine*. “You must *give me your firstborn sons*. ³⁰ “You must also *give me the firstborn of your cattle, sheep, and goats*. But leave the newborn animal with its mother for seven days; then give it to me on the eighth day.

Exodus 22:29-30

GOD'S RESOURCES

¹⁰ “Plant and harvest your crops for six years, ¹¹ but *let the land be renewed and lie uncultivated during the seventh year*. Then let the poor among you harvest whatever grows on its own. Leave the rest for wild animals to eat. *The same applies to your vineyards and olive groves.*

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Exodus 23:10-12



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FREE MEAL DELIVERY

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