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The Members of the Community

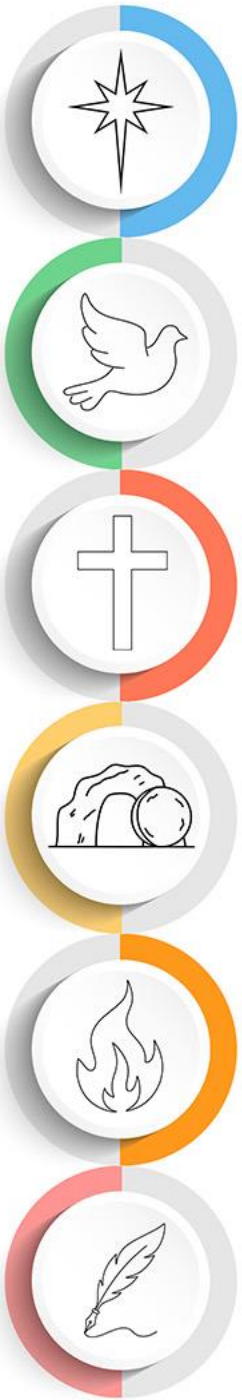
Mark 4:1–20

It is a spiritual community; Satan comes and takes away the word.

“And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.”

Mark 4:15





It is a community in conflict; persecution will come.

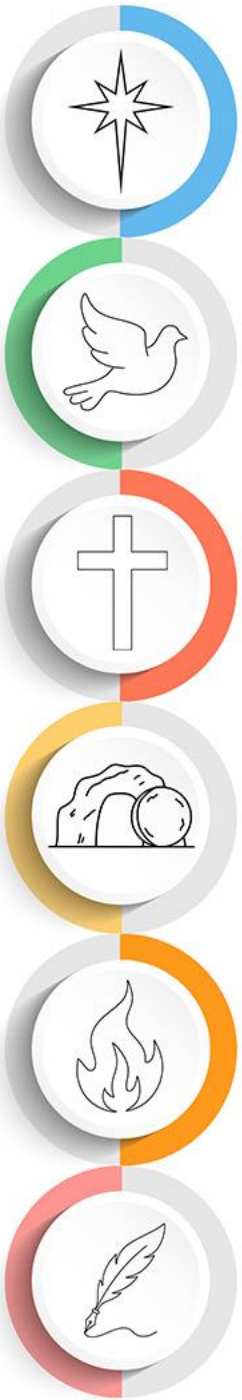
“And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.”

Mark 4:17

It is a countercultural community; not choked by the cares of the world.

“…but the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.”

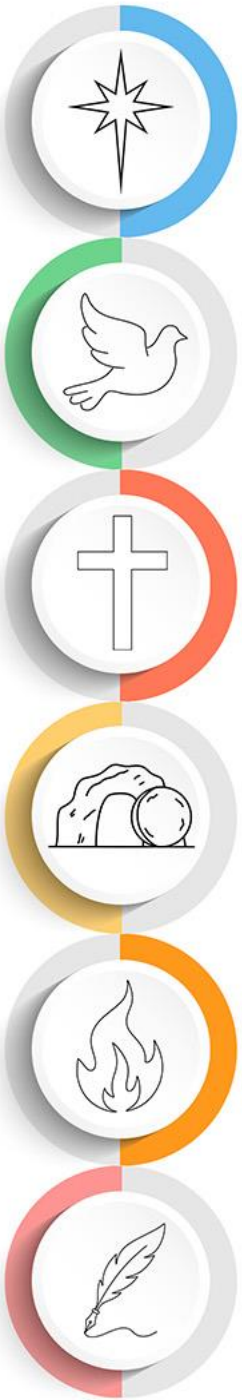
Mark 4:19



It is a fruitful community; those who hear the word and accept it will bear fruit.

“But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

Mark 4:20



The *way* of fruit-bearing

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Matthew 11:28

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