



# Grace Church Teaching

# What are the advantages of team teaching?

- There is significantly more input.
- There is a diversity of life experiences and perspectives.
- There is an increased accountability. It minimizes the possibility for “Saturday night specials”
- There is a huge amount of time freed for other leadership tasks.
- There is an exponential improvement in preaching.
- There is a sharing of media, graphic and other resources.

# How does the team teaching work at Grace Church practically?

- We developed a Teaching Team.
- We developed a “bench” of apprentice communicators as well.
- We have two Teaching Team retreats for long-term message series planning.
- We meet weekly to plan that week’s message.
- This can be done in other church settings by gathering with a group of other pastors/communicators near by or on line.

**Principle #2:**  
***Vital congregations***  
***understand their context***

***So I arrived in Jerusalem. Three days later, I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding. After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal's Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates.***

***Then I went to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but my donkey couldn't get through the rubble. So, though it was still dark, I went up the Kidron Valley instead, inspecting the wall before I turned back and entered again at the Valley Gate.***

**Nehemiah 2:11-15 (NLT)**

***While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city.***

**Acts 17:16 (NLT)**

***The heartbeat of the city is where the  
pain is.***

**-Deb Hirsch**

**Context is a clear picture of current reality both internally and externally.**

***(inside and outside the church)***

# **Key ingredients in discovering context**

**Demographics  
Assessment  
Listening**

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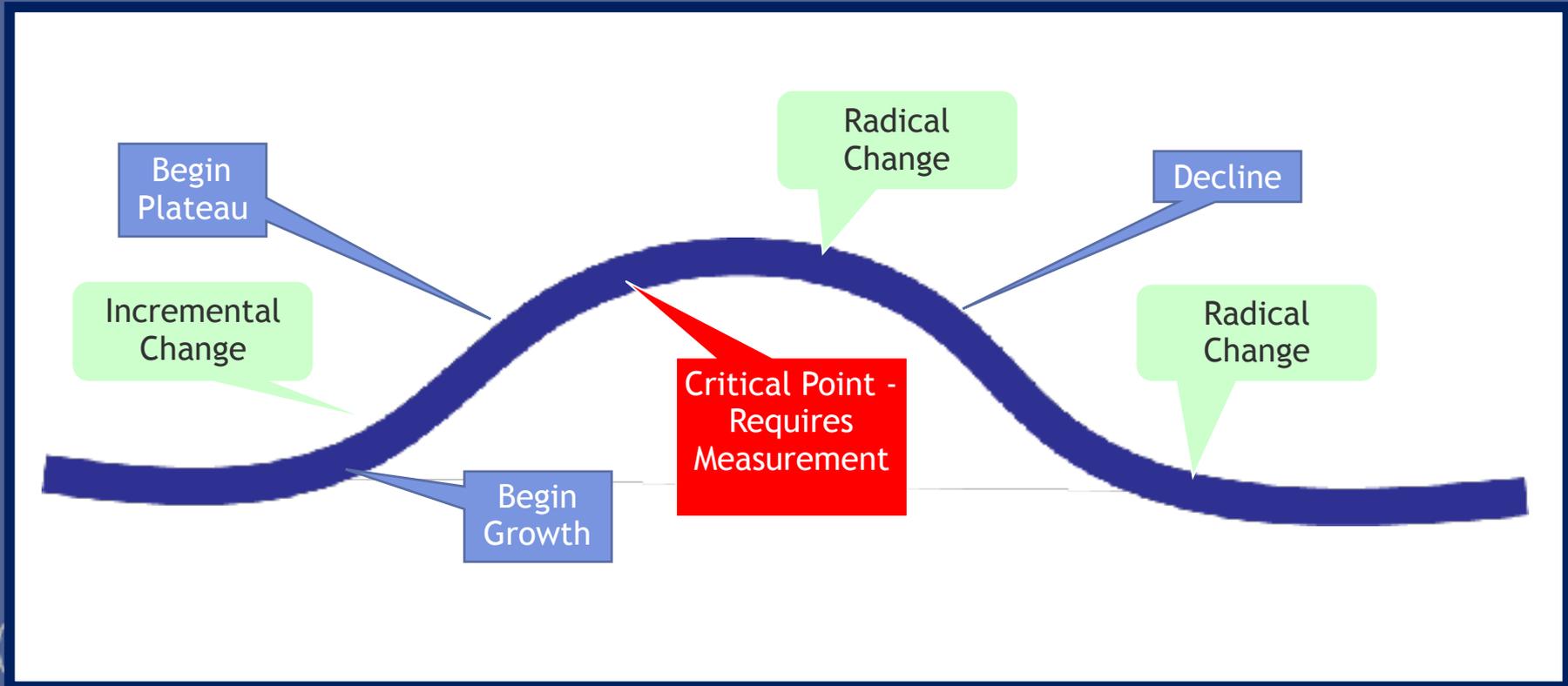
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# Lifecycle Analysis



# Rebirth, Reinventing, Revitalize



# All with a Team