



SIMPLE CHURCH

PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP





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HOW TO SET UP A SIMPLE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP IN YOUR CHURCH



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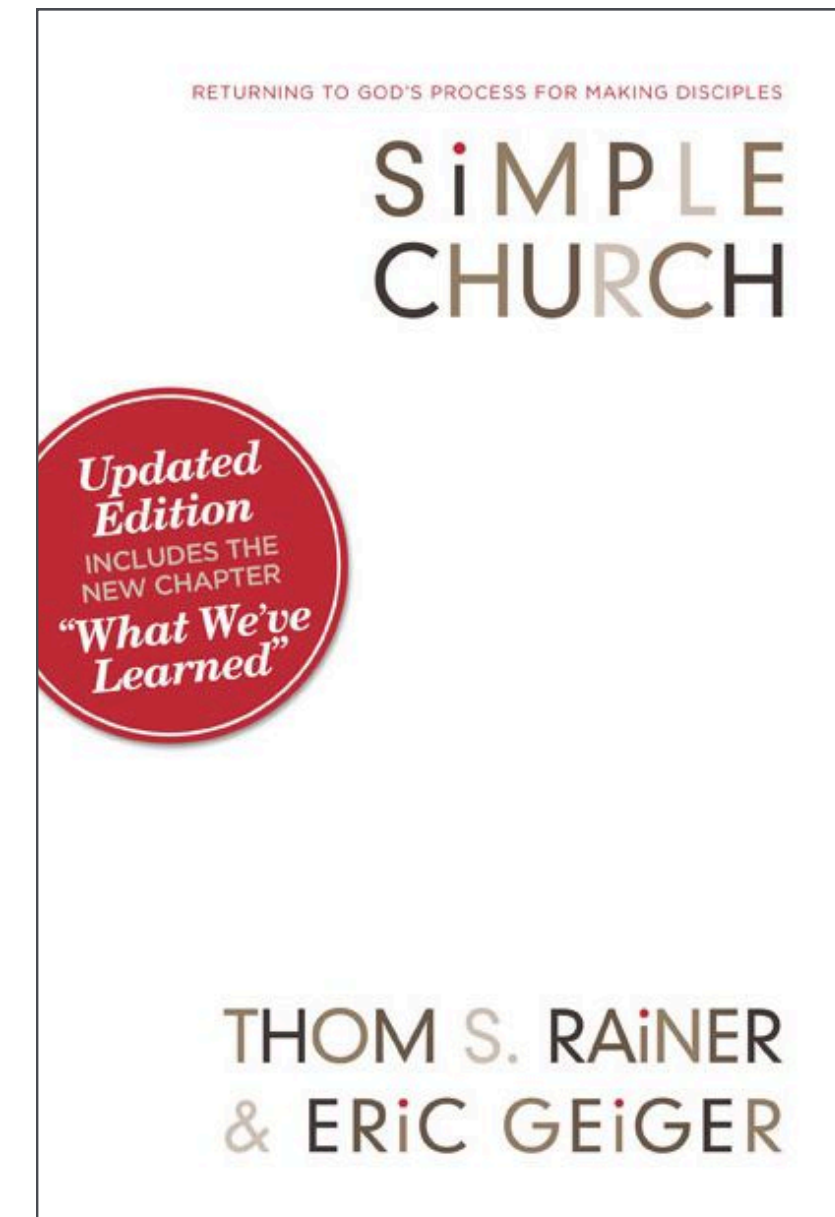
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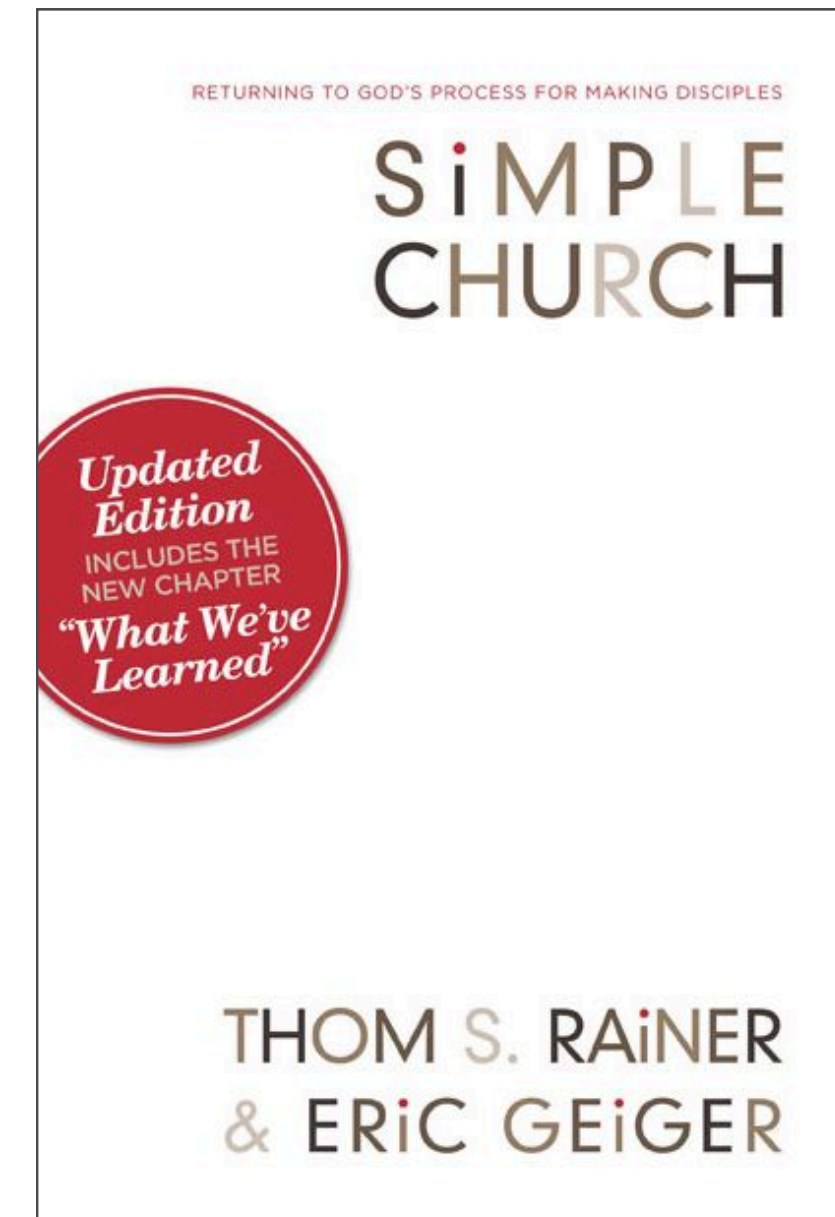
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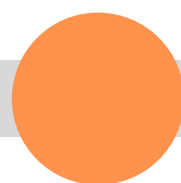




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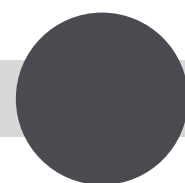
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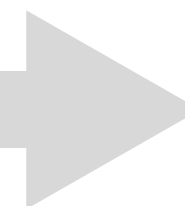
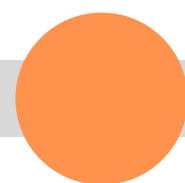
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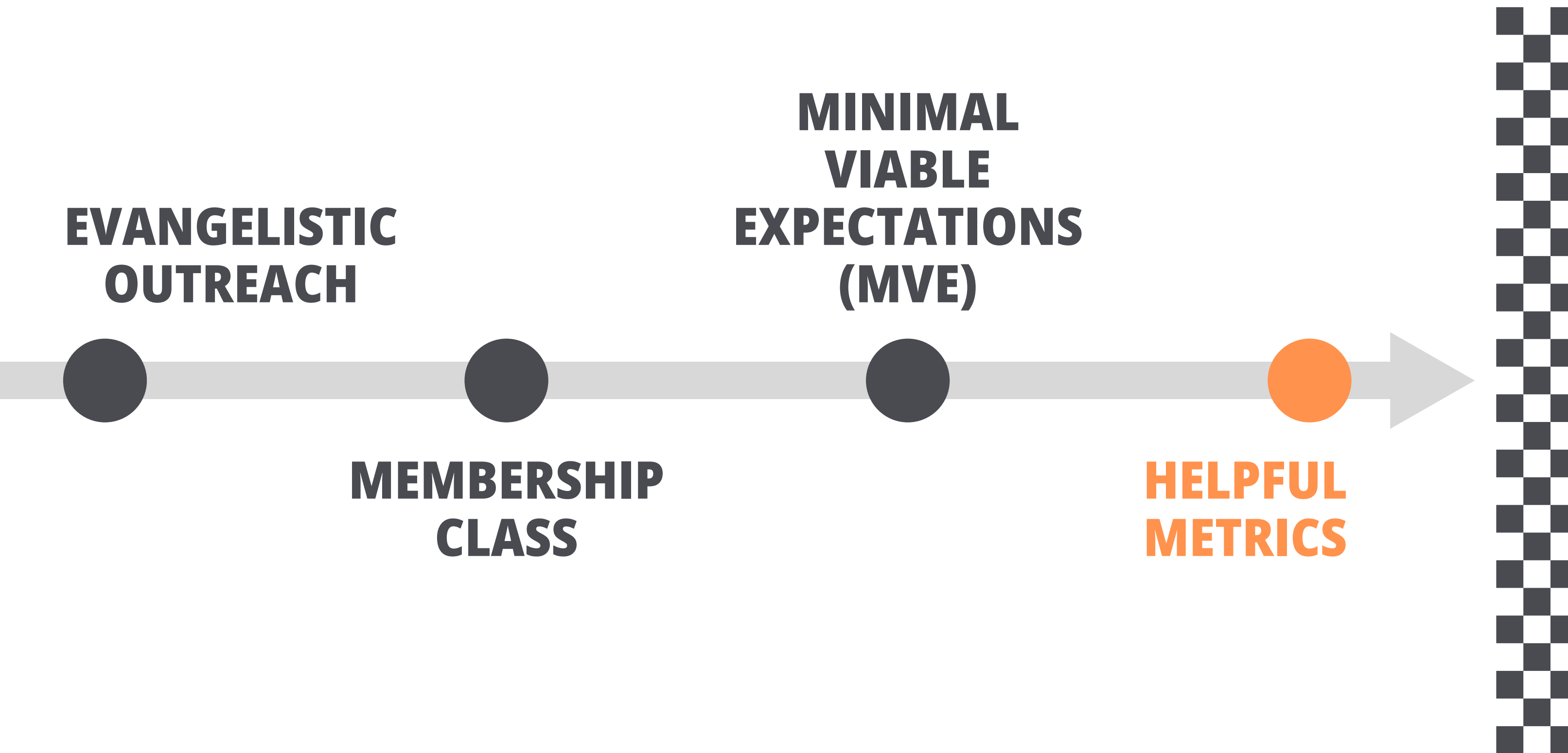
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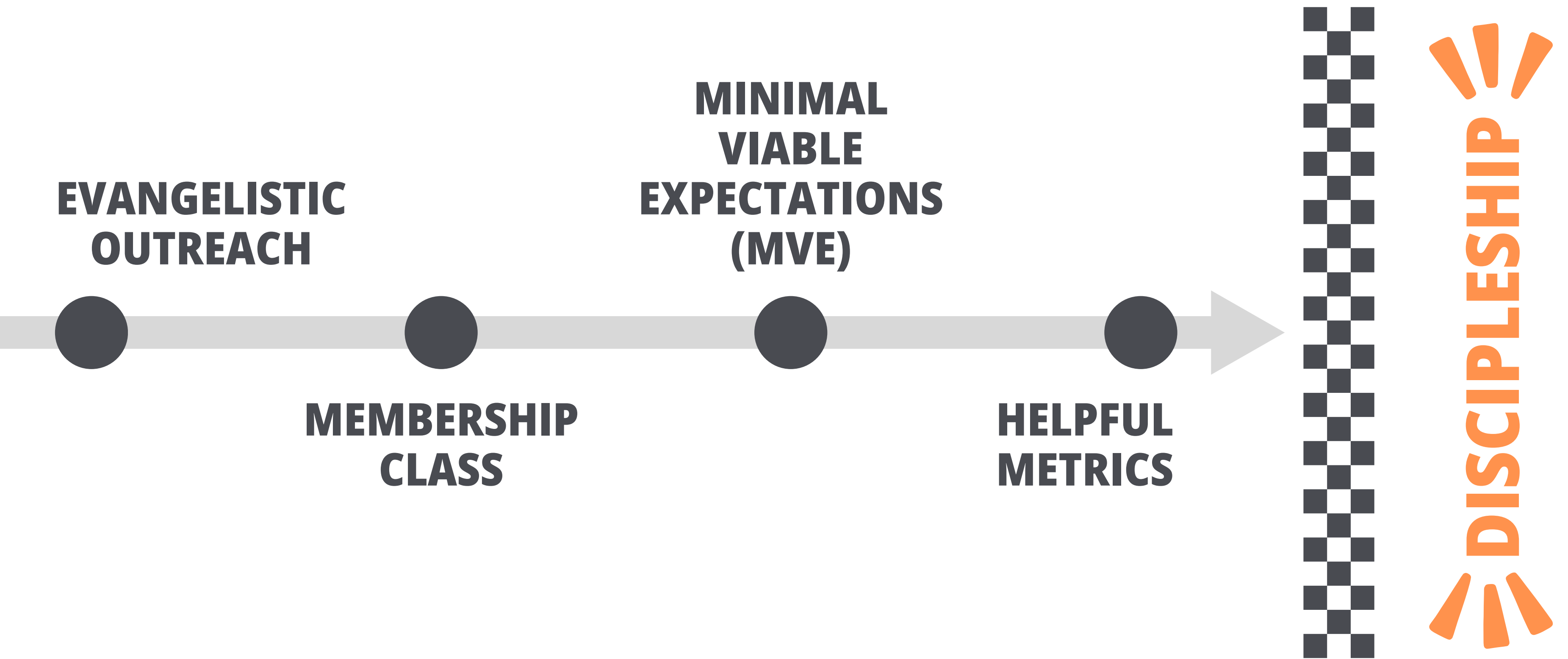
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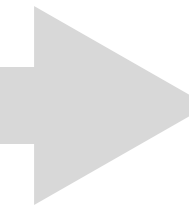
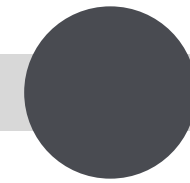
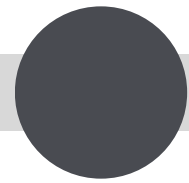
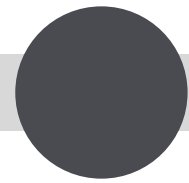
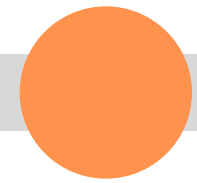


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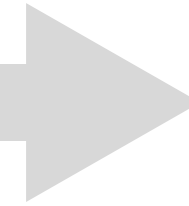
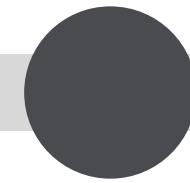
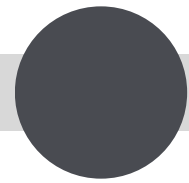
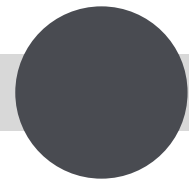
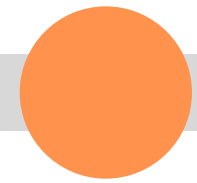
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- Hope Initiative 3 times a year

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MEMBERSHIP CLASS



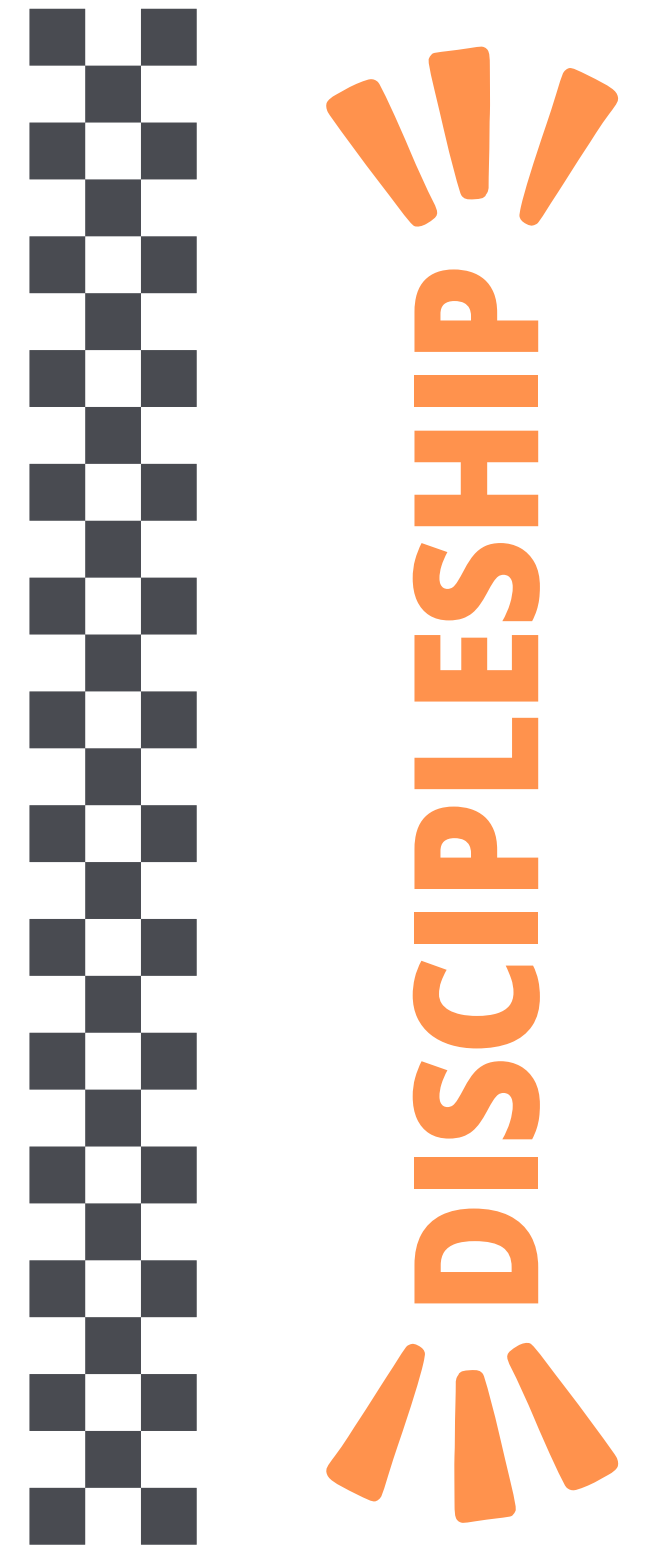
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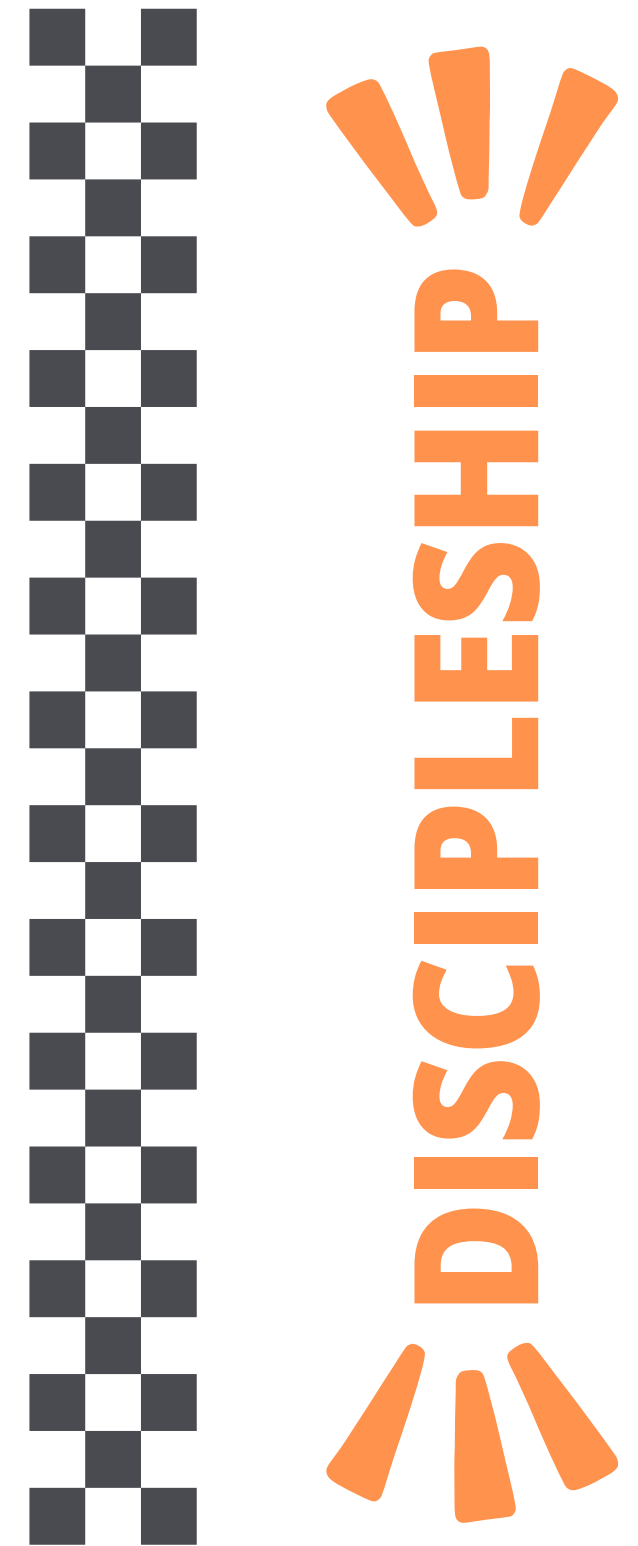


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MEMBERSHIP CLASS

- Information
- **Expectations (MVE articulated)**



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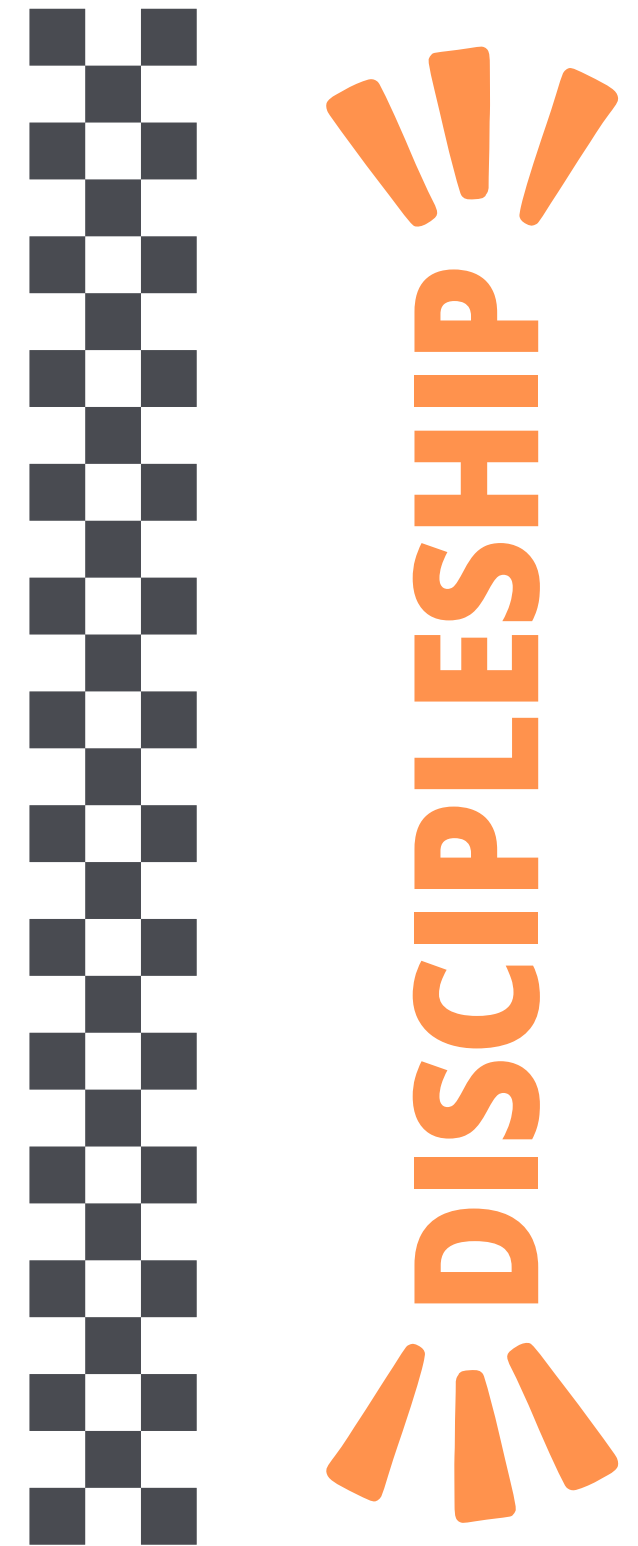
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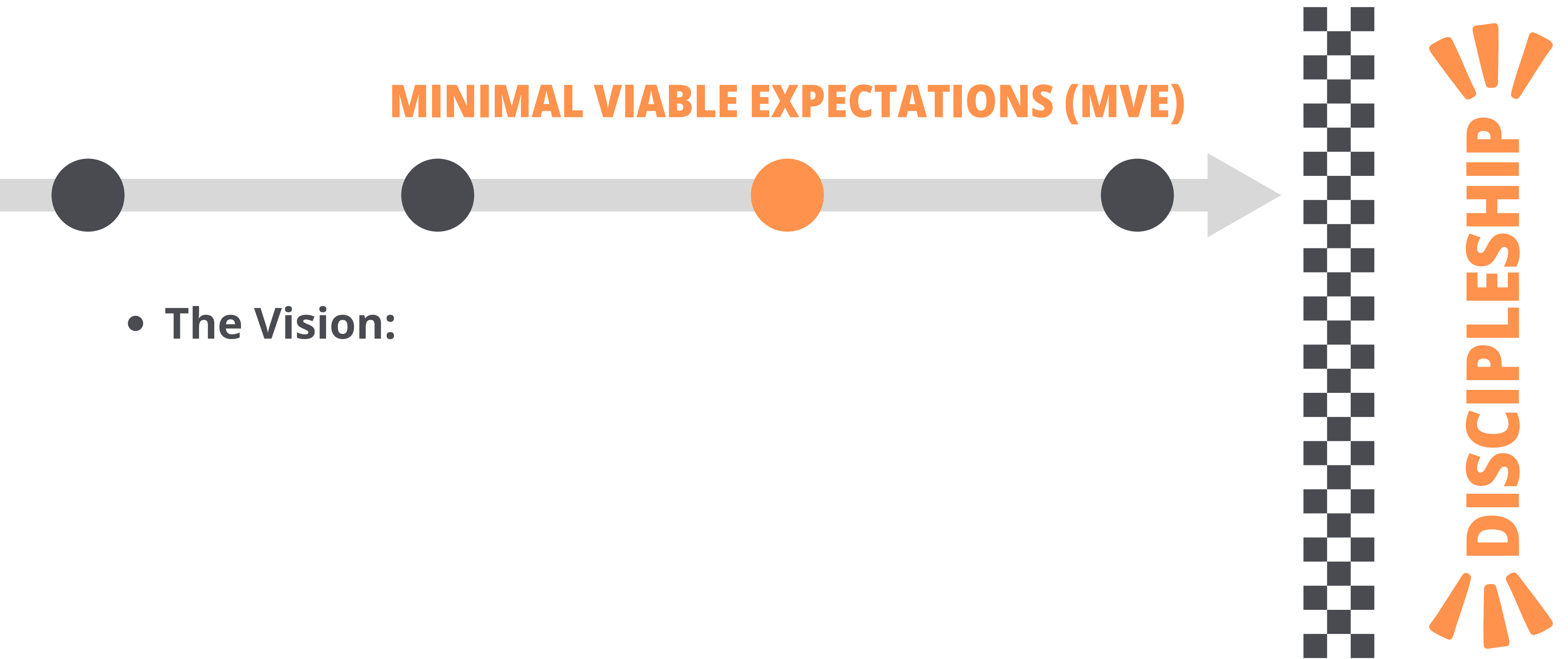
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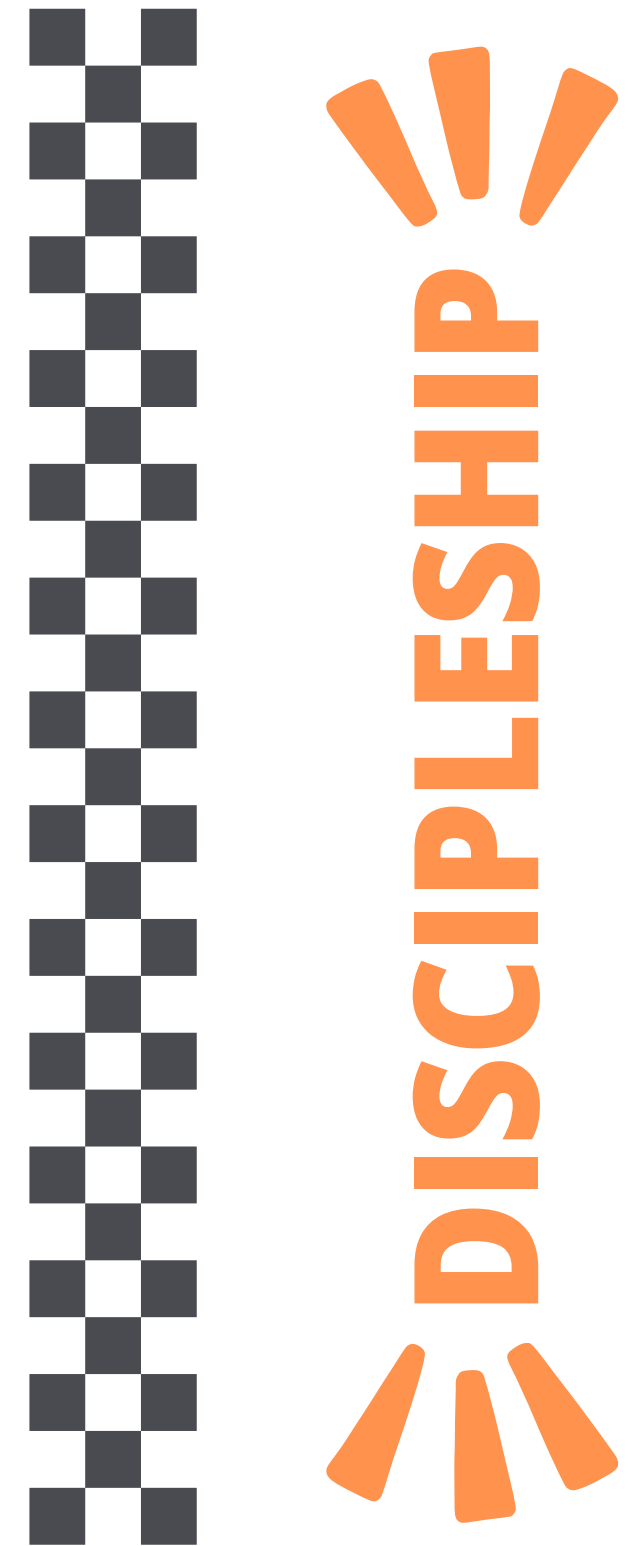
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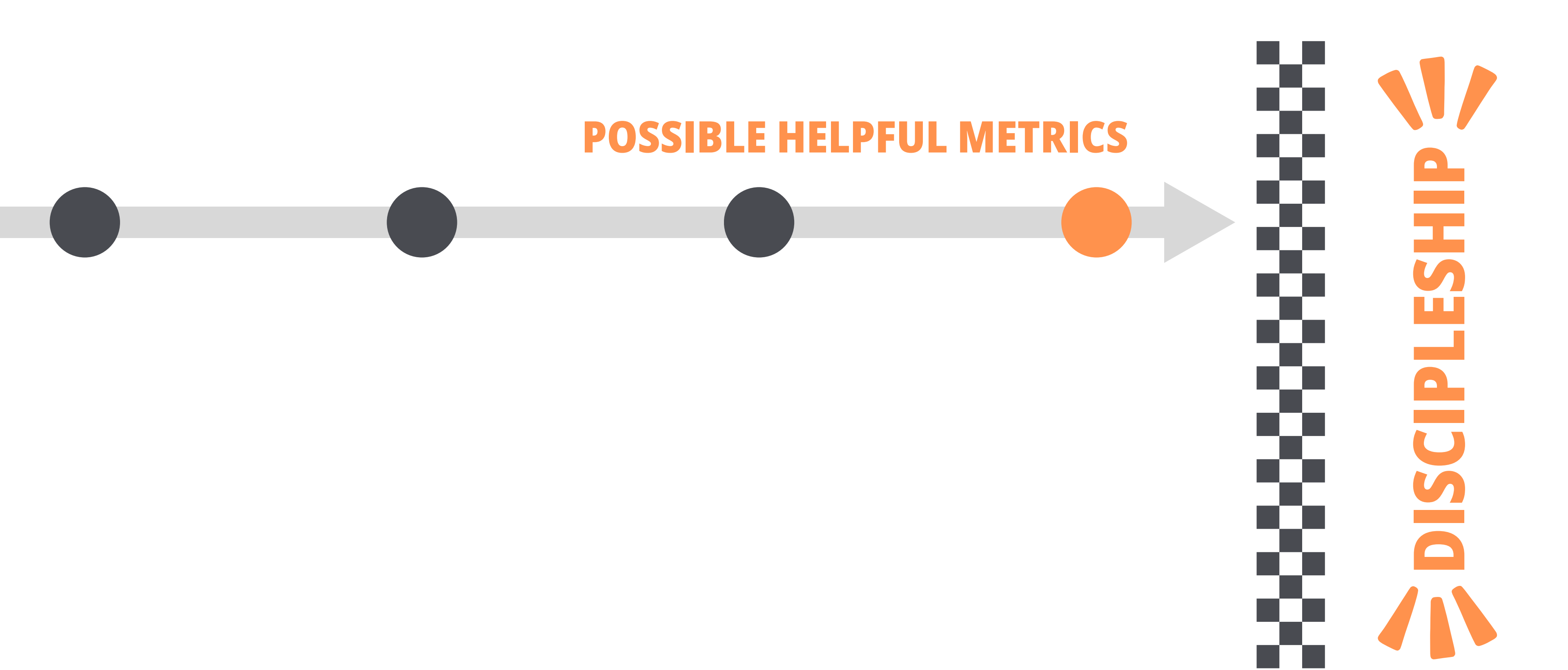


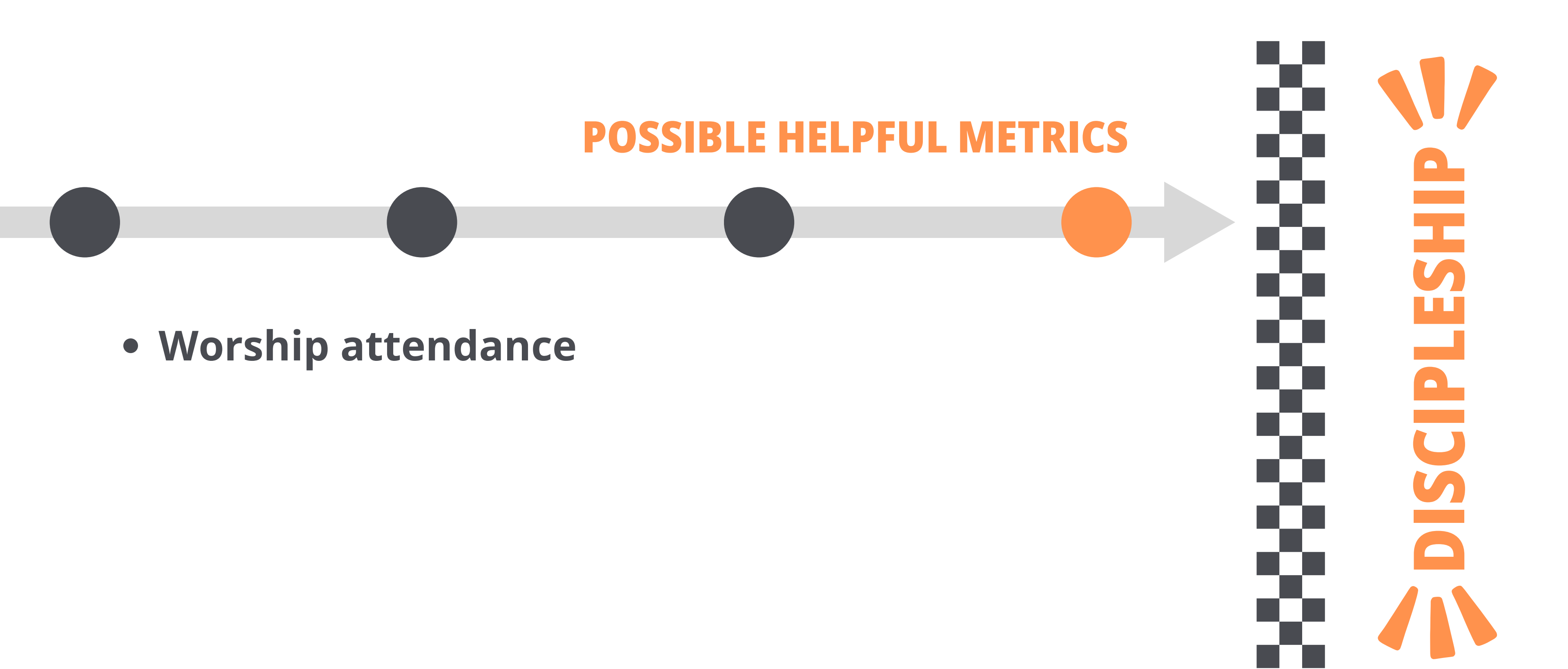


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- The Vision:
 - **Belong. Connect. Give. Go.**







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QUESTIONS?



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