



**EUROPEAN  
LEADERSHIP  
FORUM**

**Welcome Forum  
National Leaders**

# **The Apostles Peter and Paul regularly reminded believers – about things they already knew.**

“I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body.” (II Peter 1:12)

“It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.” (Philippians 3:1)

# What is the European Leadership Forum all about?

The Forum exists to **unite, equip, and resource** *Evangelical leaders* to renew the church and evangelize Europe.

# History of the European Leadership Forum

Greg's letter to his closest friends:

“I want to ask you if you want to join me in an attempt to influence our times. I want to review in the following pages a glimpse of the Need that I see, the Vision I believe the Lord is calling me to and some of the possible strategies to accomplish this task.”

# My Confession in the Letter

“Each of us is very aware of our own brokenness and weakness. Each of you know me well, warts and all, as I in turn know you. This self-knowledge tends to immobilize us with self-doubts and self-accusations: ‘Who am I to say such a thing, to attempt anything?’ Satan uses our knowledge of our sinfulness to accuse us and immobilize us for ministry.

“God is great and good and he can use men like Wilberforce (or us) who willfully give themselves to His service. Often, we slide from this positive vision to feel inadequate because we lack co-workers who will help and encourage us to fully live for and be used by God.”

# Wilberforce Biography

Wilberforce's biographer said --

**“Wilberforce was proof that a man may change his times, though he cannot do it alone.”**

Wilberforce and his co-workers' guiding principle was --

**“Find a neighbor, before you find a house.”**

# One Anothers

None of us

-- can be who we want to be

-- can accomplish what we want to accomplish

-- without brothers and sisters who will encourage us and live out the biblical “one anothers” with us: “Love one another,” “Serve one another,” “Help one another.”

# What Does a Gospel Leader Need?

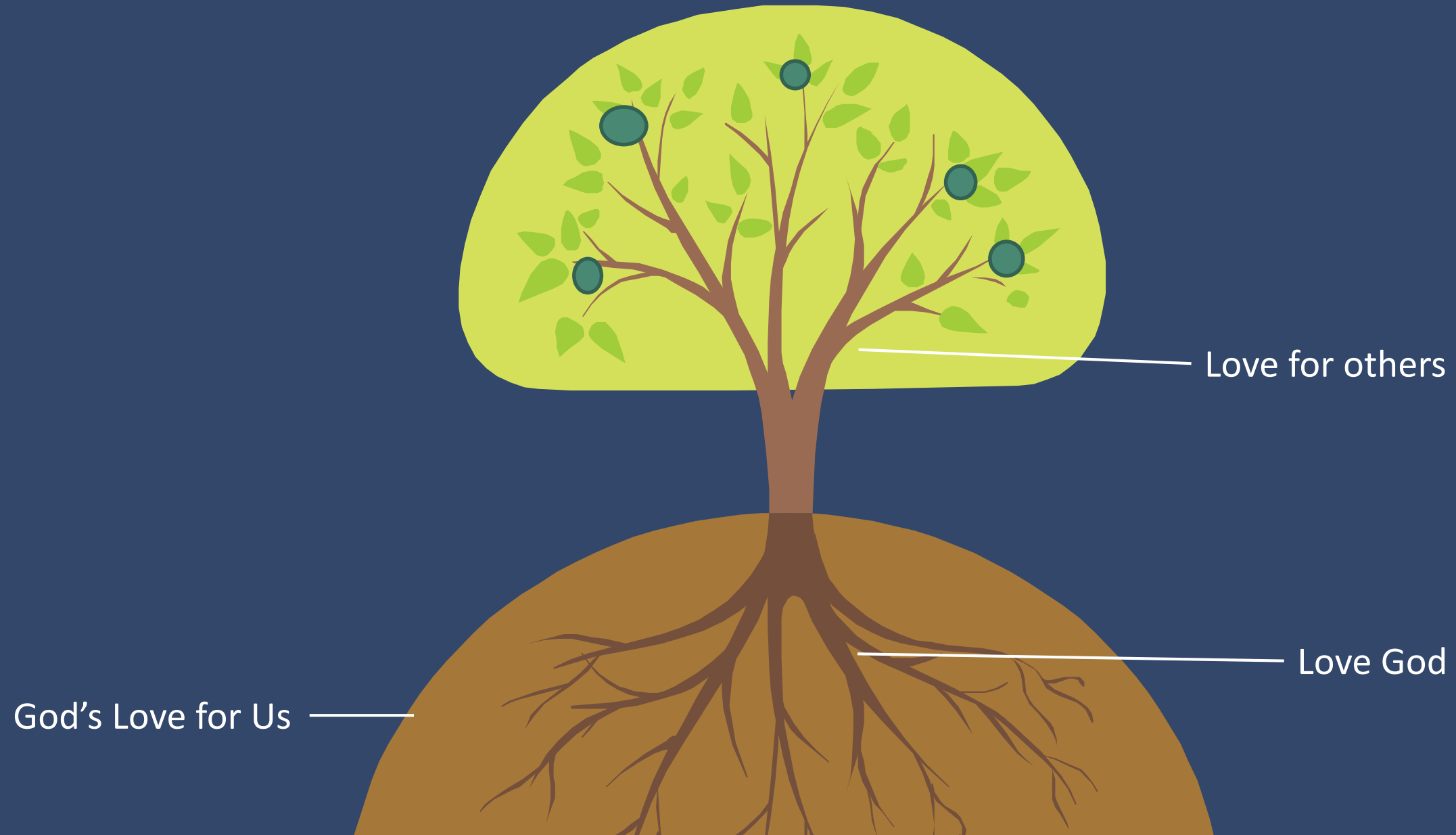




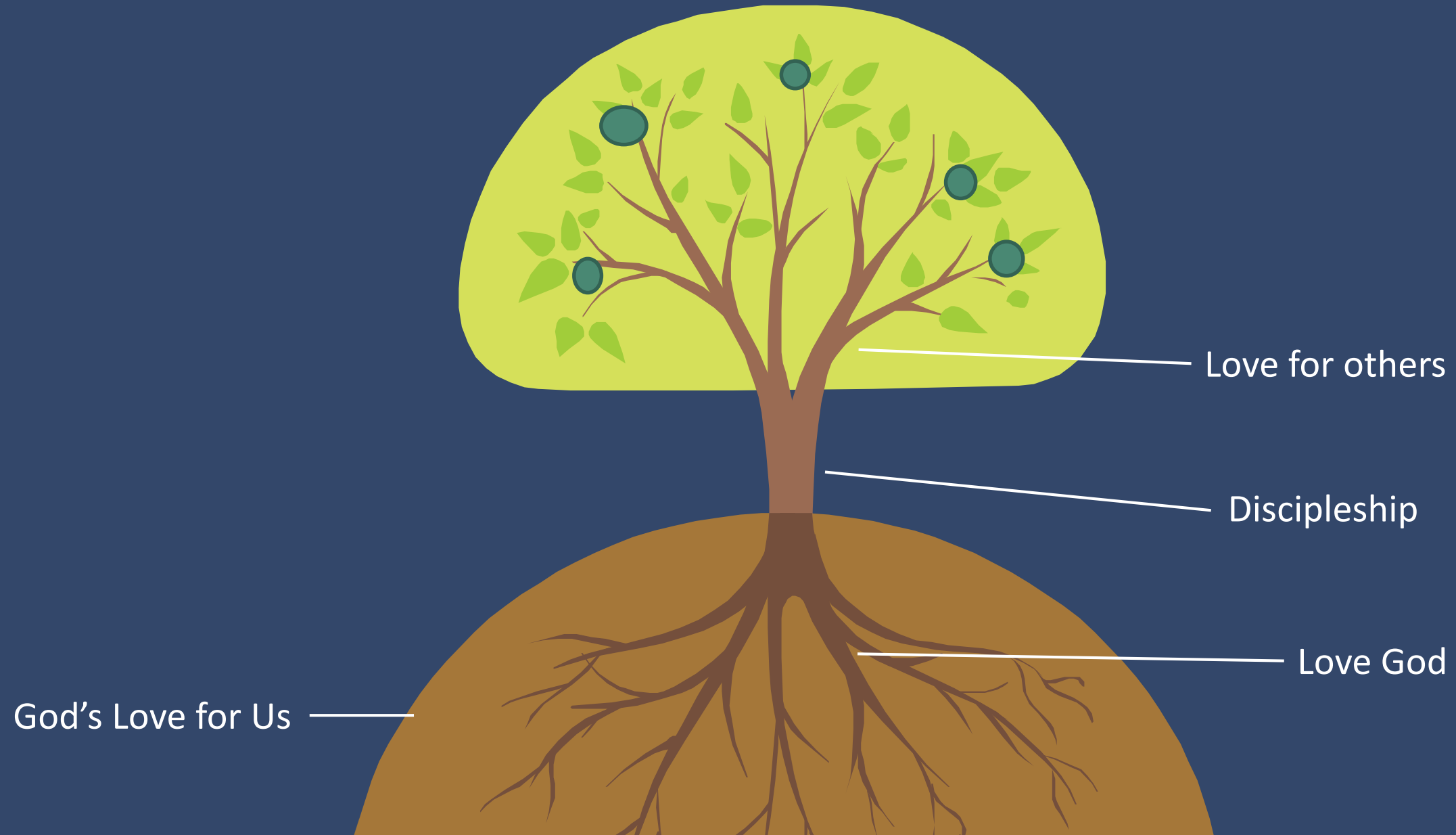
**The Forum is a community of Evangelical leaders with the same convictions and strategy (Forum Convictions) toward the same goal (Forum Impacts)**



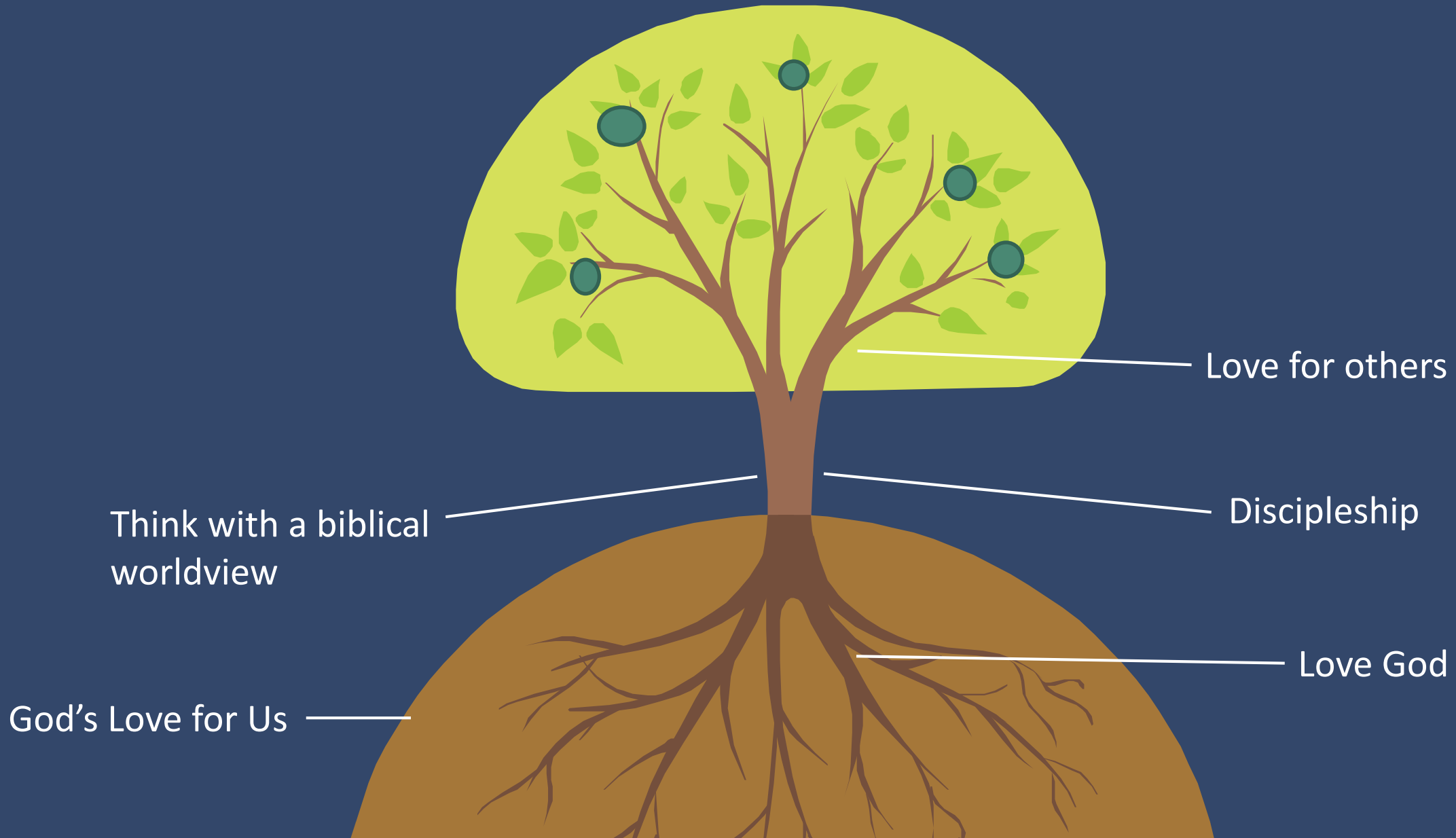
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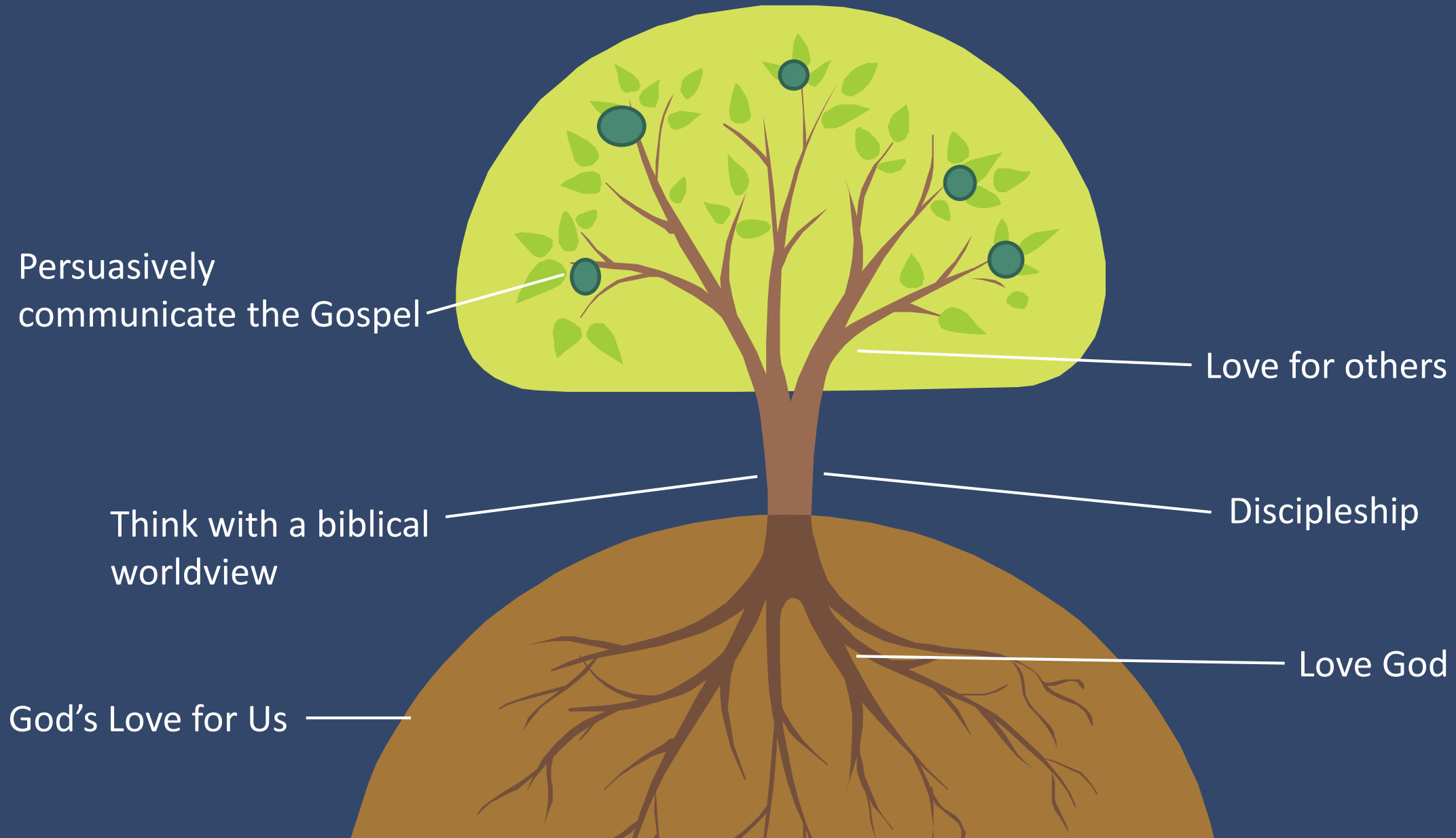
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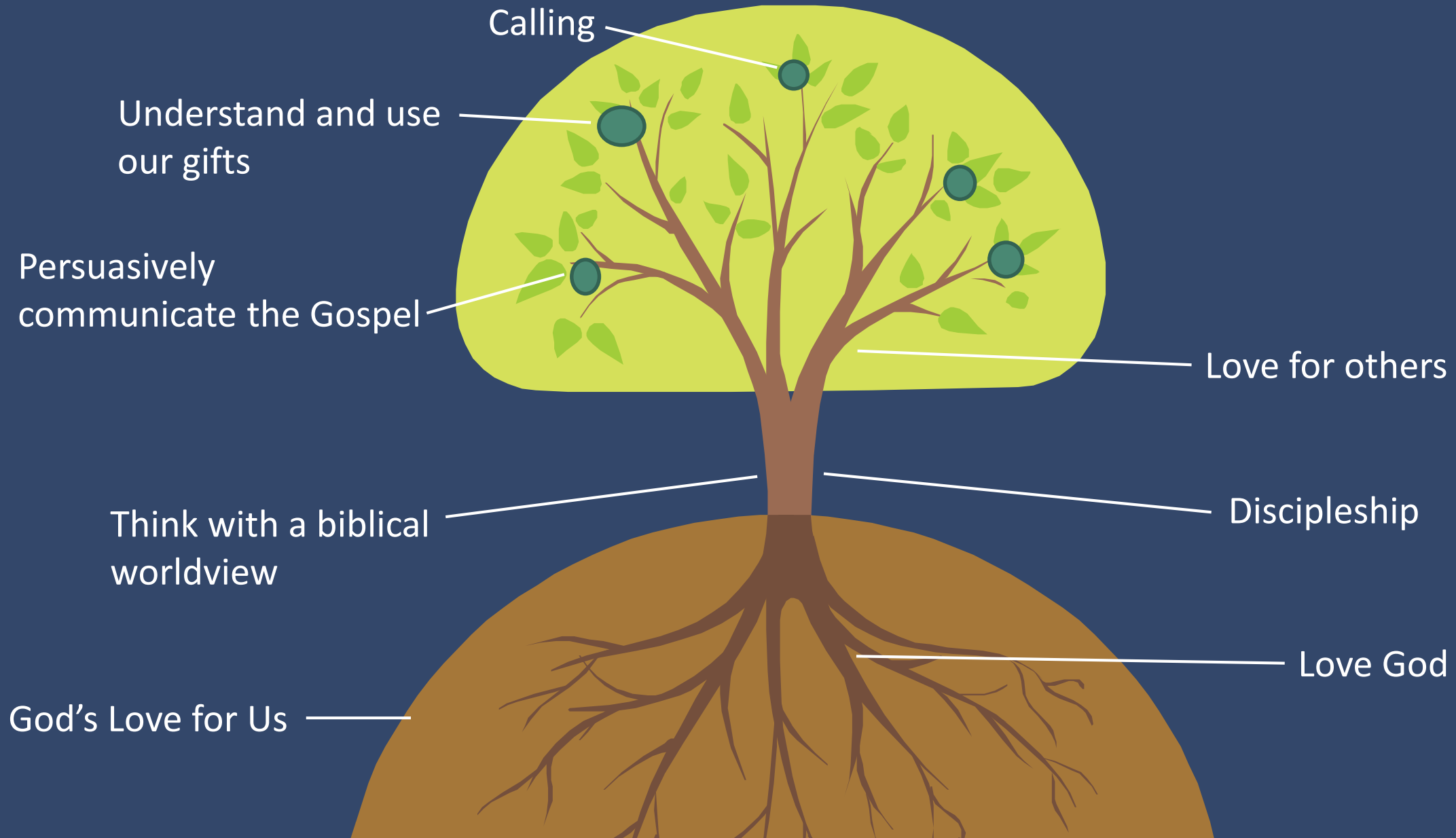
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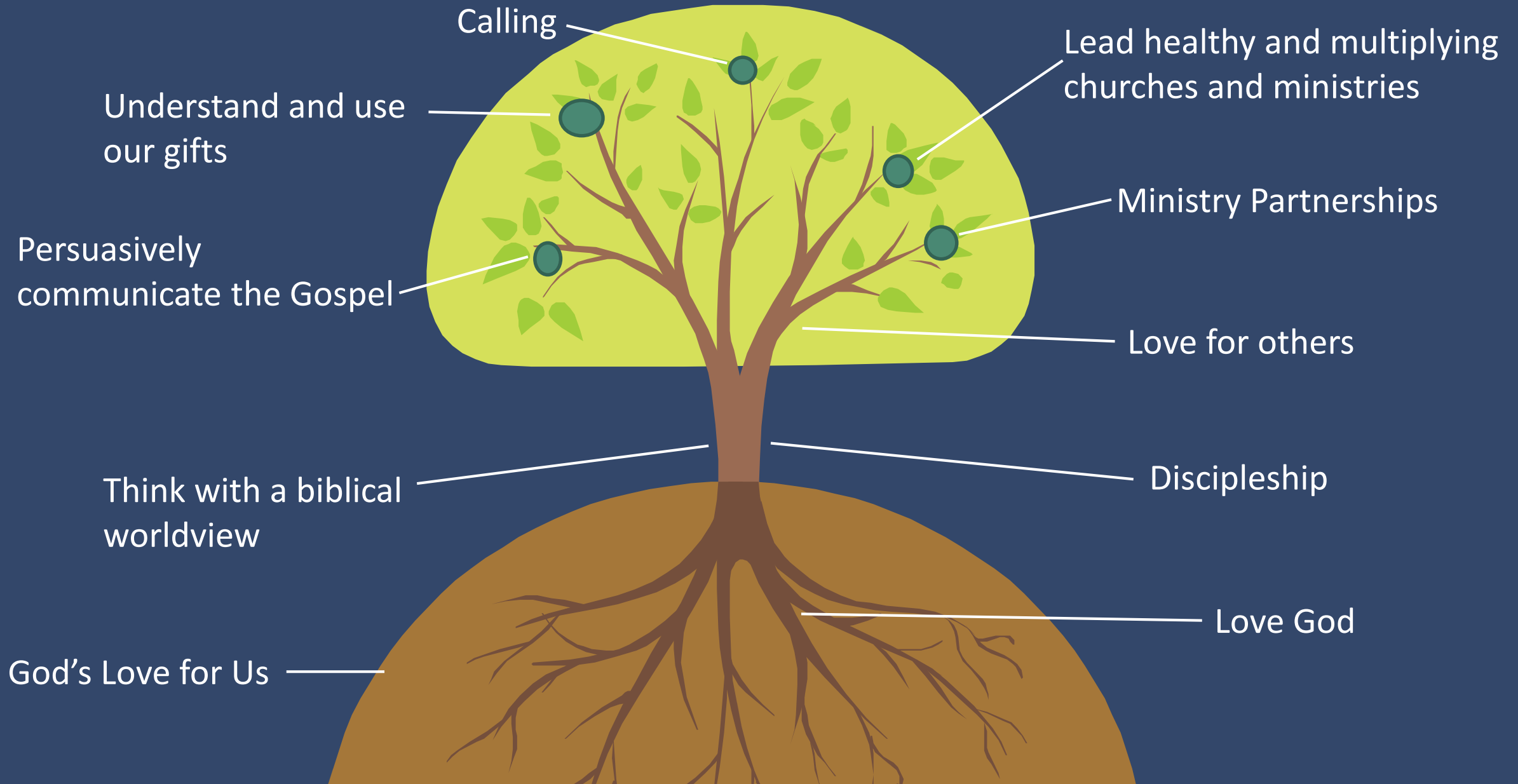
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# Becoming a Forum Partner

But eventually every Forum participant is asked to transition from being a consumer to becoming a contributor.

The Forum asks every Forum participant who just receives Forum resources to be a Forum partner who can help others do what God has called them to do.





“We tried that before.”

“It won’t work.”

“You don’t  
understand  
our context.”

# Albanian Leadership Forum

- Trained and equipped 200 Evangelical leaders
- Has created 10 Networks
- Raised funds to help pay for travel expenses
- Started National Year-Round Mentoring strategies
- Sponsored a Forum 10-week training course
- Recommending leaders for Year-Round Mentoring and the Cambridge Scholars and Leaders Networks
- Inviting ELF speakers
- Generously seeking to help other Evangelical leaders

# Ministry Partnerships

*Ministry Partnerships: Develop purposeful ministry collaborations for Europe.*

- a) They develop kingdom-minded leaders who give part of their time and energy outside of their main ministry to others in the kingdom of God.
- b) They partner with other Evangelical leaders to unite, equip, and resource Evangelical leaders in their nation and region.
- c) They identify and distribute best practice strategies across their denomination and country and across Europe.
- d) They join other leaders to extend and amplify the impact of local, national, and regional ministry efforts.

# National Forum Movements

*National and regional movements: To unite, equip, and resource evangelical leaders across Europe to reach their countries for Christ*

- a) Leaders with a burning passion to follow the example of the Apostle Paul in Europe by preaching the Gospel where it has never been preached.
- b) Leaders who seek to unite, equip, and resource evangelical leaders in their local and national context toward the vision of communicating the Gospel and renewing the biblical church.
- c) Evangelical leaders working across Evangelical denominational and organization lines at the local and national level.
- d) Leaders who intentionally share resources and best practices with other churches, groups and movements.
- e) Leaders who establish contextually specific strategies and initiatives based on the needs of their local and national context.

# Forum Tool Chest

- 25 Forum Networks
- 25 Year-Round Mentoring Strategies
- 50 Different Kinds of Forum Mentoring at ELF
- 3 Different One-week Intensive Leadership Development Training Seminars
- One-on-One Forum Mentoring During the Year
- Forum Speaker Tours
- 10-Week Leadership Training Courses that can be Translated into Your Language
- National Forum Websites

# Identifying Your Country's Strengths and Weaknesses

## American Weaknesses

- idolatry of happiness
- radical individualism
- Preoccupation with success, numbers and strategies

## Euro-pessimism

# Discussion at your Tables

- 1) What are the strengths, weaknesses, and needs of your country's Biblical church and leaders?
- 2) What strategies are most useful and necessary at this point in your country?
- 3) How could a Forum National Committee of your National Leaders be helpful in your country, and what would this committee look like in your context?

# Identifying and Developing Calebs

“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, ‘We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.’” --Numbers 13:30

You are Calebs!

If you don't lead for the Gospel in your country, who will?





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**Thank You!**