

# **Gospel-shaped need**

Leadership Foundations Network

Context is the **situation in which your church is located**

GEOGRAPHICAL



CULTURAL

SOCIAL



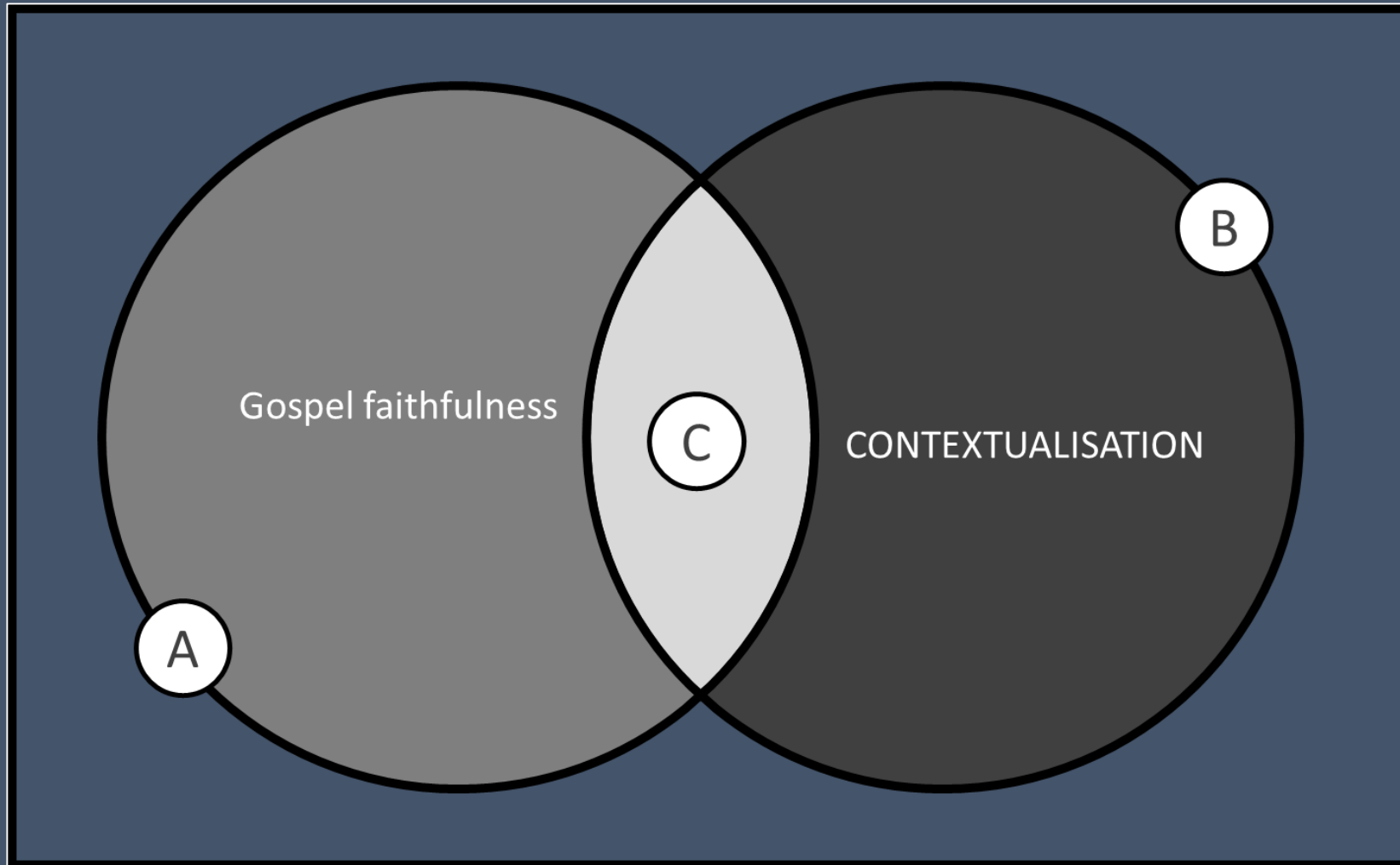
HISTORICAL

# Why does context matter?

Context places **boundaries or pressures on people, places and behaviour**

- Building up the saints
- Reading the lost

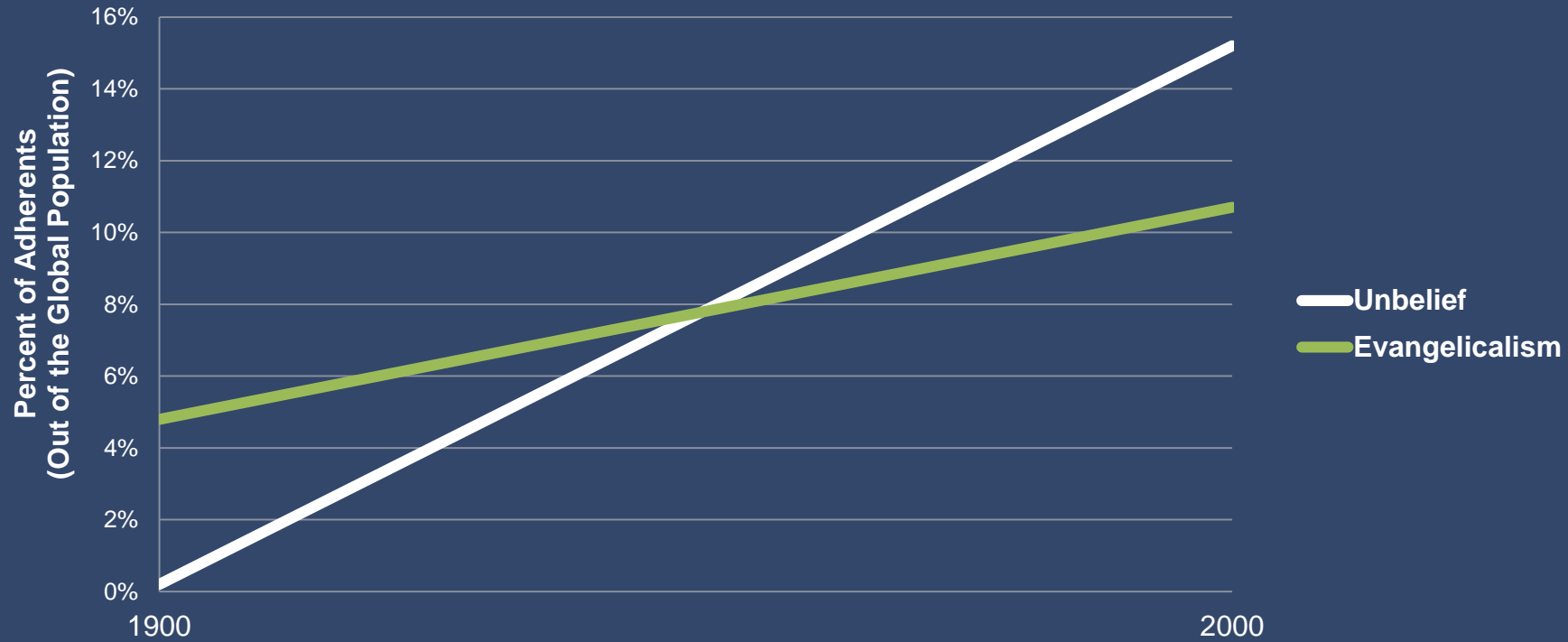
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# Multi-level context

# Our 'belief' context

## Worldwide Growth of Unbelief vs. Growth of Evangelicalism 1900-2000



# Our European context



- Federalism
- Nationalism
- Relativism
- Individualism
- Immigration



- *Christianism*
- Atheism
- Wealth

**How does this impact gospel work?**



# What about your country?

1. What proportion of the population are bible-believing evangelicals?
2. How is this changing?
3. What are the pressures evangelicals face?
4. What are greatest needs in the church?