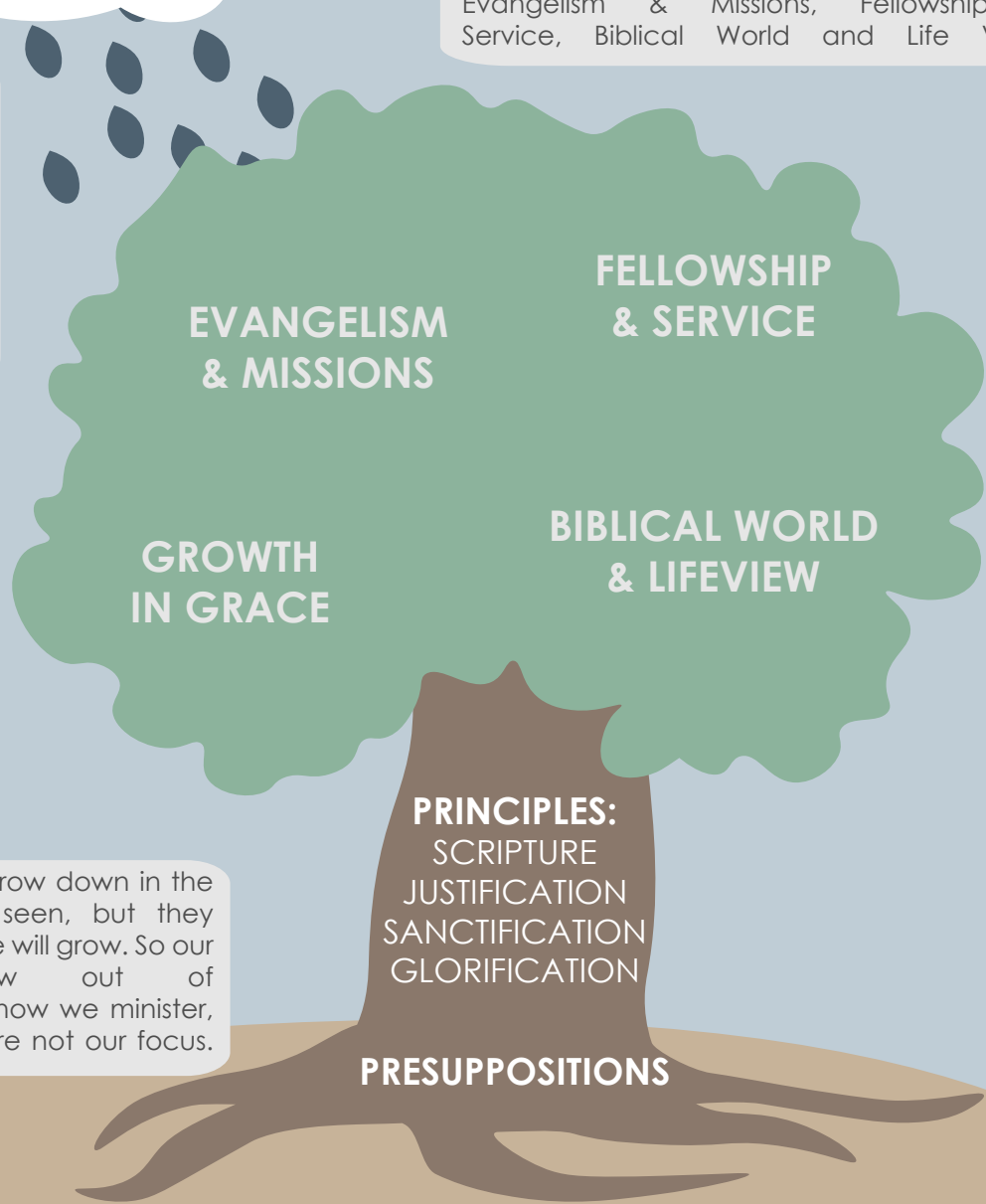


THE TREE

HOLY SPIRIT

The worth of the tree is determined by its fruit. When ministry produces only one fruit, the tree is lopsided and ruined—the Gospel has been truncated. But the fruit of the Gospel is diverse and abundant: Growth in Grace, Evangelism & Missions, Fellowship & Service, Biblical World and Life View.

No matter the goodness of the soil, the depth of the roots, or the strength of the trunk, without rain, the tree will die. Similarly, the Holy Spirit rains His work down upon Biblical ministry and gives life, causing the tree to grow and bear fruit.



The roots of the tree grow down in the soil—they are rarely seen, but they determine how the tree will grow. So our presuppositions flow out of Scripture. They affect how we minister, but they themselves are not our focus.

PRESUPPOSITIONS

PRINCIPLES:
SCRIPTURE
JUSTIFICATION
SANCTIFICATION
GLORIFICATION

SCRIPTURE

The soil nourishes the tree and enables it to grow strong and bear fruit. Similarly, Scripture is our foundation (Psalm 1)—we are servants of the Word. All that we think, feel, say, and do must flow out of obedience to God's Word.