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### Evaluating Congregational Leaders and Flourishing

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2022 EVANGEL GATHERING

*SACRED ROOTS THRIVING IN MINISTRY*  
***MOVING FORWARD TO MULTIPLY***



# Evaluating Congregational Leaders and Flourishing



# Goal – to help congregational leaders to flourish in ministry

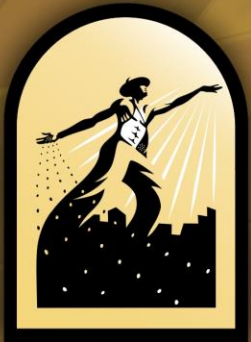
Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT)

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.

8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water.

Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought.

Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.



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# Why this research matters

- Covid
- Challenge of low resources



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# Research Team



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# Objectives

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the Sacred Roots congregational leader (“friend”) groups.
- Evaluate the level of engagement and benefit from the Spiritual Classics.
- Present the research findings (white paper, presentation, article(s)).



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# Flourishing



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# Research: Domains of Human Flourishing

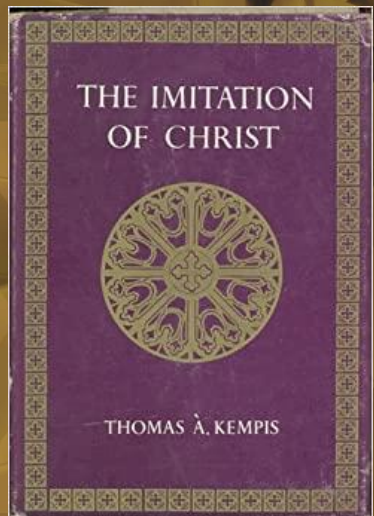
- happiness and life satisfaction;
- health, both mental and physical;
- financial and material stability.
- **meaning and purpose;**
- **character and virtue; and**
- **close social relationships .**

VanderWeele, T.J. (2017).



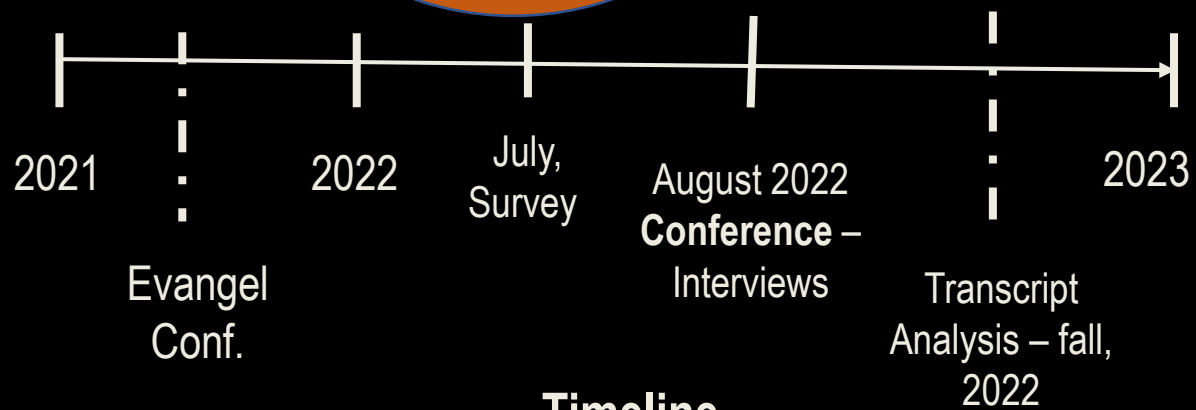
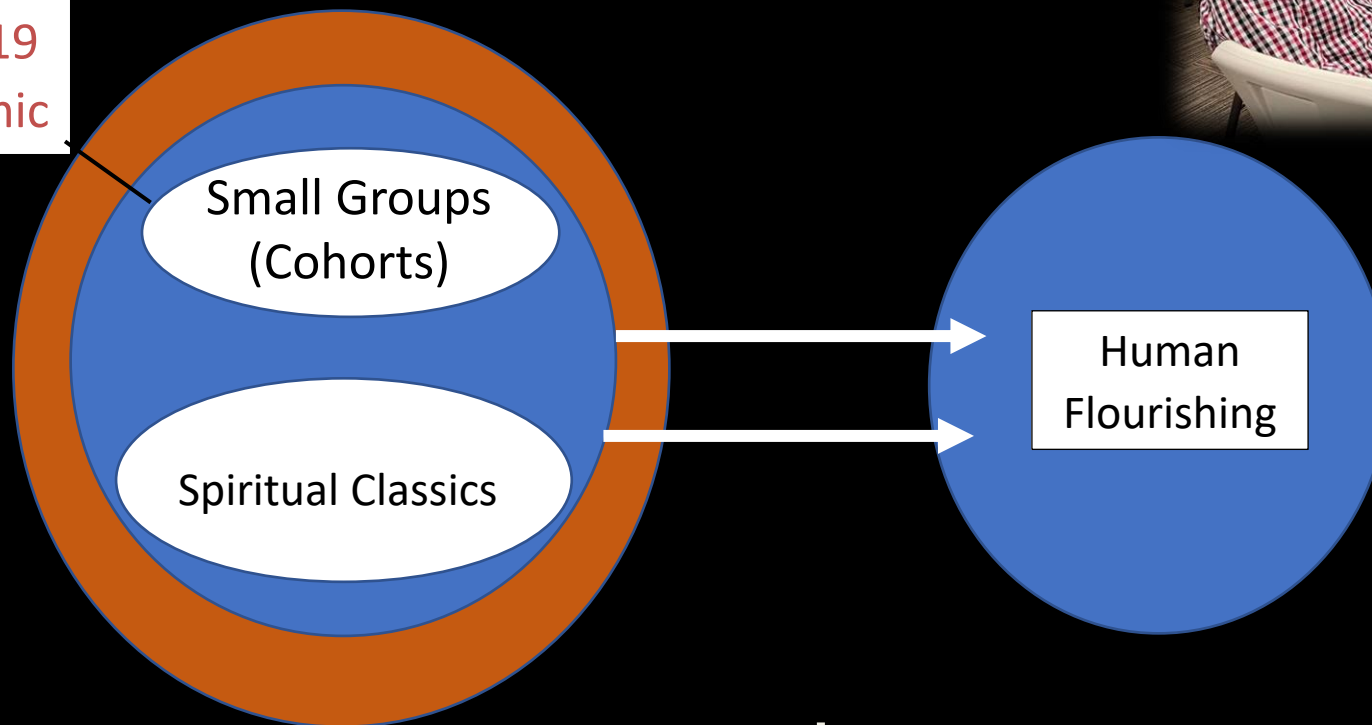
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# Methods

- 5-to-7-minute Survey
- Individual Interviews
- Participant Observations
- Focus Groups



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# How can I help?

- Survey
- Interview - 15 minute
- Questions or comments



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