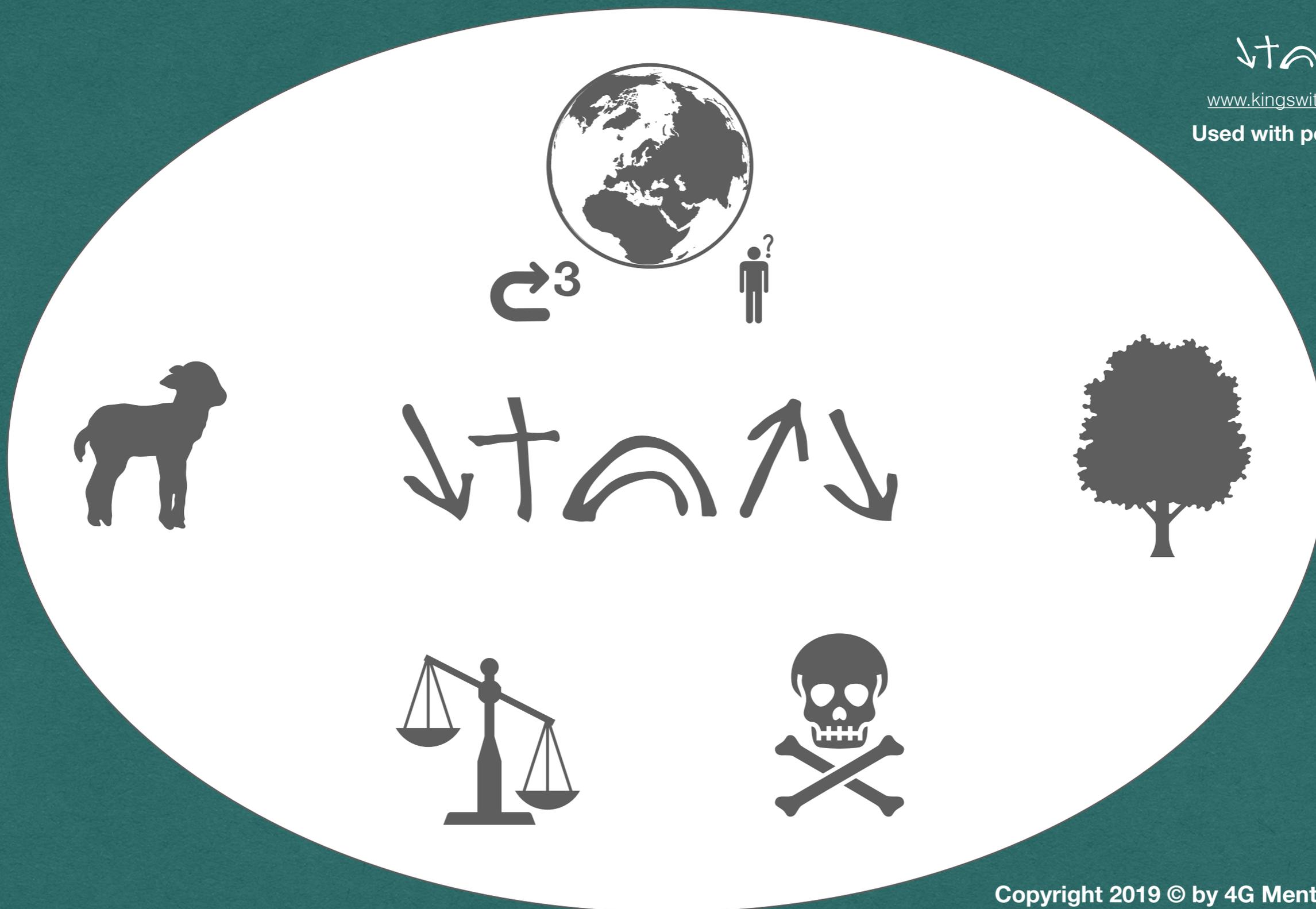


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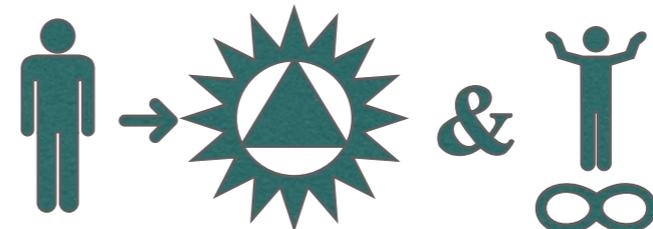
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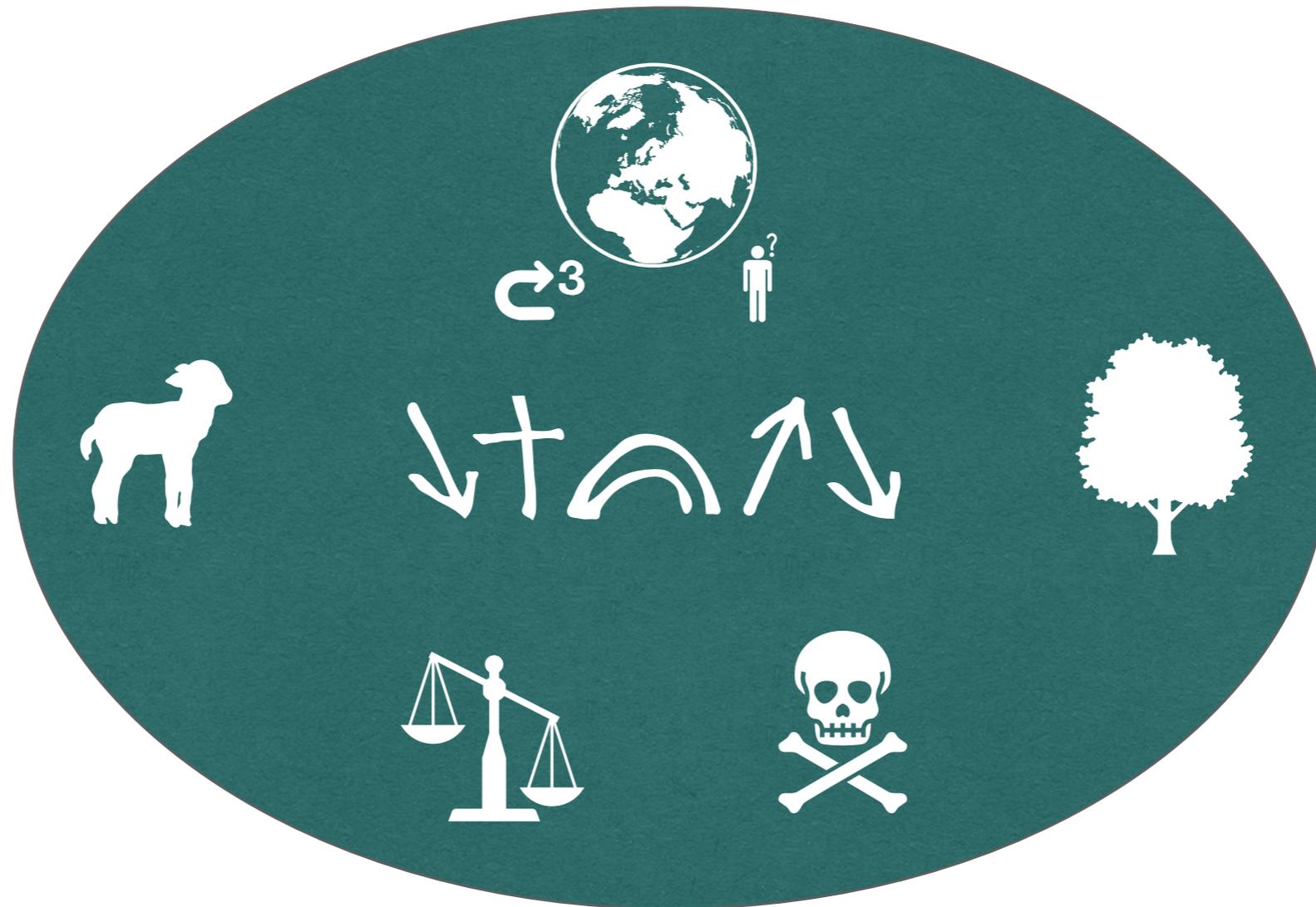


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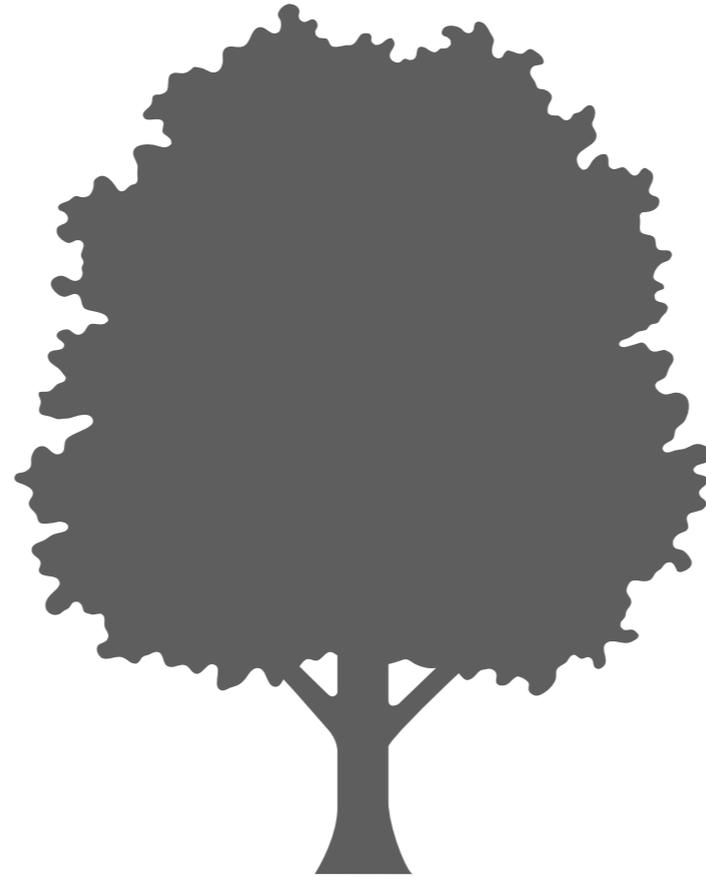
Key Idea: Mankind's disobedience brought the curse of sin and death into the world but God provided salvation through Jesus Christ.



Why do bad things happen to good people?



In the beginning God created a perfect world without sin, death, or suffering. God created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, and placed them in a perfect garden where he provided for all of their needs. God created mankind to live for his glory and to enjoy a close and personal relationship with him forever. But God warned Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of a certain tree or they would die.



Even though God provided a perfect place for Adam and Eve they willingly chose to disobey God's command and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. This one act of disobedience brought the curse of sin and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.



The curse of sin and death is why we all experience pain, brokenness, sickness, and death in our lives. We all, as descendants of Adam and Eve, have willingly continued to disobey God's commands and deserve death and separation from God because of our sin.



Despite being under the curse, God had a plan to save sinful mankind. God gave the Law to show us his standard of righteousness and to help us understand that we all fall short of that standard. To fall short of the standard is sin and the price of sin is death.

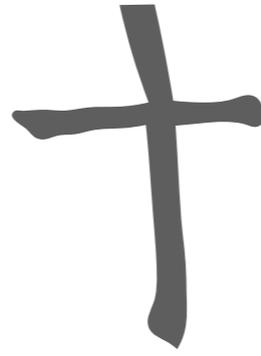


The Law also said that when a person sinned by disobeying one of God's commands that they needed to find a spotless lamb. The person would place their hand on the head of the lamb and confess their sin. Then the innocent animal would die as a sacrifice to pay for the guilty person's sin. No good work can pay for sin.

Death, according to the Law, is the only acceptable payment for sin. The Law was not meant to save us but to show us that we are sinners in need of a savior. One day the Prophet John saw Jesus walking by the River Jordan and said, "Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."



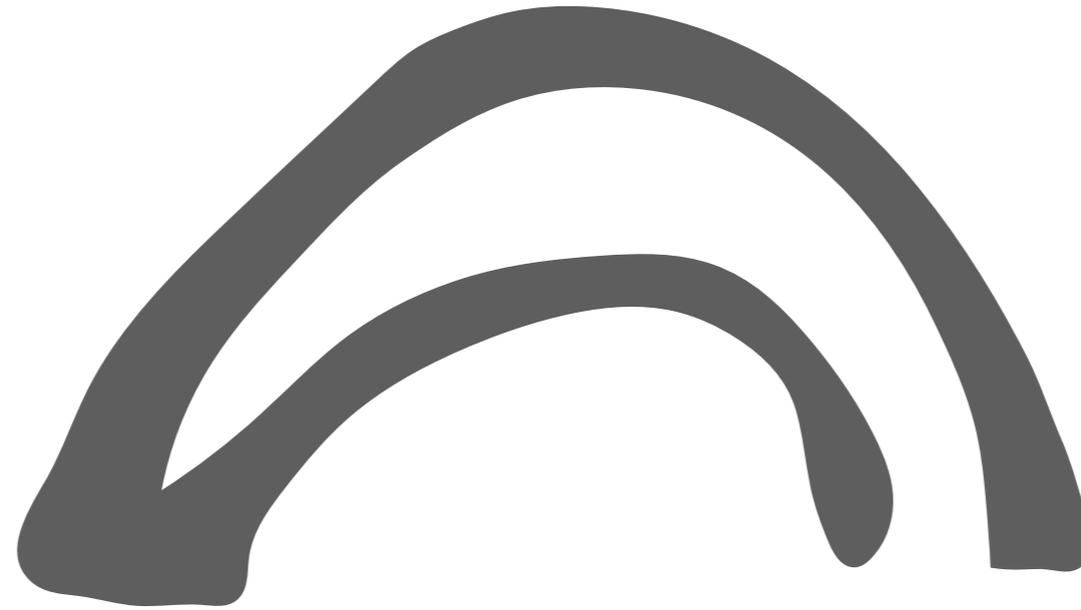
God the Father sent Jesus, his only Son, into the world because he loved us and the price of sin had to be paid. Jesus lived a sinless life and fully obeyed all of the Law. He taught people with power and authority to turn from sin, to love God, love their neighbor, and even to love their enemies! He brought a message of hope, change, and freedom to the broken and downcast masses of humanity. Jesus proved that his teaching was from God by performing many miracles. He healed the sick, cast out demons, fed over five thousand people with a few loaves of bread and a few fish, calmed a storm, and even raised people from the dead.



Although the common people loved Jesus' teaching, the religious leaders were offended. They were offended because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and to have authority to forgive sins, something only God can do. They were also offended because Jesus refused to obey man-made traditions and called the religious leaders "hypocrites" for saying one thing but doing something else. When the time was right Jesus willingly gave himself into the hands of the religious leaders and was crucified on a cross. Jesus died for our sins - the innocent for the guilty. As he died he said, "It is finished!", meaning the price of sin had been paid.



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On the third day God raised Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of the curse of sin and death. He appeared alive to over five hundred people.



After forty days Jesus said that he was going away to prepare a place for his followers but that one day he will return to gather his followers and to judge all who reject his free gift of his sacrifice for their sins.



When he returns Jesus promises to make a New Heaven and a New Earth; a place without sorrow, pain, or death. He promises that His followers will live with him in this perfect Heaven and Earth for eternity.



God is holy and just and must punish sin. God is also loving and kind and offers forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a transformed life here and now to all who will turn from sin and follow Jesus as Savior and King. Through Jesus we can find peace with God, freedom from sin, and healing for our broken lives and broken relationships. Through Jesus we can find meaning and purpose as God uses our changed lives to reach the lost, help the poor and the oppressed, and to transform society around us. This message of hope has changed the lives of millions of people and it can change your life too. To receive this free gift of forgiveness, eternal life, and transformation through Jesus you need to:



- **Believe that Jesus, God's only Son, came, died for your sins, rose from the dead, went away, and is coming back. (John 20:31, Romans 10:9)**



- **Admit that you do not meet God's standard according to the Law and that you deserve to receive death and Hell. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)**



- **Confess your sins in prayer and ask God to forgive you and change you. (1 John 1:9)**



- **Turn away (repent) from your sins to God. (Acts 3:19, Luke 13:3, Galatians 5:19-24)**



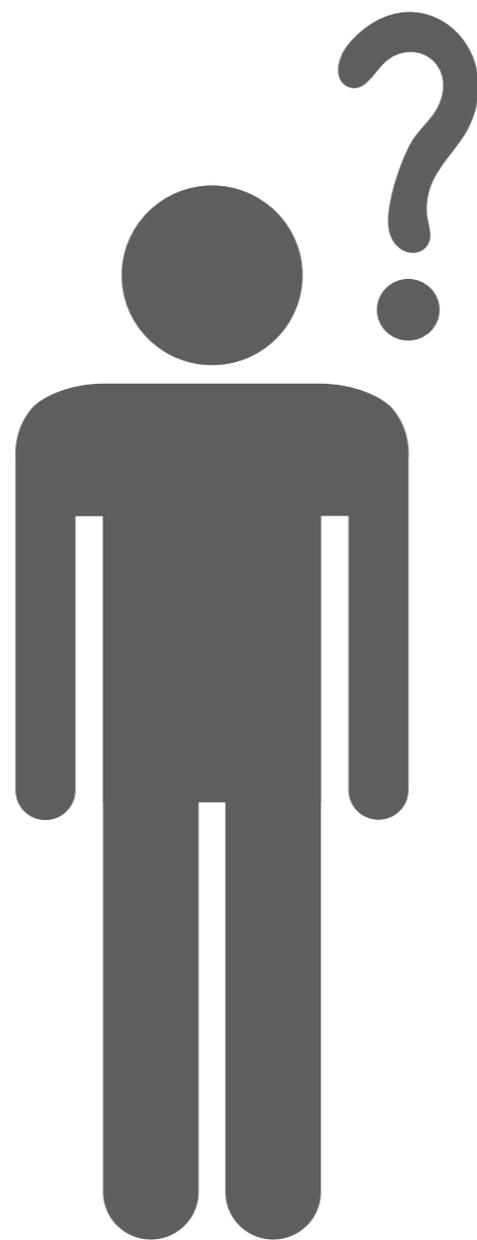
- **Follow Jesus as your Savior and King wherever he may lead. (Matthew 16:24-26)**



- **Be baptized as a public symbol of your commitment to die to your old life and be raised again to walk in a new life with Christ. (Acts 2:38)**

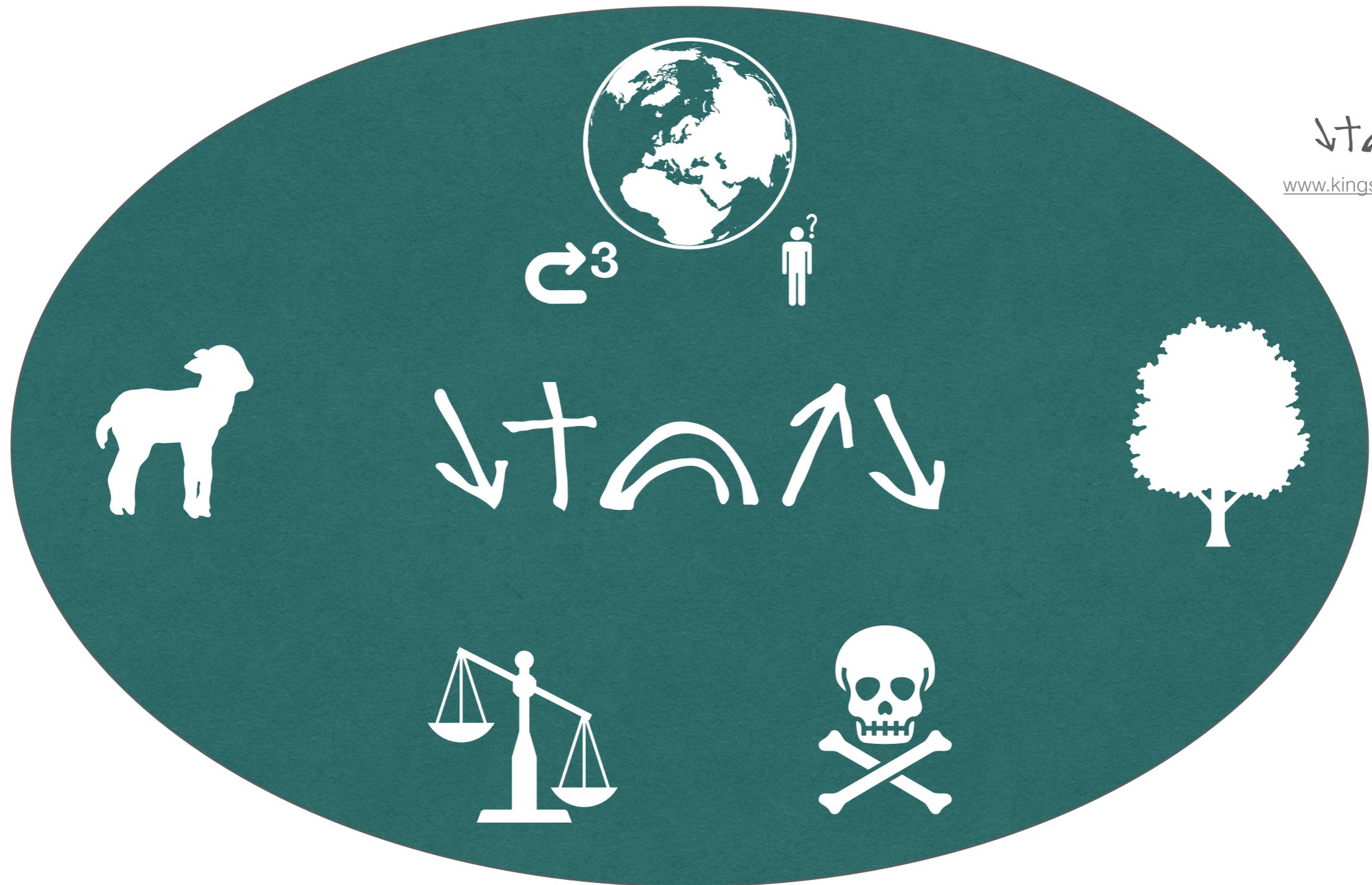


- **Participate in lifelong, transformational discipleship through studying and obeying God's Word with other followers of Jesus. (Matthew 28:18-20)**



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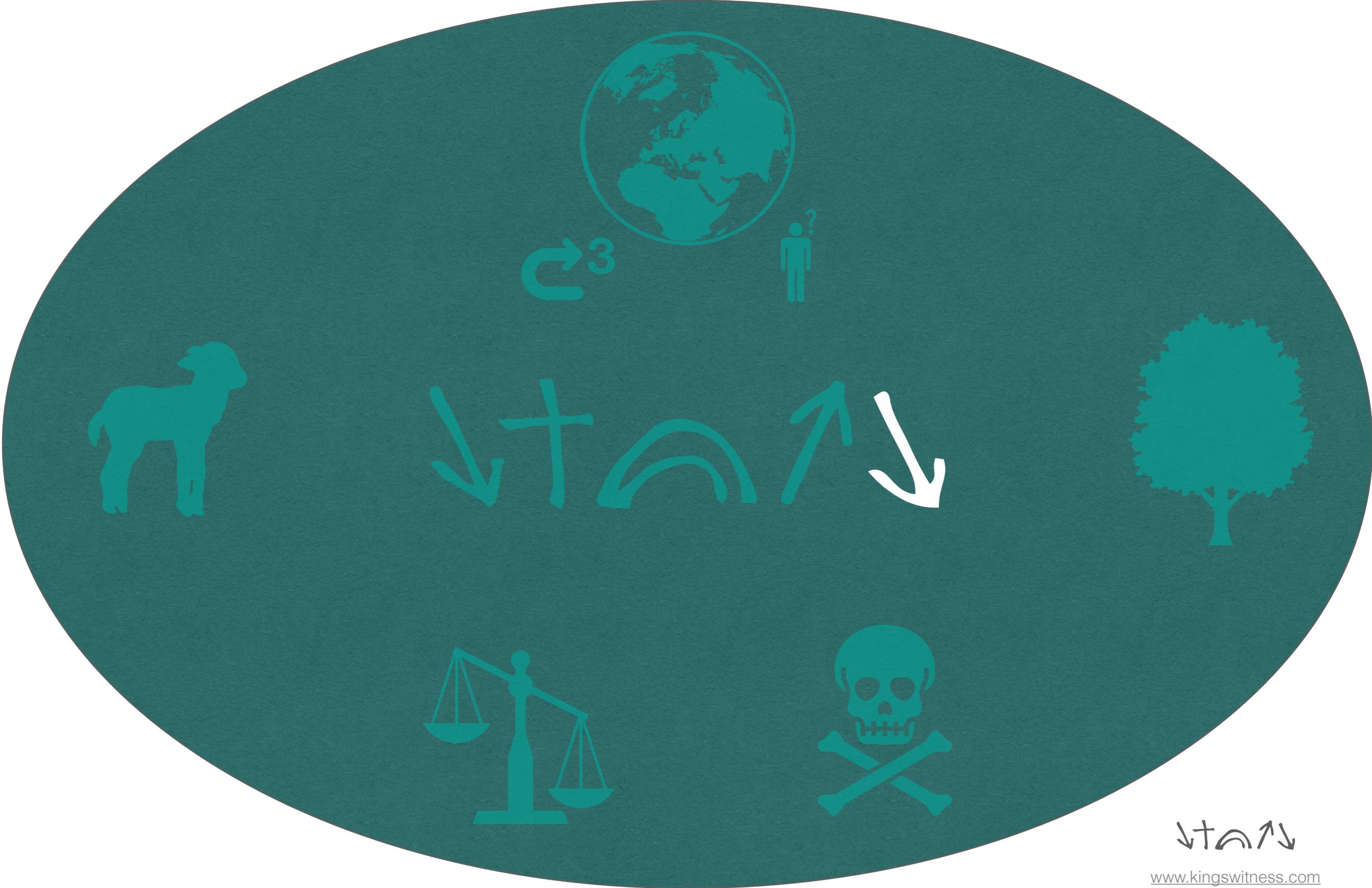


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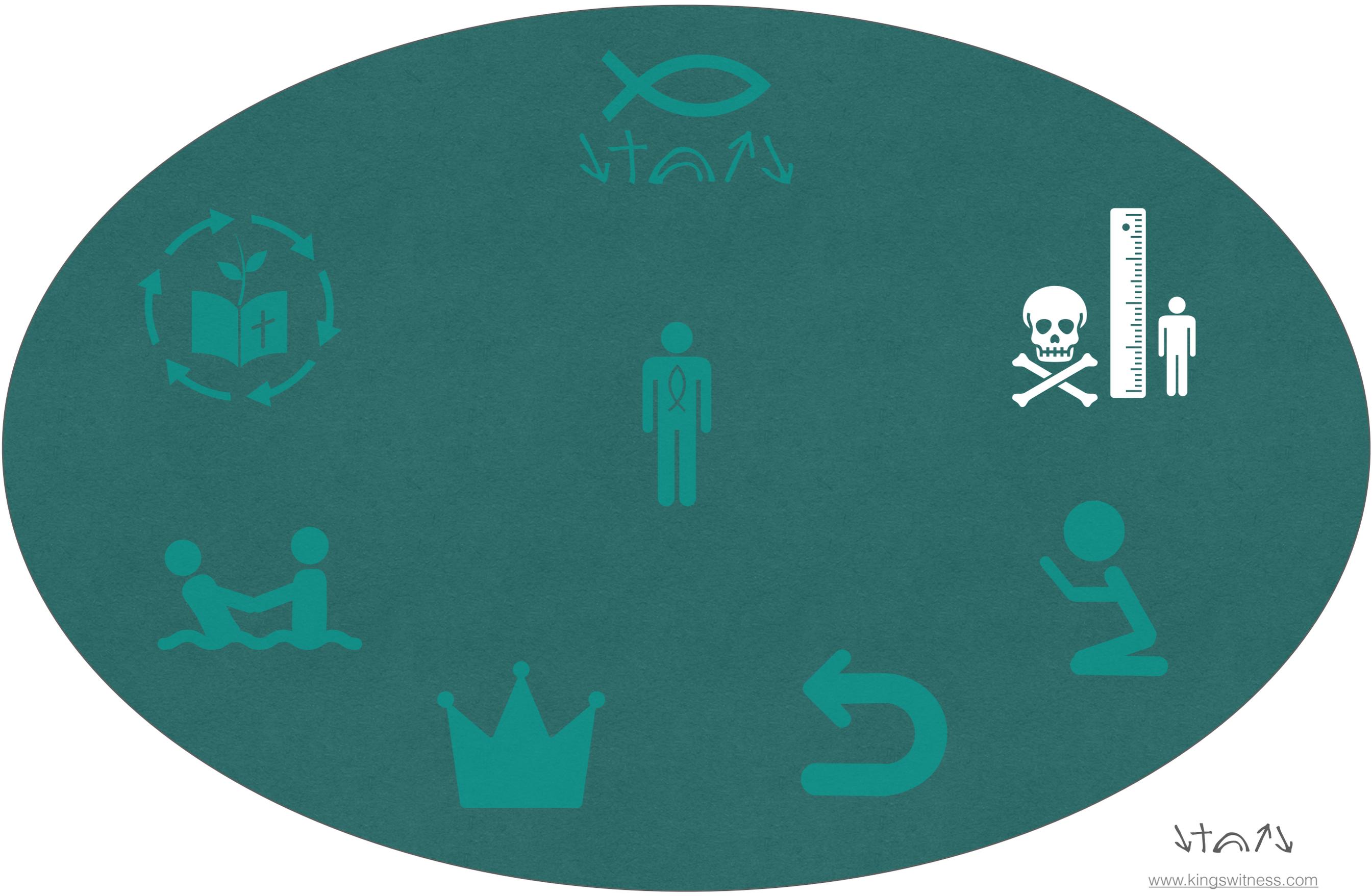
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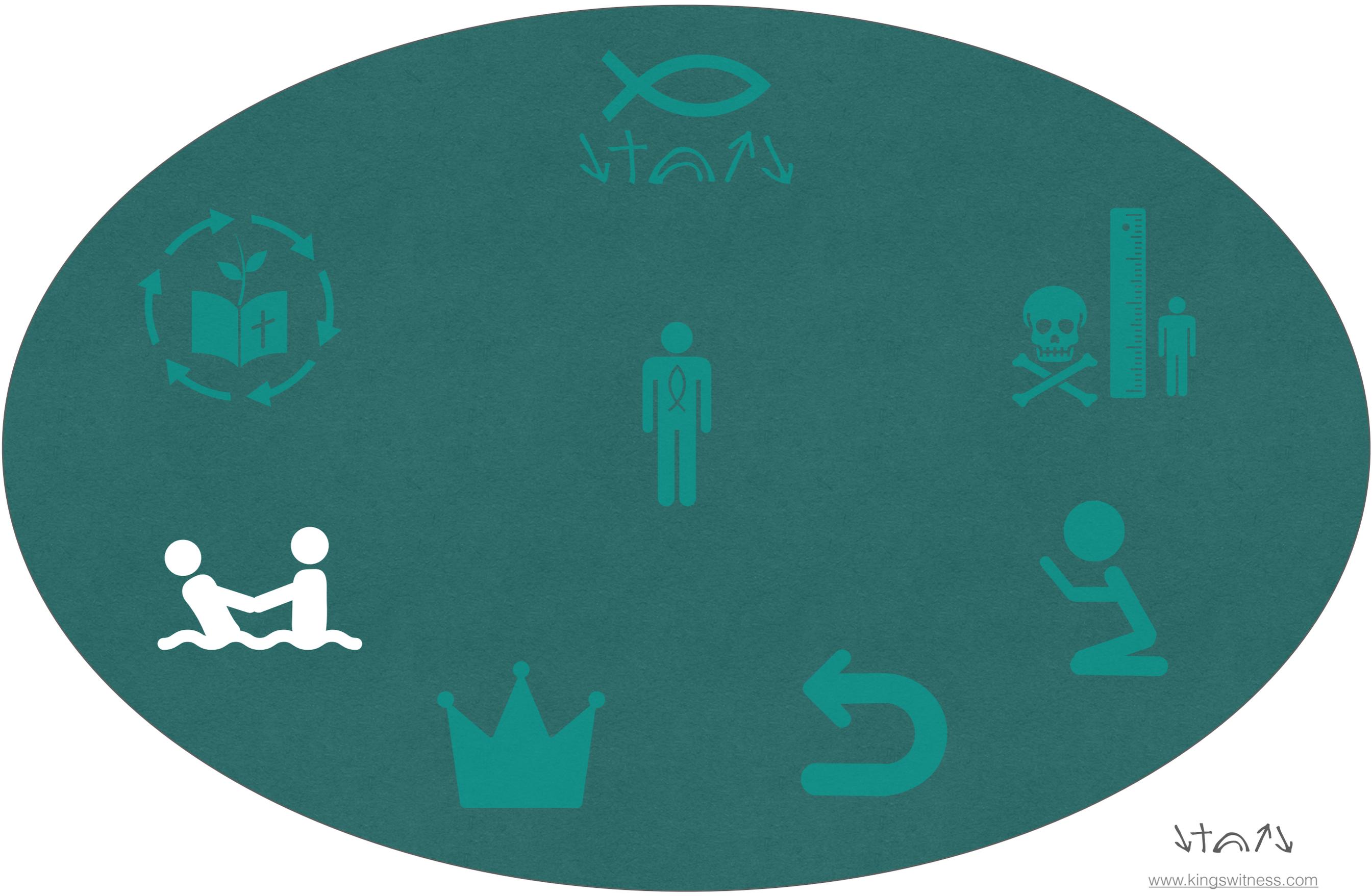


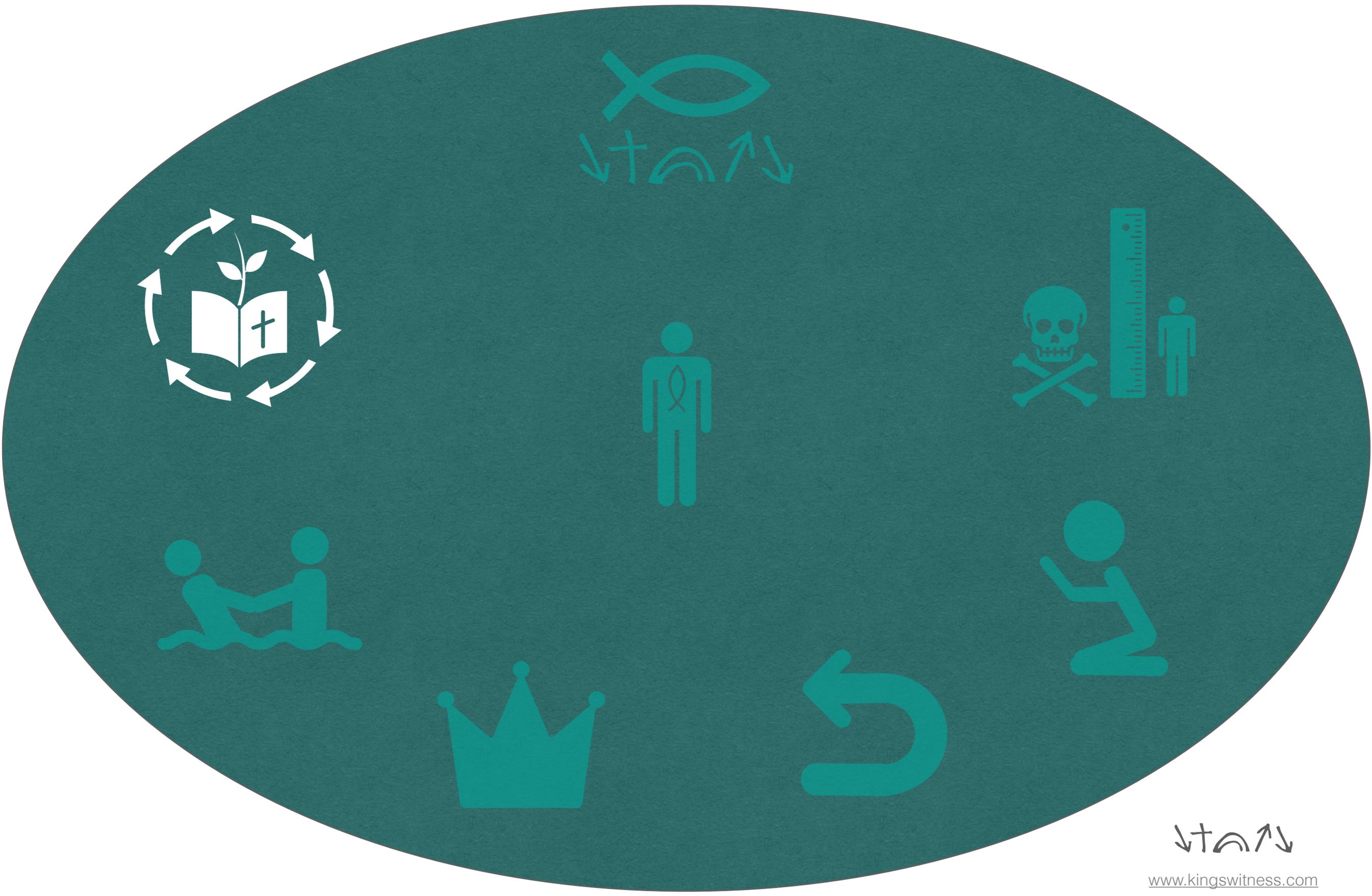


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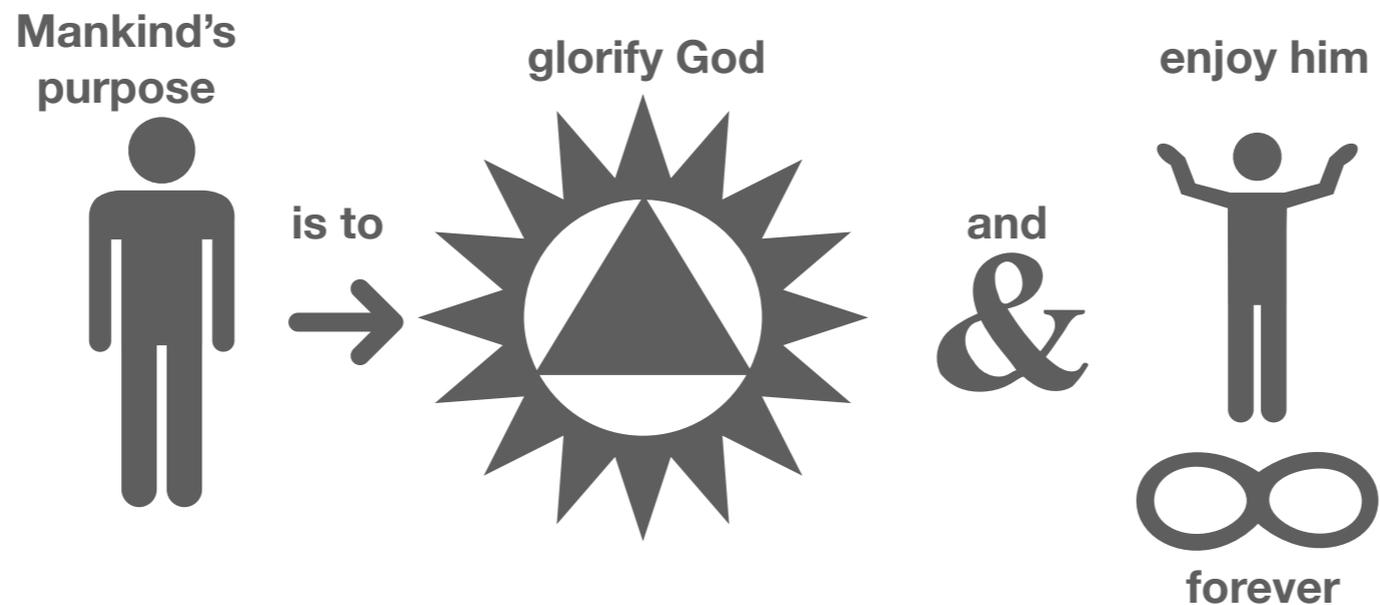
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-  • **God sent Jesus because he loved us (John 3:16-18)**
-  • **Jesus willingly died on the cross to pay for our sin (1 Corinthians 15:3)**
-  • **He rose from the dead on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:4-5)**
-  • **He went away to prepare a place for his followers (John 14:2)**
-  • **He promised to return to gather his followers and to punish those who reject him as savior (John 14:3, Revelation 20:11-15)**

🔧 Learning Tool: The Purpose of Man



***“Mankind’s purpose is to glorify
God and enjoy him forever.”***

*Adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism and based on: 1 Corinthians 6:20, 10:31, Psalms 73:25-26, 1 Chronicles 16:29, 1 Peter 4:11, Romans 11:36, John 17:22, 24; Revelations 21:1-4)

Suggested Lesson Tracks

(suggested lesson order)

Seeker's Class (7 lessons total)

01 - Creation to Christ (C2C) (1 lesson)

02 - The Six Sacrifice Stories (6 lessons)

Believer's Group (25 lessons total)

03 - Initial Discipleship - Milk (5 lessons)

04 - Basic Discipleship - Meat (20 lessons)

Christian Worldview (2 lessons)

05 - Bird's Eye View of the Bible (1 lesson)

06 - Bird's Eye View of Church History (1 lesson)

Book Studies (4-5 years) - no material but uses 3/3rds format

- James (character development)
- Titus (group development)
- Luke (or one of the other four Gospels (understanding the Gospel))
- Acts (understanding the early church and group multiplication)
- Genesis (theological foundations)
- Exodus (theological foundations)
- Joshua (theological foundations)
- Judges (theological foundations)

