



SHARING THE JOY

21-DAY INITIATIVE

WALKING WITH JESUS WHILE WE WALK WITH OTHERS

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Our hope is that we all, together, more fully experience Jesus' love and from that be empowered to share His love more joyfully, more intentionally, and more naturally in 2023.

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What is the Purpose of the Church?

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Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ **Go** therefore **and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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 - **We choose “Evangelism” or Discipleship” to focus on.**

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EVANGELISM



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How I figured it out – Brookview

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1) Relationship with God

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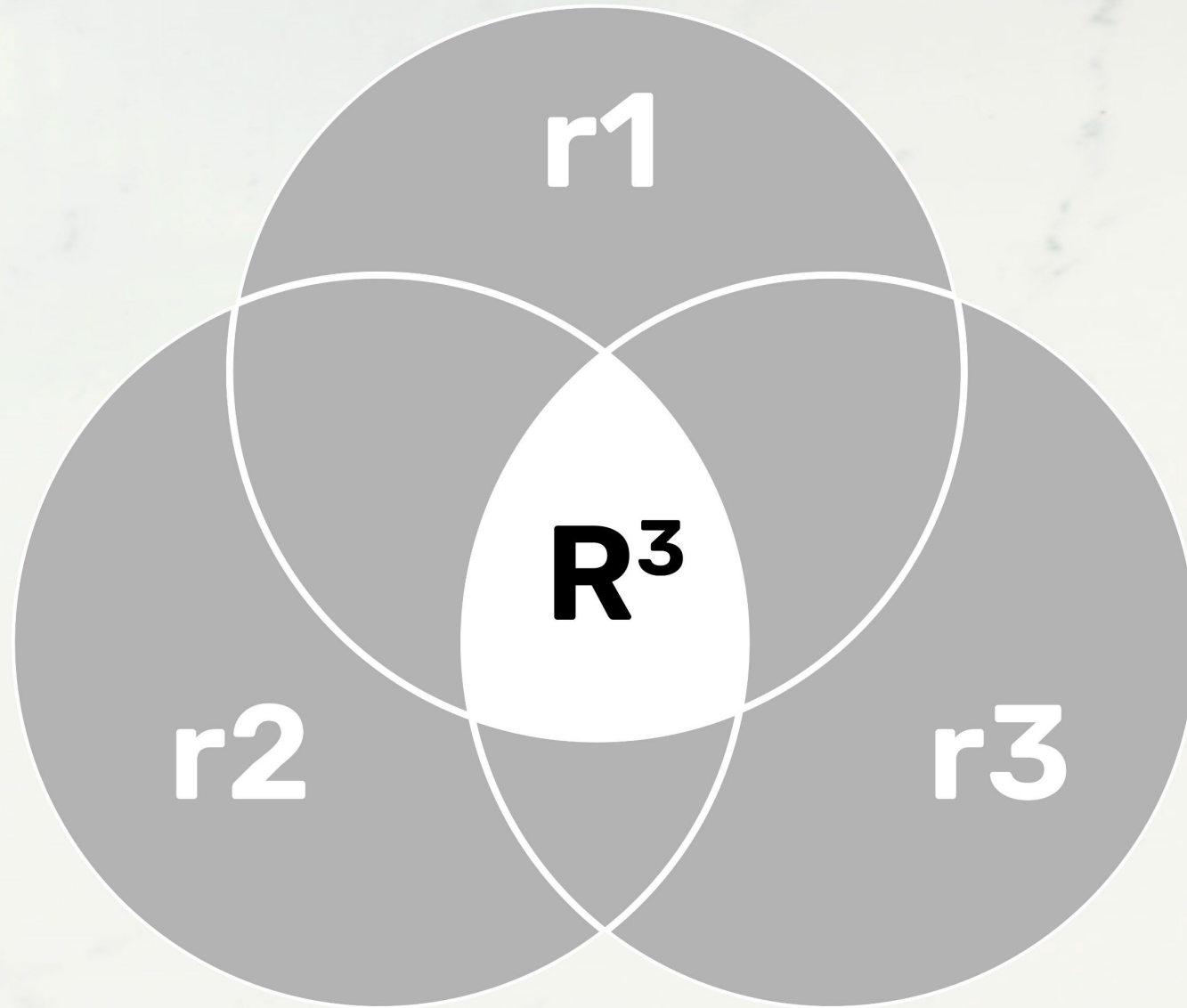
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