



# MULTIPLYING REQUIRES MATURITY

TO MULTIPLY, WE HAVE TO BE HEALTHY

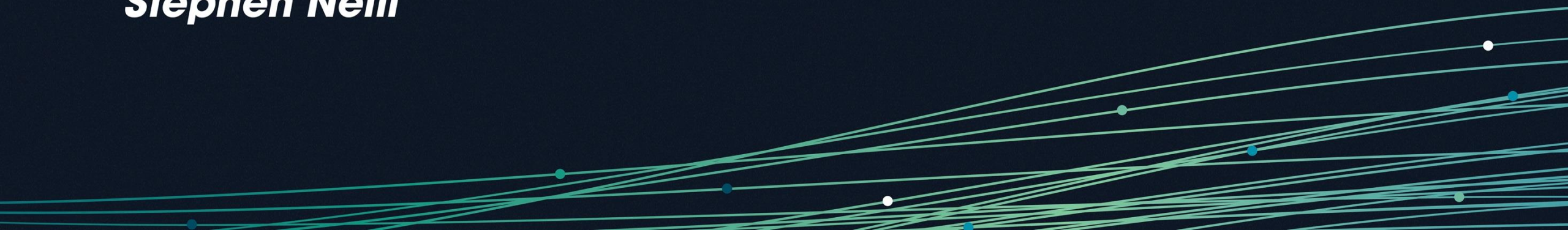






The only thing more remarkable than the rapidity of the spread of the gospel in the 1st century was its anonymity. By the end of the 1st century, there were 3 great church planting centers, one in Antioch, Alexandria, and Rome. What they have in common is that we don't know who planted any of those churches. Antioch would one day send out the Apostle Paul as their missionary, and Peter would one day lead the church of Rome, but we have no idea who founded either of them.

***Stephen Neill***

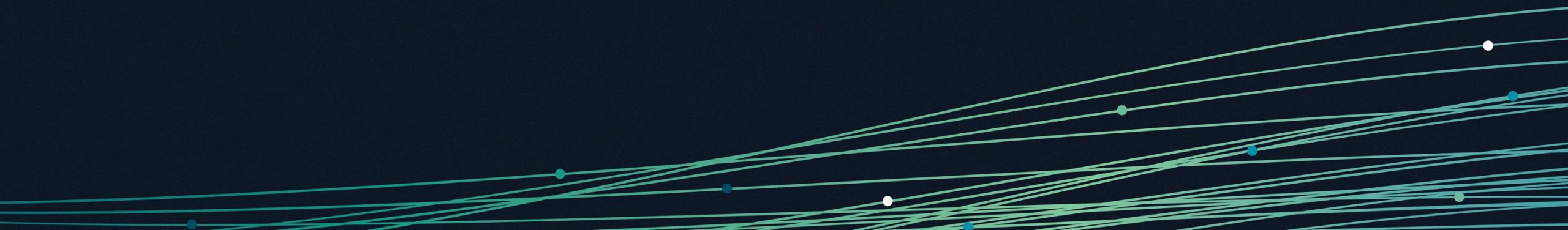






We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since...the gospel is bearing fruit and increasing *in you*, as it is indeed *in the whole world*.

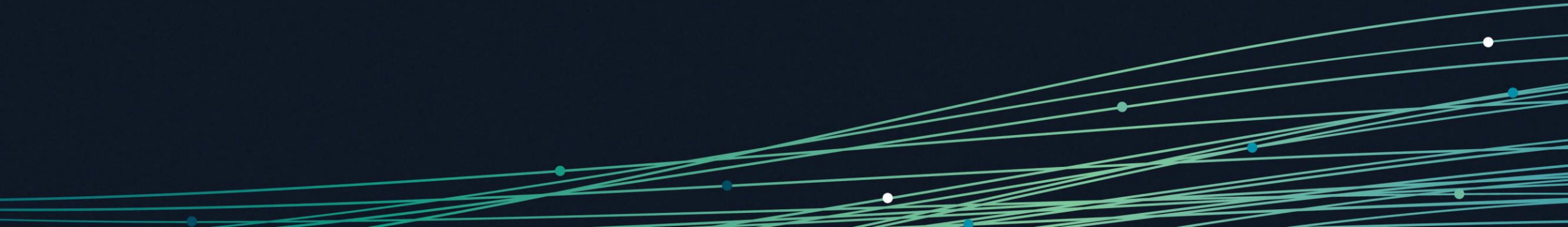
**COLOSSIANS 1:3-6**





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**CONVERTS WHO DON'T  
PERSEVERE AS DISCIPLES  
DON'T MAKE IT TO HEAVEN**

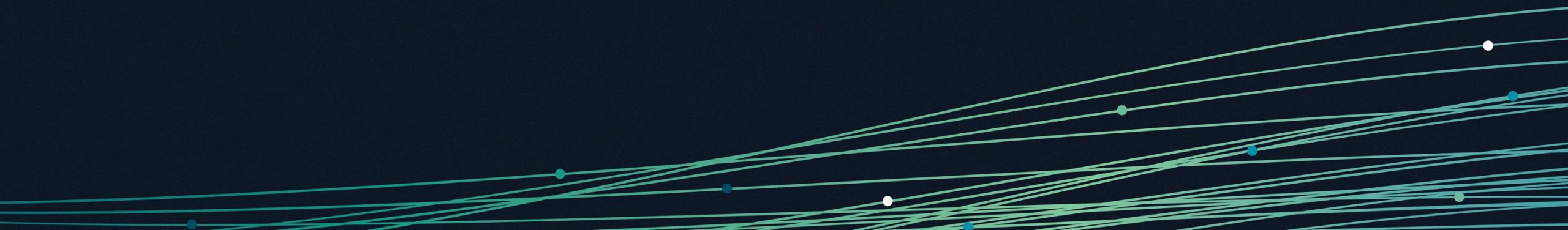






For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we  
hold our original confidence firm to the end.

**HEBREWS 3:14**

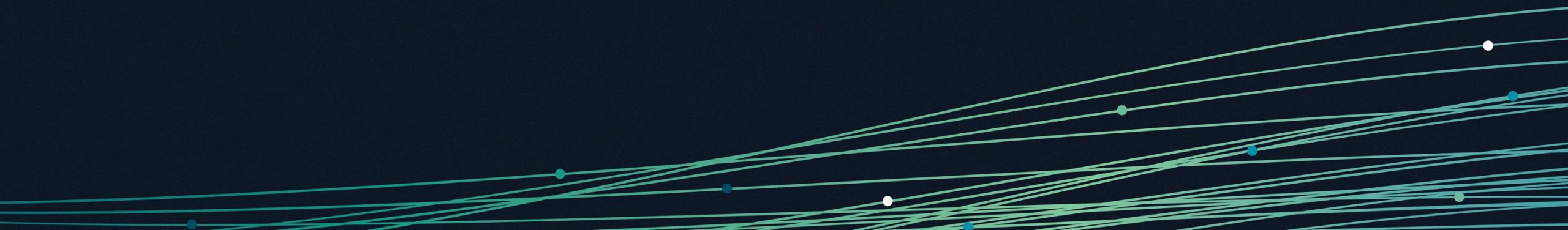






I became more convinced than ever that preaching... without joining together those that are awakened and training them up in the ways of God, is only begetting children for the murderer....And the consequence is that nine in ten of the once awakened are now faster asleep than ever.

***John Wesley***

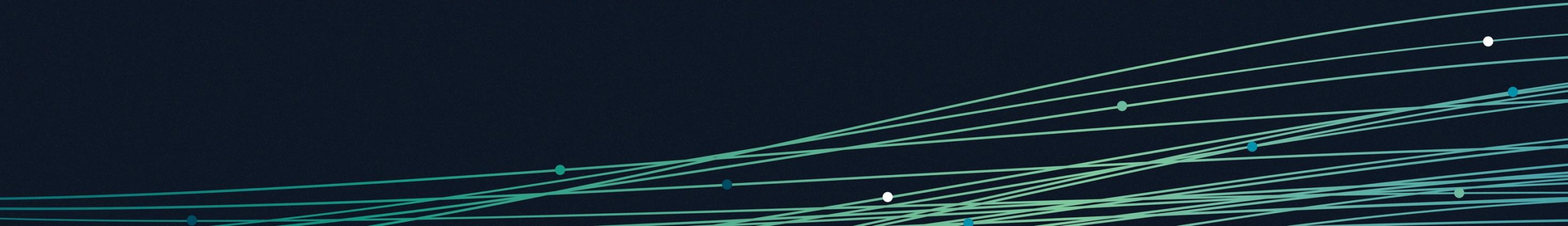






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**INCREASINGLY, IN OUR  
POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD,  
NEW BELIEVERS MUST BE WON  
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH,  
BY “REGULAR” DISCIPLES**

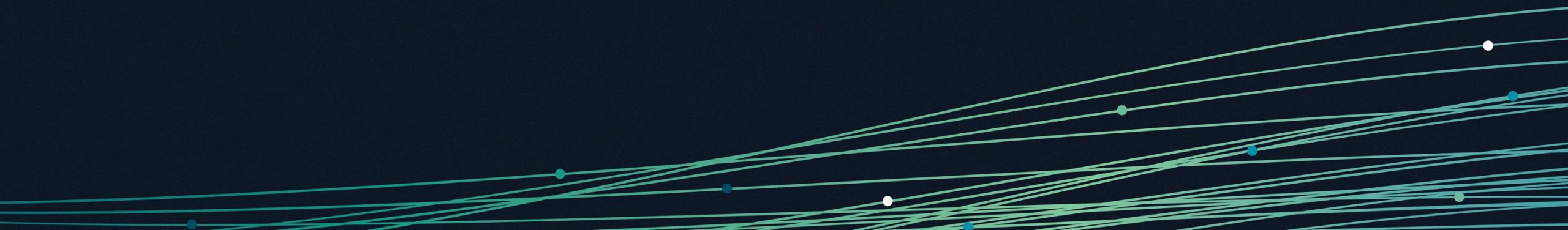






I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unpack all the mysteries of the divine Word, for salvation is the thing we are to live for.

***Charles Spurgeon***







— C —

**JESUS SAID THE GREATEST  
WIDTH OF THE CHURCH  
WOULD OCCUR THROUGH THE  
MULTIPLICATION OF LEADERS,  
NOT THE INFLATION OF  
AUDIENCES**

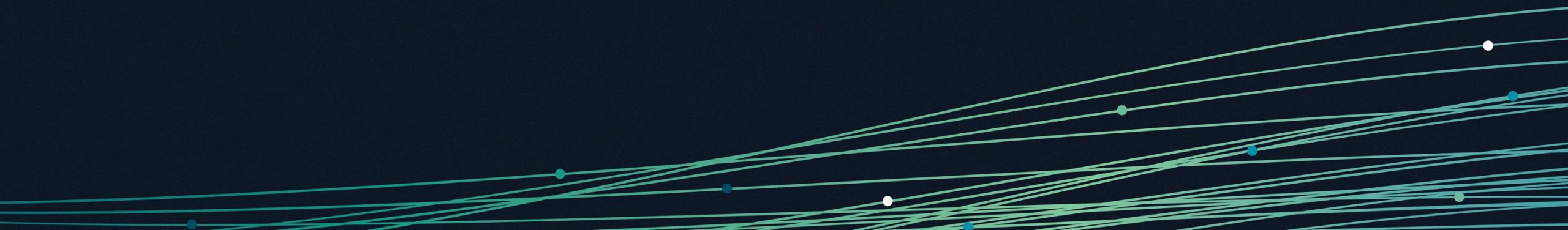






Nevertheless, it is to your advantage  
that I go away, for if I do not go away,  
the Helper will not come to you.

**JOHN 16:7**







1. Provide a clear discipleship pathway.
2. Measure success by leaders developed, not (just) seats filled.
3. Devote yourself to the hard, slow work of pastoring and leader-development.





Even in his most theologically dense letter, Romans, Paul ends by greeting 27 people by name, often including a specific word of counsel.

***Timothy Witmer***

