





Who are we?



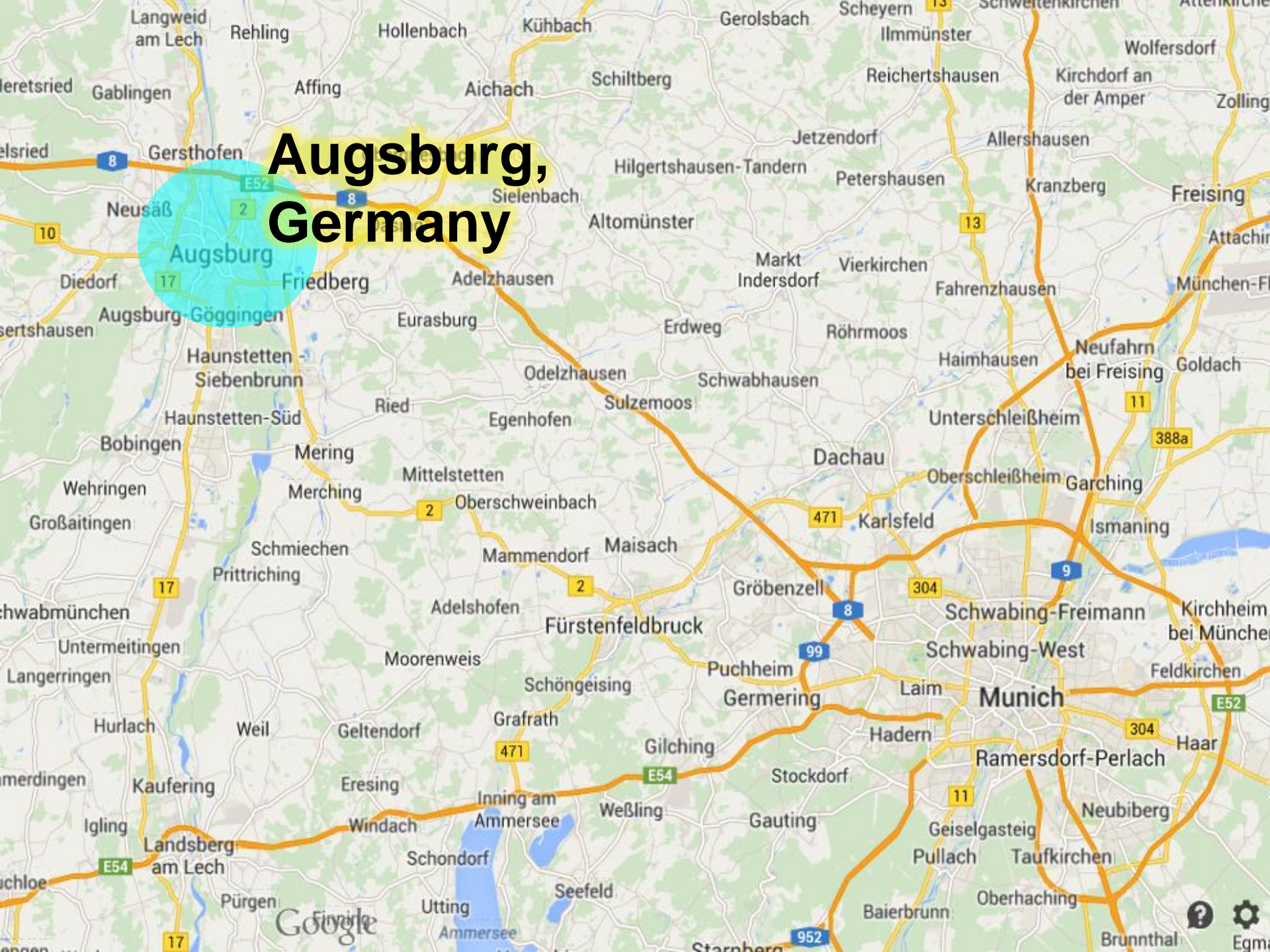
- A location?
- A building?
- Just people?
- An institution?
- Insignificant?



Polling, Germany



Augsburg, Germany





St. Anne's Church - Augsburg, Germany



Prague, Czech Republic

The image shows the interior of St. Nicholas Church in Prague, focusing on the main altar. The altar is a masterpiece of Baroque sculpture, featuring a central group of figures in gold leaf, flanked by large statues of saints in white marble. The architecture includes tall Corinthian columns and a balcony with a balustrade. A red circle highlights a small crucifix in the center of the altar's base.

St Nicholas

Jesuit saint

St. Nicholas Church – Prague, Czech Republic



St. Vitus Cathedral

21 November 1344

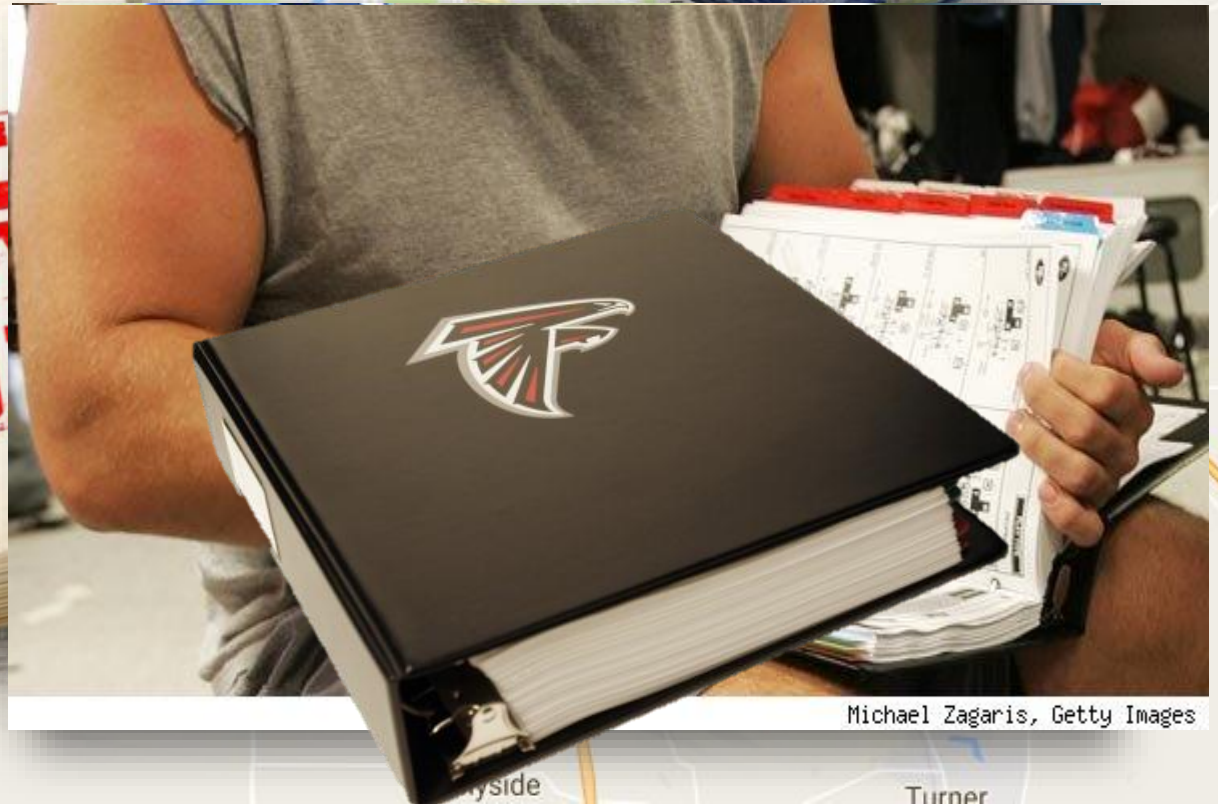
A Roman Catholic cathedral in Prague, and the seat of the Archbishop of Prague. The full name of the cathedral is St. Vitus, St. Wenceslas and St. Adalbert Cathedral.





Empty Cathedrals

What are we here for?



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EPHESIANS 4:11-16

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

FRIDAY: The Relevant Church

SATURDAY: Forgiven!

SUNDAY AM: Overcomers

SUNDAY Worship: Edification Playbook

SUNDAY PM: *Going Home*



Four **Fundamental** Factors



The **Leadership** Factor



The **Spirituality** Factor



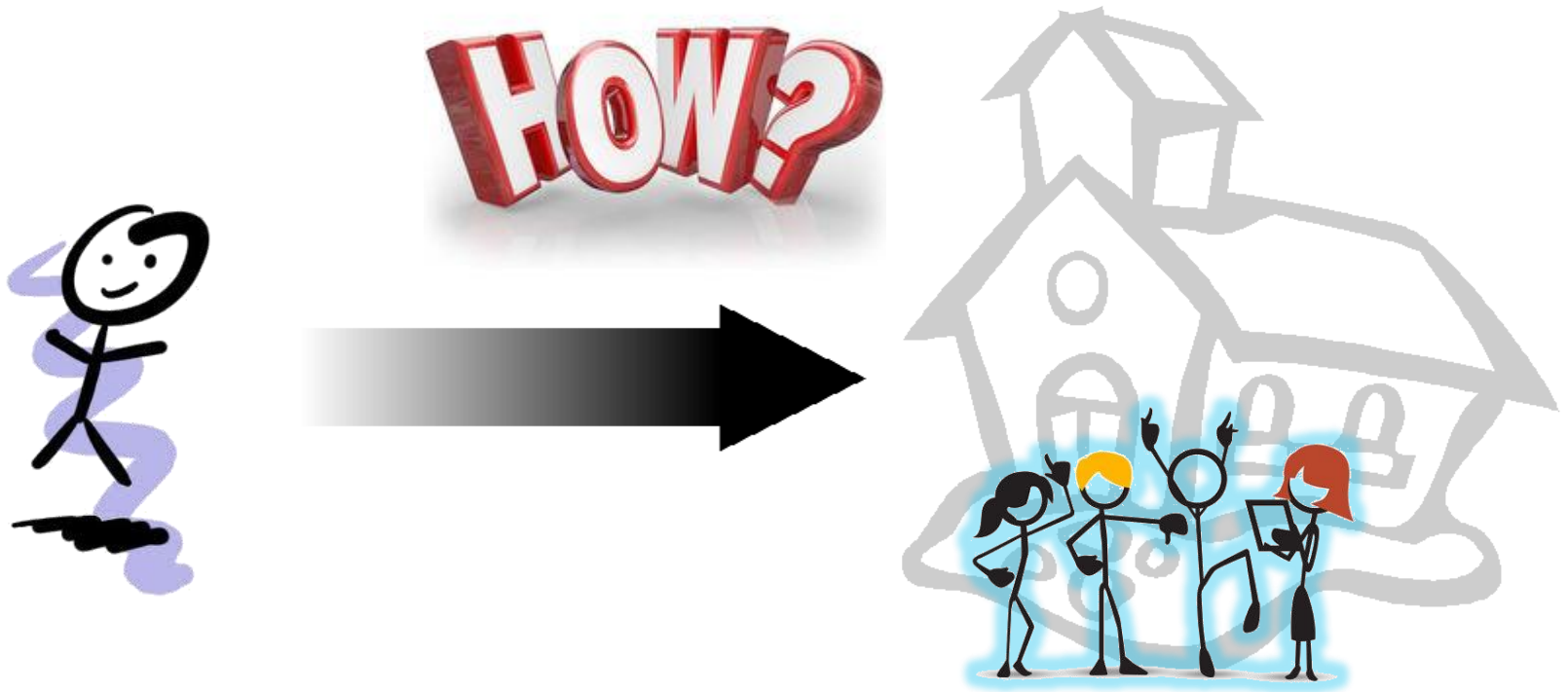
The **Organizational** Factor



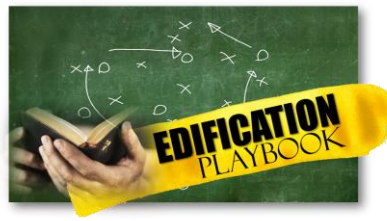
The **Mission** Factor

*“What is the **role** and **purpose**
of the church?”*





- Seek and save the Lost.
- Keep the saved, saved.
- Glorify God with our lives.



Ephesians 4:11-13

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

The **MISSION** of the Church of Christ



Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And **He gave**

- some as apostles,
- and some as prophets,
- and some as evangelists,
- and some as pastors
- and teachers,

The Word!

'gifts from Christ
to the church'

12 for the **equipping** of the saints for
the **work of service**, to the building
up of the body of Christ



'equipped'

2 Timothy 3:15, 16

'minister'
work of **service**



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Gifts/Word

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the **work of service**, to
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Saints



GOD'S PLAYBOOK



- Christ **gives** pastors, preachers, & teachers to the church.
- These are to **equip** the members with word.
- The members are to go out and **minister!**

God's Model



.... according to the **proper working** of each individual part, **causes the growth** of the body for the building up of itself in love.

“anxious to hire an
energetic minister to serve
the Lord”

EVANGEL
assembly
man pref
desired

We are especially interested in someone with **successful outreach experience**, meeting and studying with those **outside the church**. In all this he needs to be able to **greet people** and help **motivate** the congregation to greater works. Our goal is to seek and save the lost and help the Lord's congregation grow. This work will be challenging and yet rewarding

tic leader”



EVANGELIST NEEDED for a small congregation of 40-50 w/o elders. Must be experienced, a **strong personal worker**, knowledgeable and willing to fill pulpit.

Ephesians 4:12-13



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- We all attain the **unity** of the faith.
- We have a **Knowledge** of Christ.
- We have matured to the **stature** of Christ.

The Mature Church

Ephesians 4:14-16

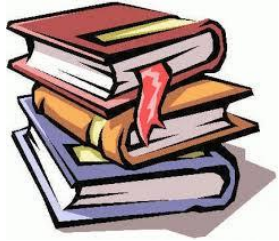
As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the **proper working** of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



- Has been fully **equipped** to serve.
- No longer a **child** subject to false teaching.
- Is actively **working** properly as part of the body.

The Mature Christian

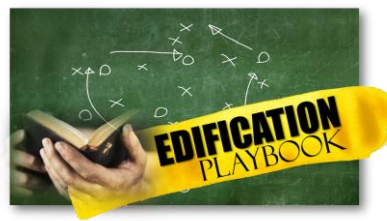
Acts 19:9, 10



But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.



The Church is a College



**God's Plan
Will Work**



**If We Work
the Plan**

Luke 6:40

"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been **fully trained**, will be like his teacher."

Jesus Christ



**EDIFICATION
PLAYBOOK**

The **MISSION** of the Church of Christ



