

Church Growth

Enemies of Church Growth

The Greatest Enemies **of Church Growth**

Ezra 3:1-13

Ezra 3:12

But **many** of the **older** priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, **wept aloud** when they **saw the foundation** of this temple being laid, while **many others shouted for joy.**

1. Conflict of mission

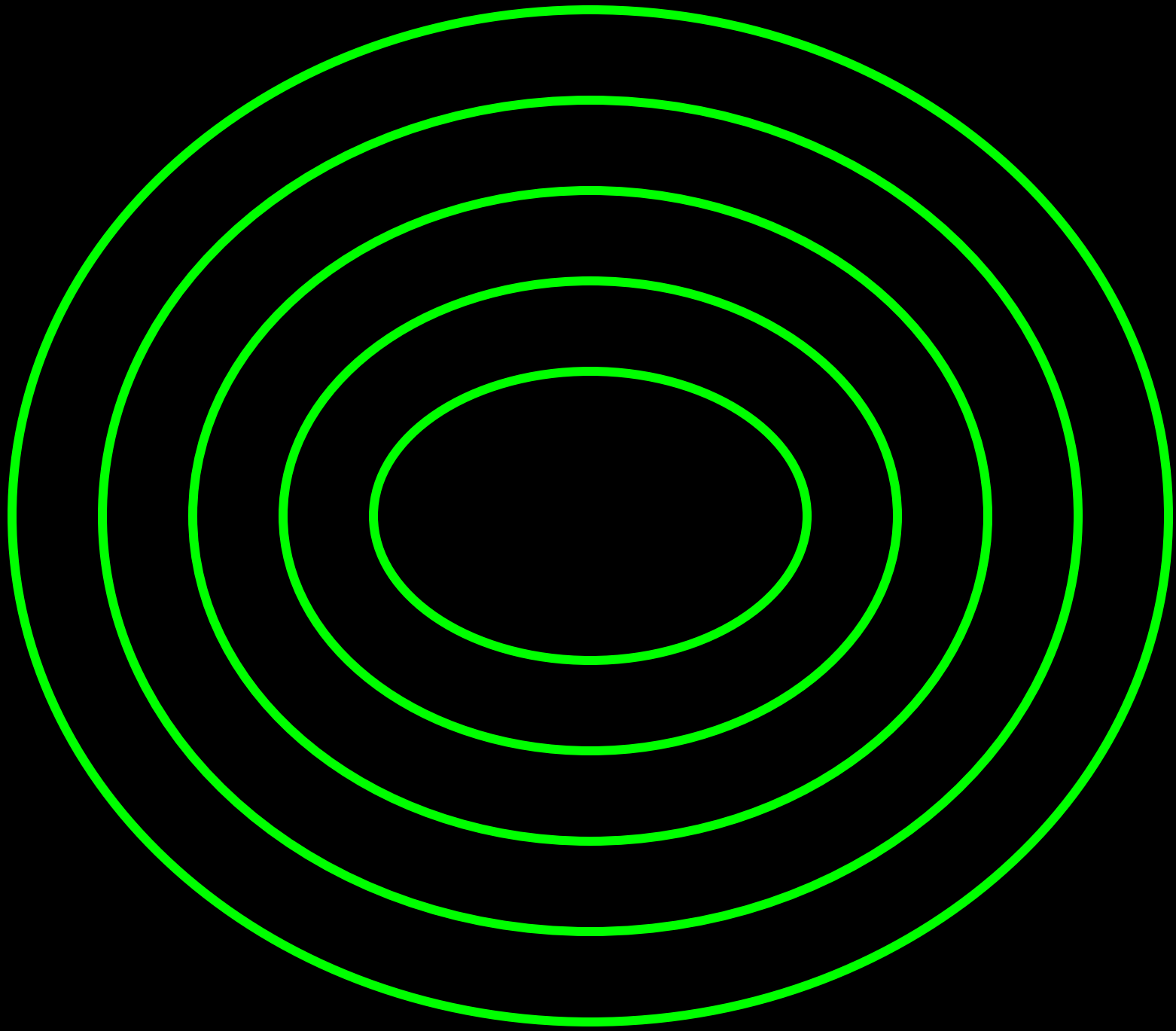
Ezra 3:1-2

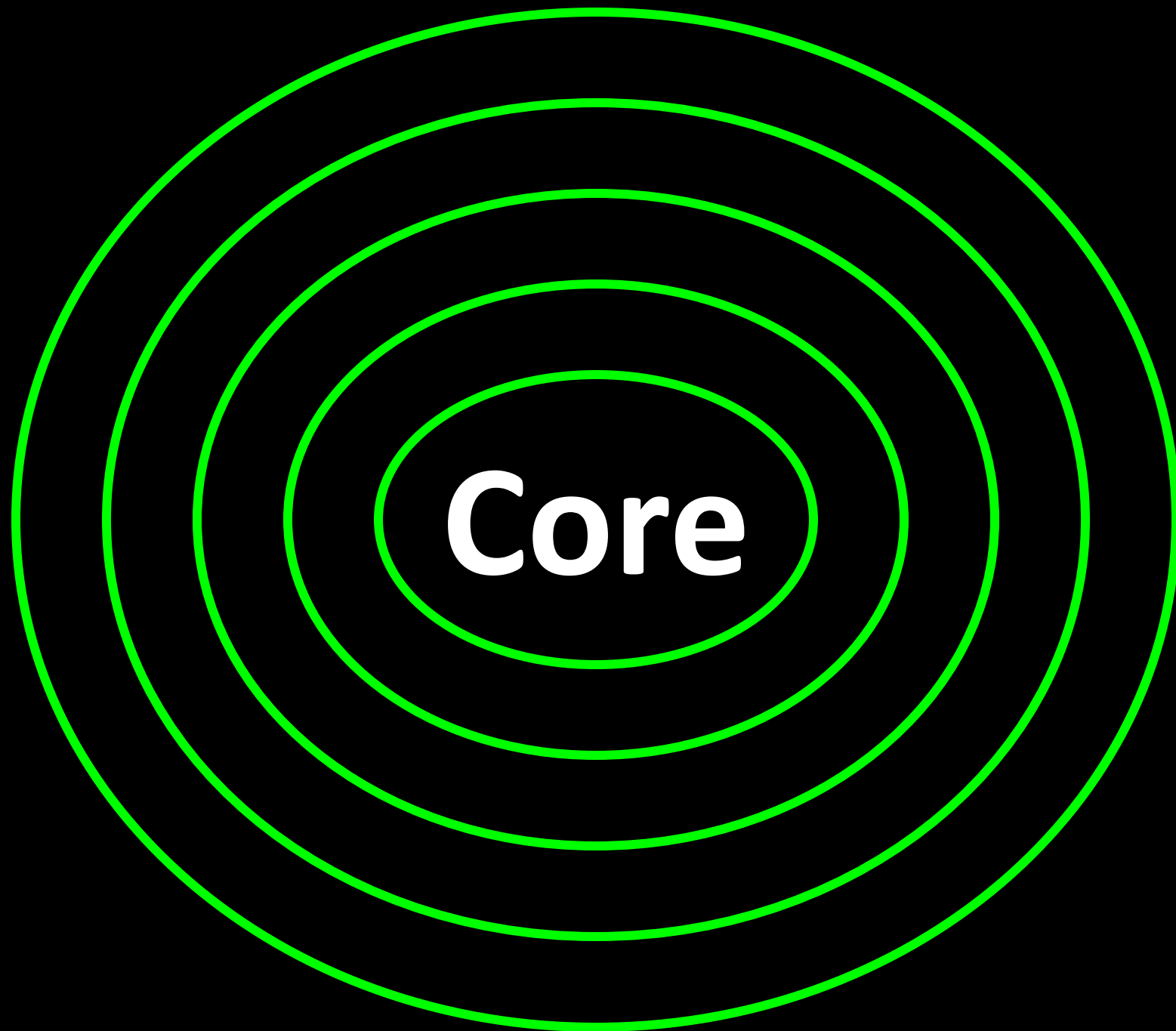
Ezra 3:1

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the **people** assembled together as **one** in Jerusalem.

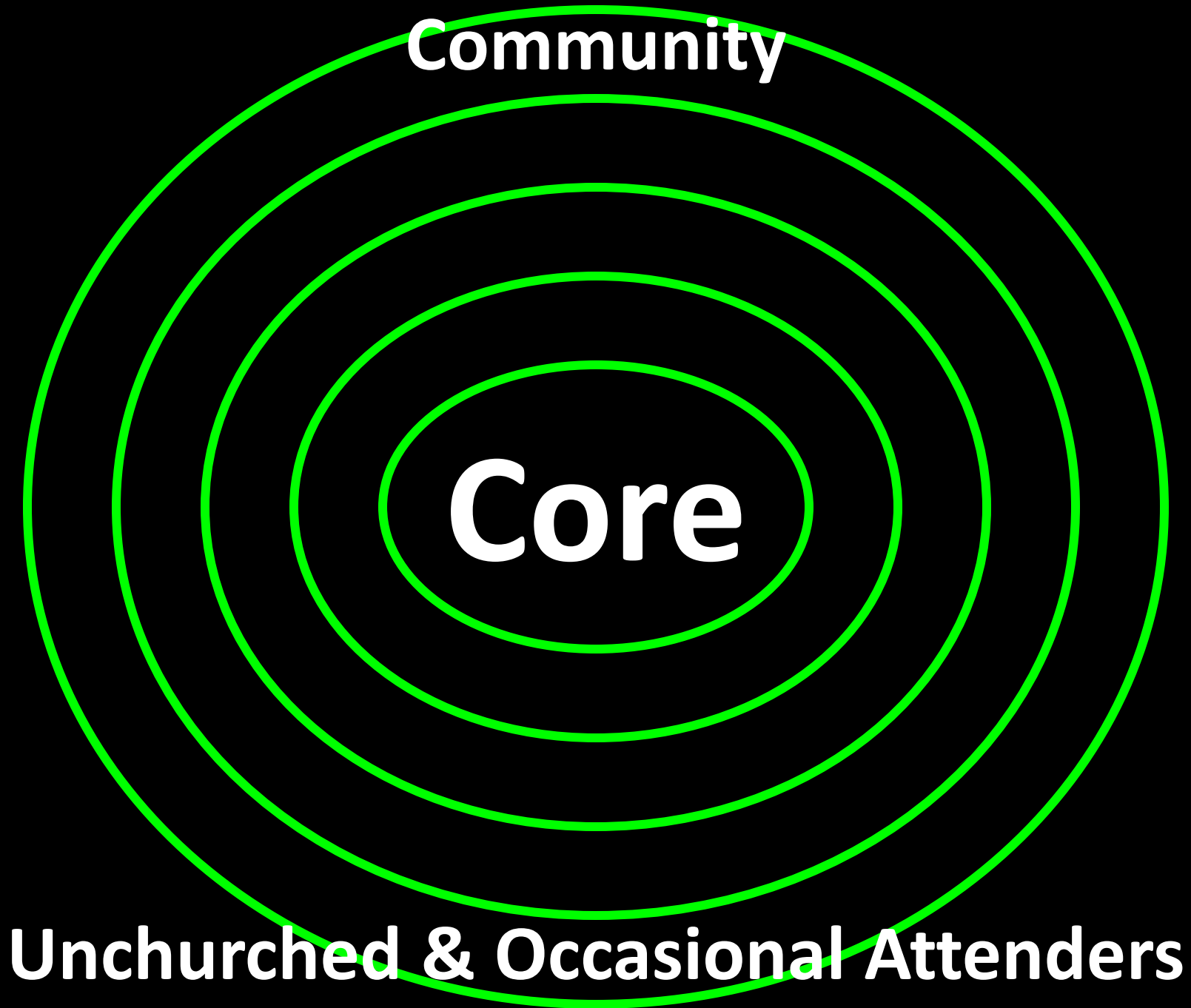
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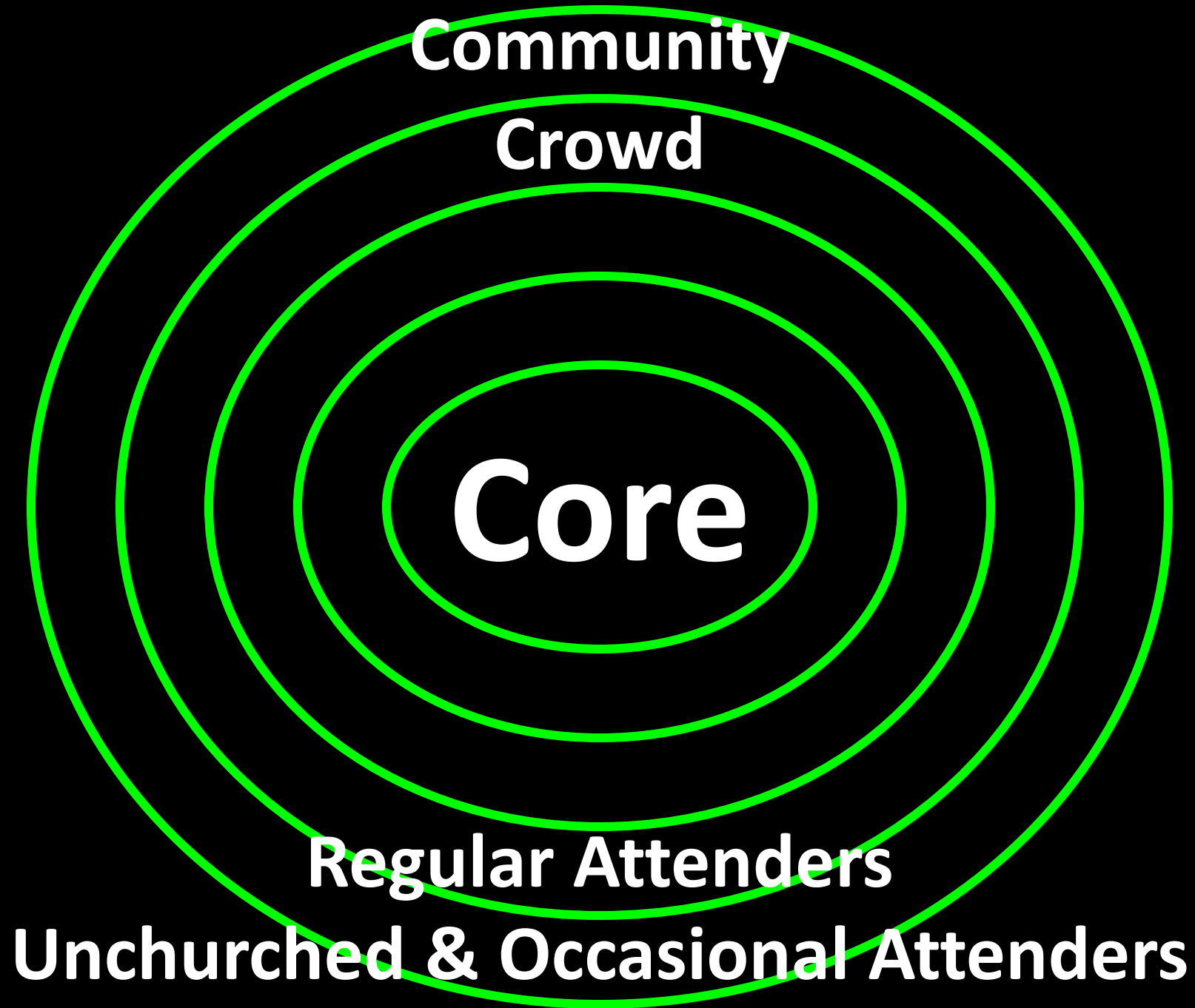
Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to **build the altar of the God of Israel** to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, **in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.**

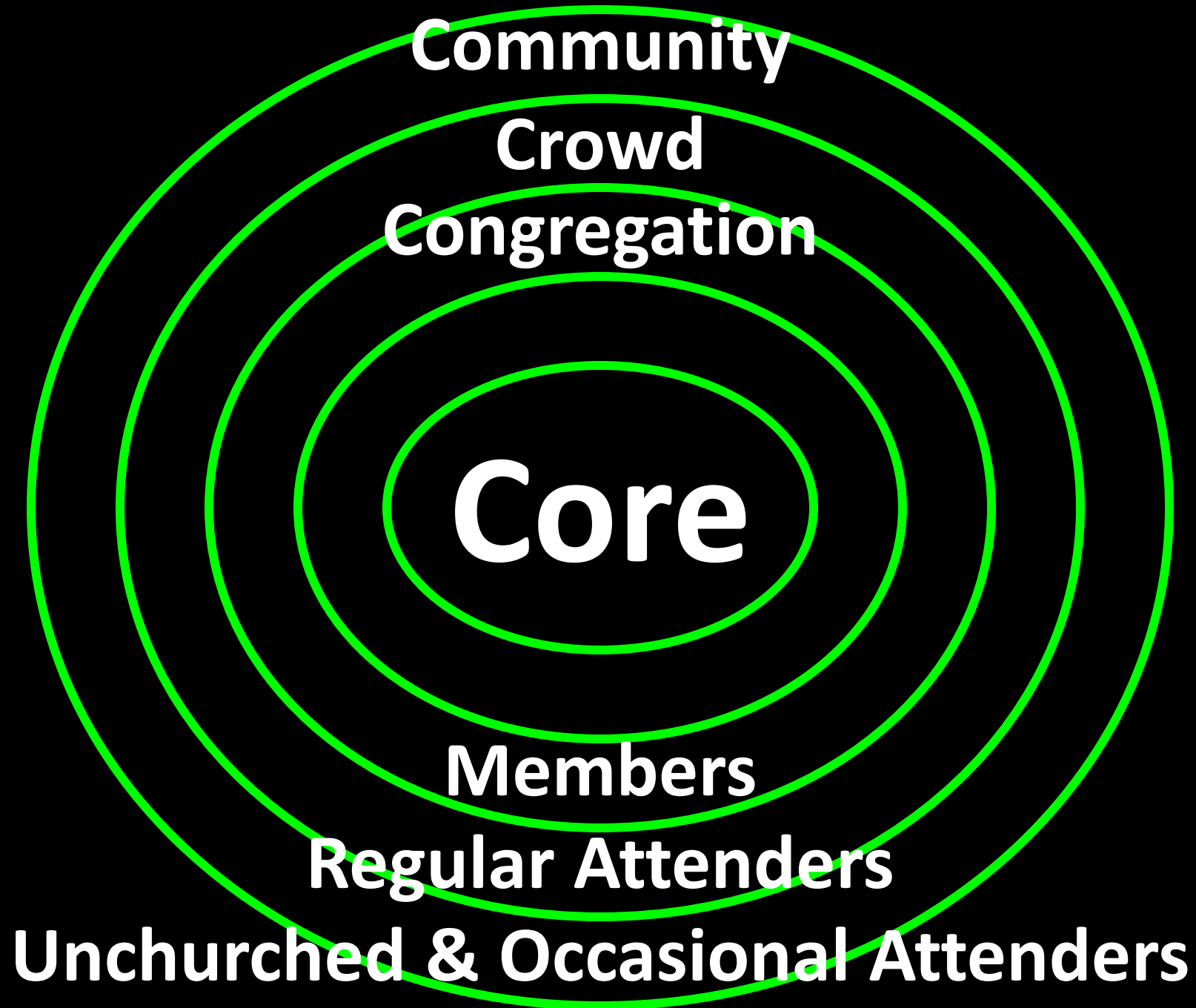


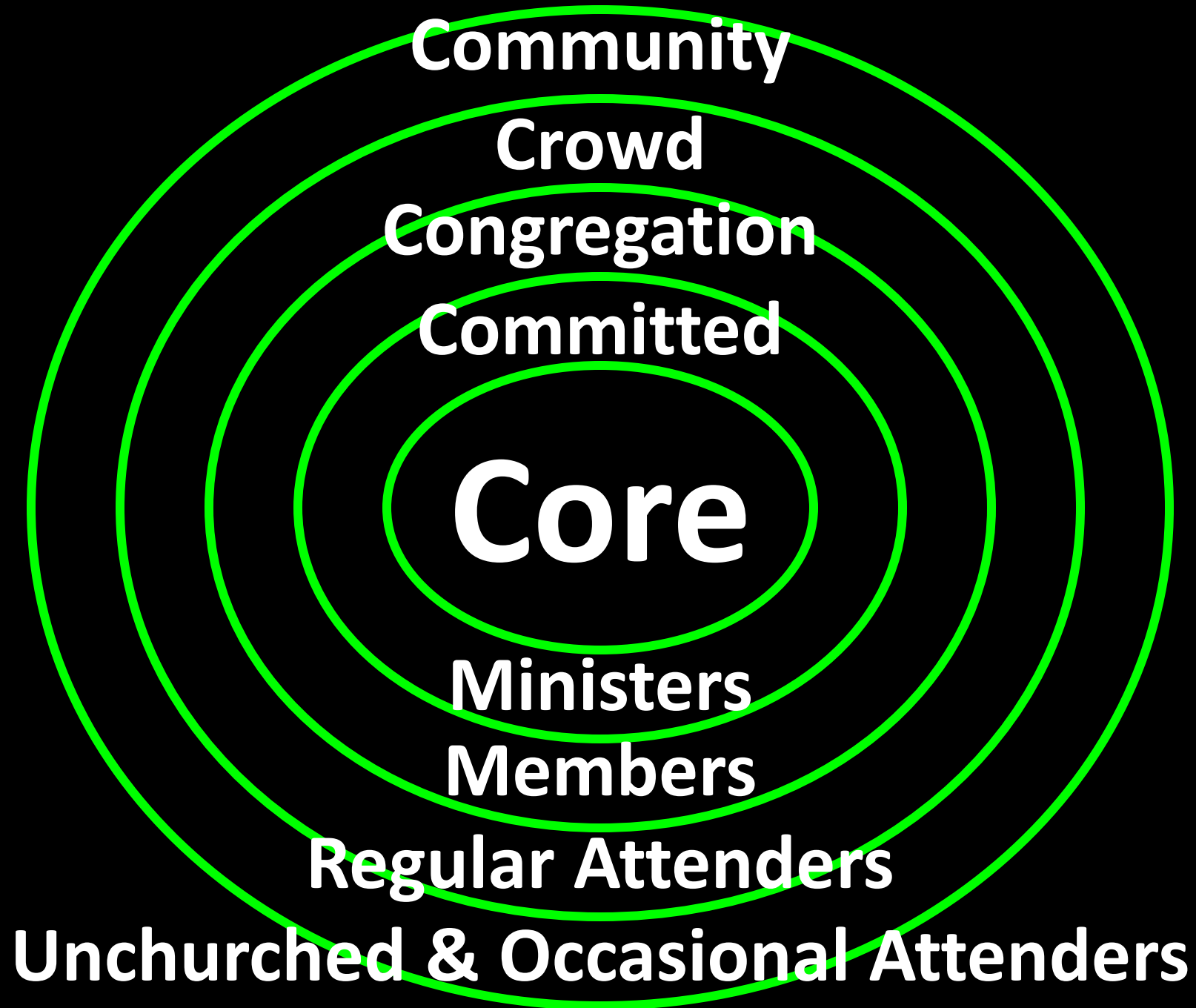


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2. Conflict of inclusion

Ezra 3:3

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Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and evening sacrifices.

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.



3. Conflict of process

Ezra 3:4-6

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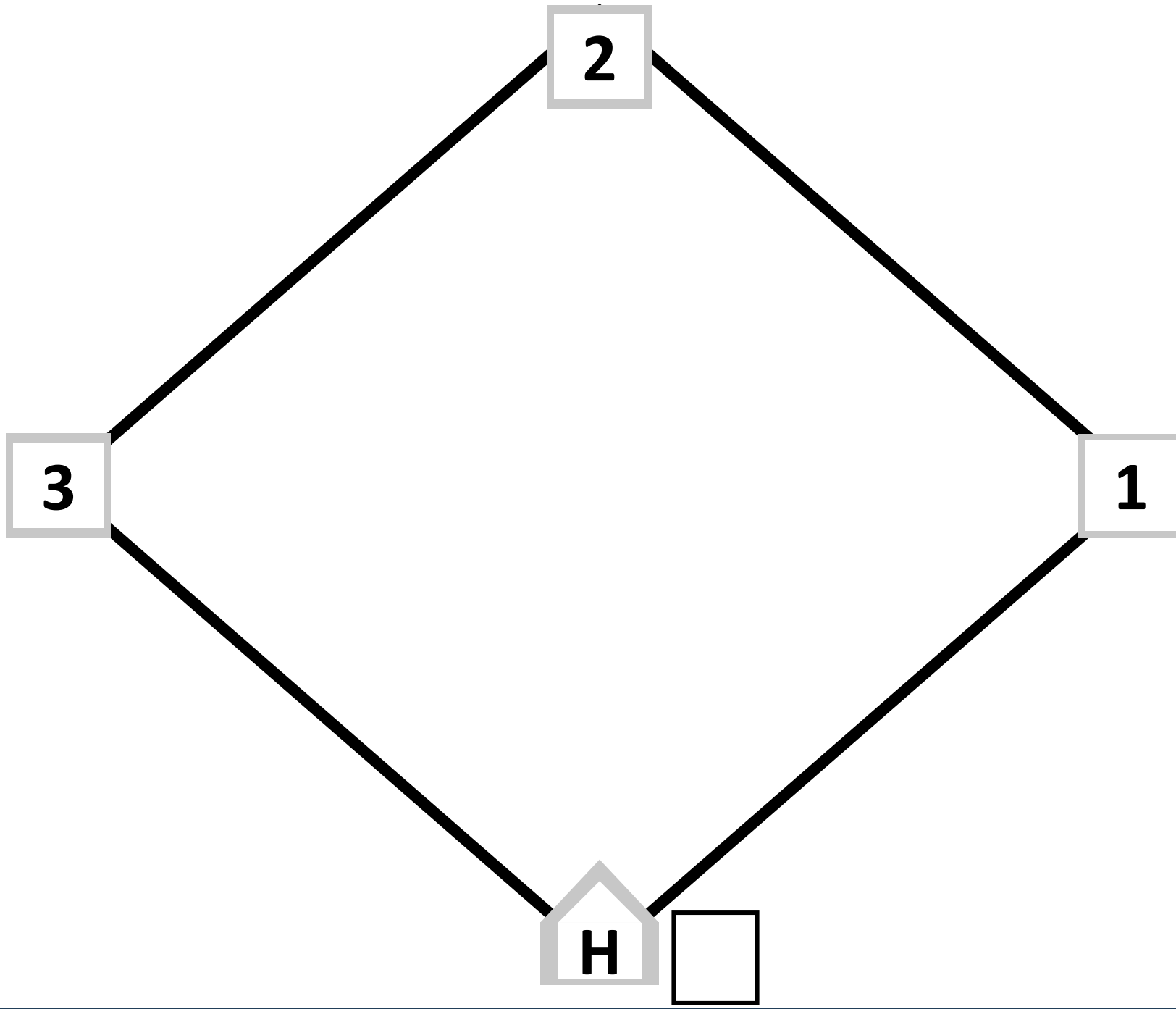
Then in accordance with what is written, they celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles with the required number of burnt offerings prescribed for each day.

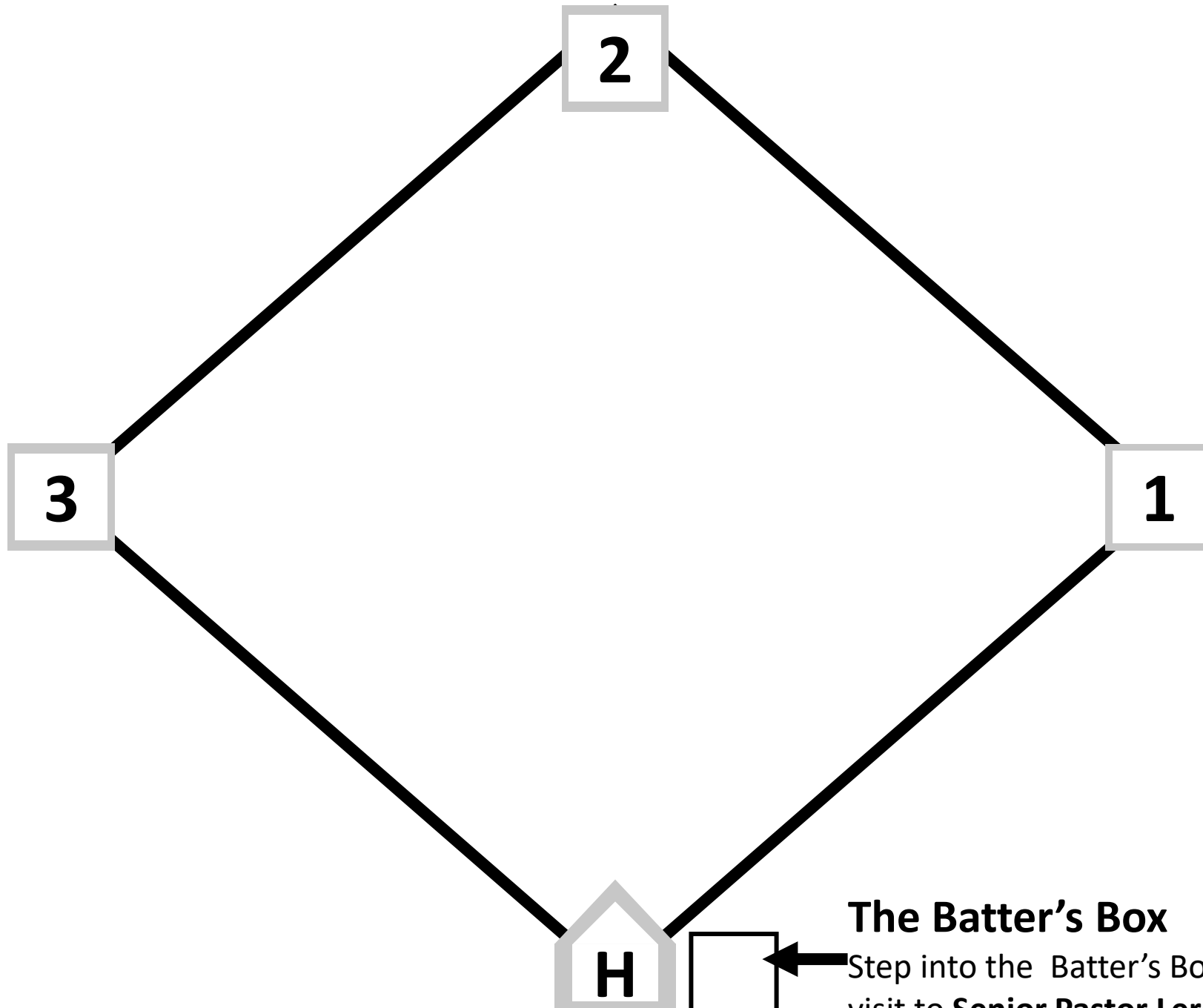
Ezra 3:5

After that, they presented the regular burnt offerings, the New Moon sacrifices and the sacrifices for **all** the appointed sacred festivals of the LORD, as well as those brought as freewill offerings to the LORD.

Ezra 3:6

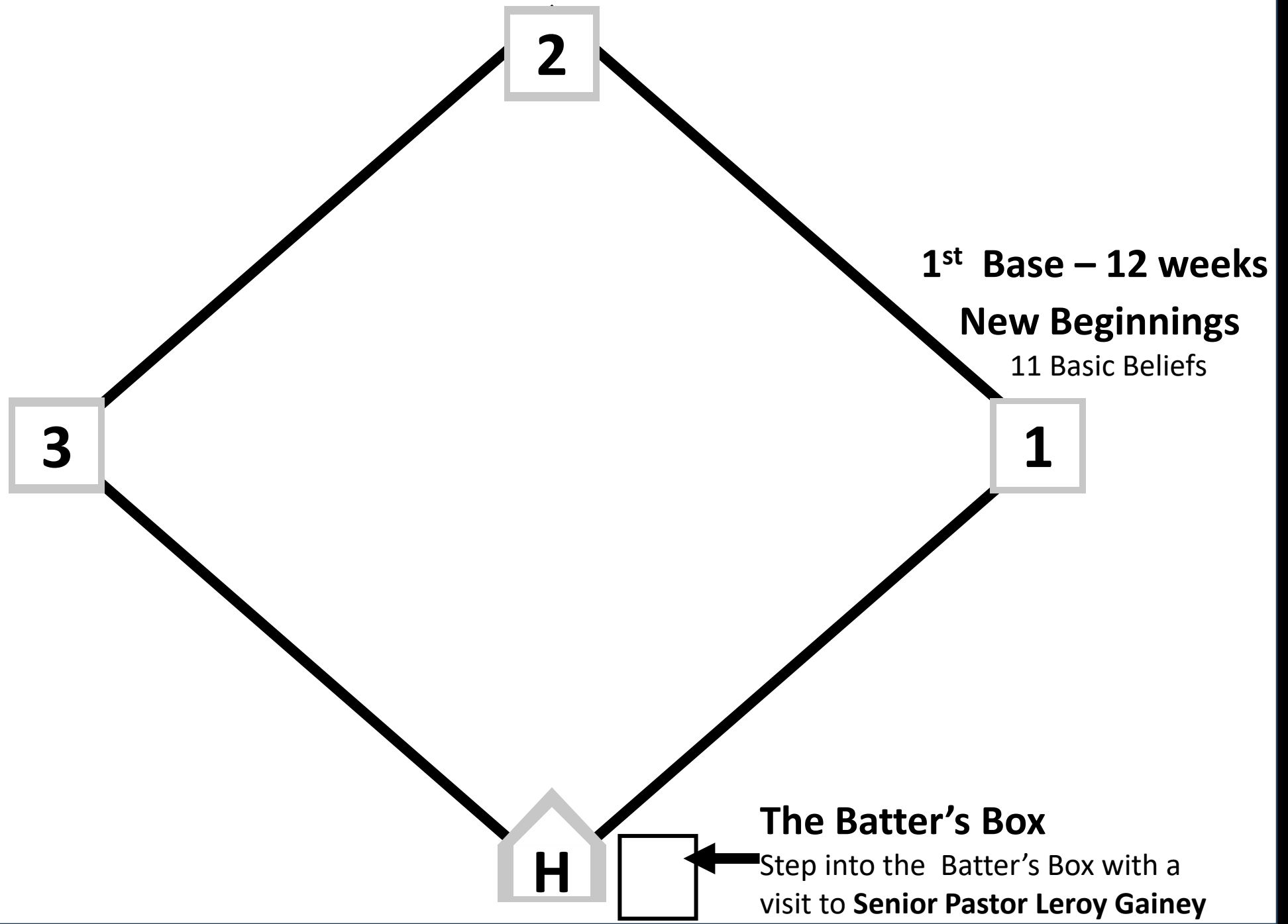
On the **first day of the seventh month**
they began to offer burnt offerings
to the LORD, **though** the **foundation**
of the LORD's temple had **not yet**
been **laid**.

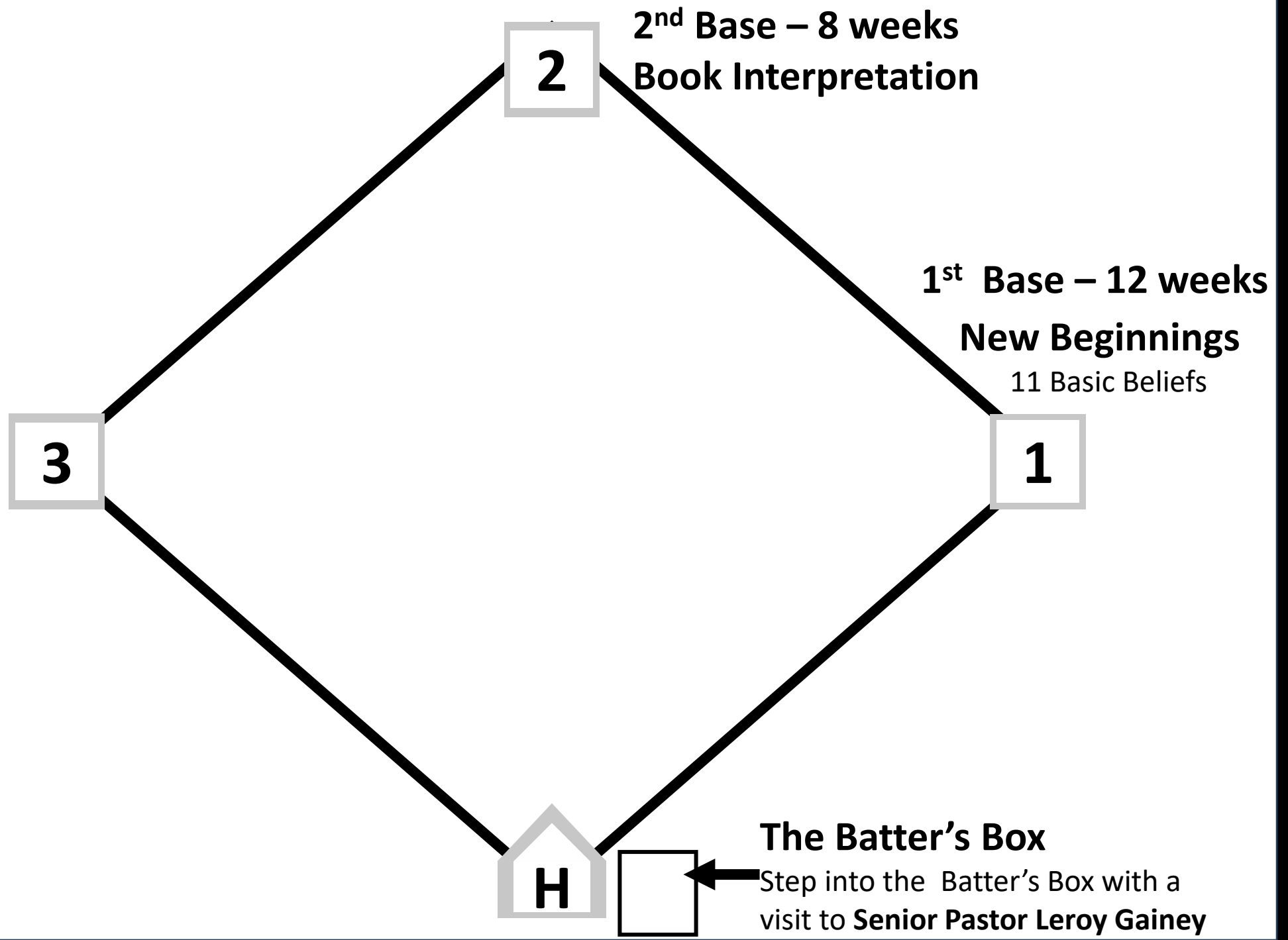




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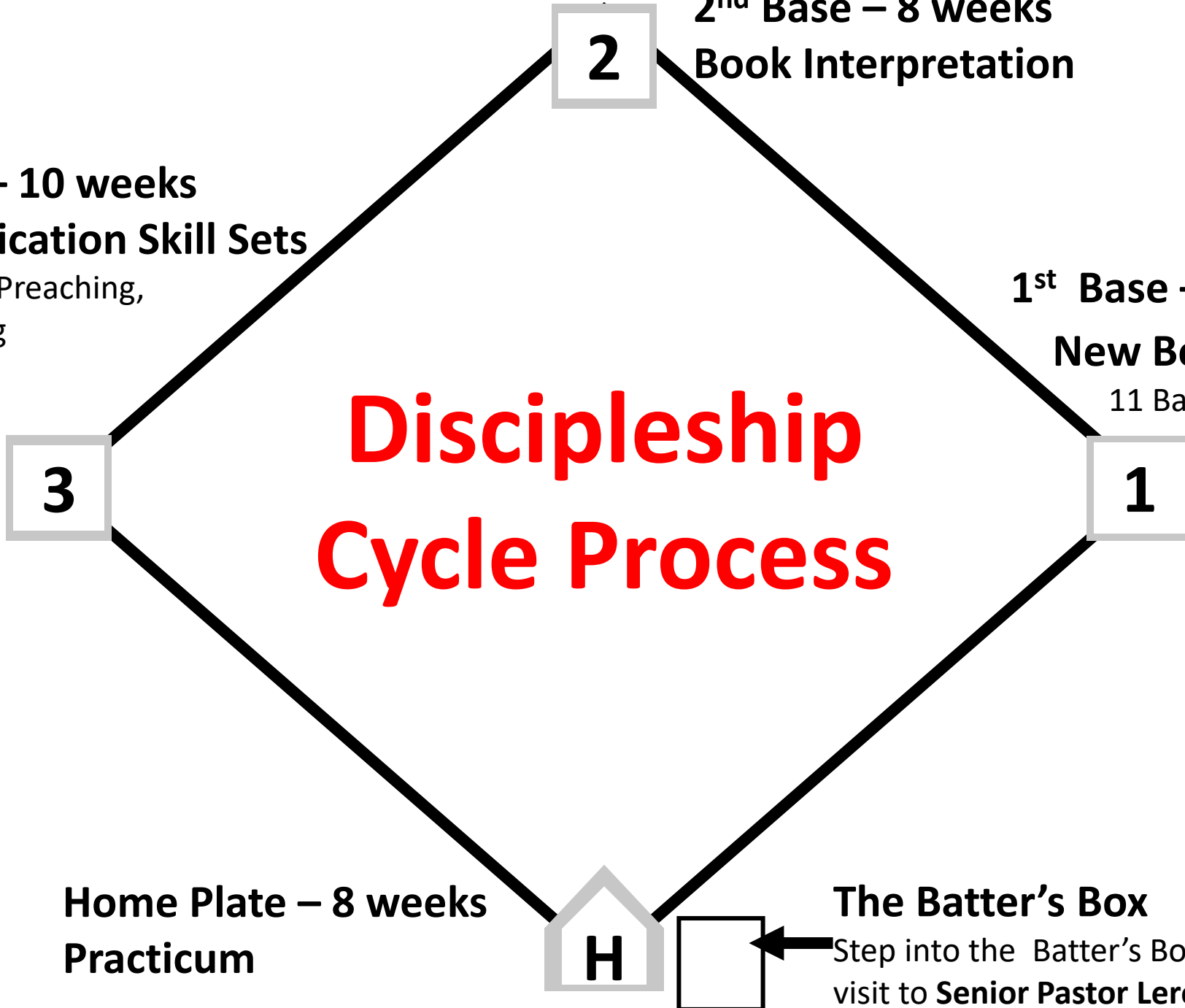
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1. Conflict of **mission**
2. Conflict of **inclusion**
3. Conflict of **process**

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I Want to **See** LHF Grow.

I will Do All I Can
to Make LHF Grow.

Enemies of God
are **Enemies** of Mine