

WORSHIP: GATHERED

Why we do what we do on Sunday AM

GLORIFY GOD AS WE EVANGELIZE, INSTRUCT, COMMISSION

- **Evangelize:** Remind one another of the gospel
- **Instruct:** Teach one another the way of life that flows from the gospel
- **Commission:** Send one another out on the mission of the gospel

5 MYTHS

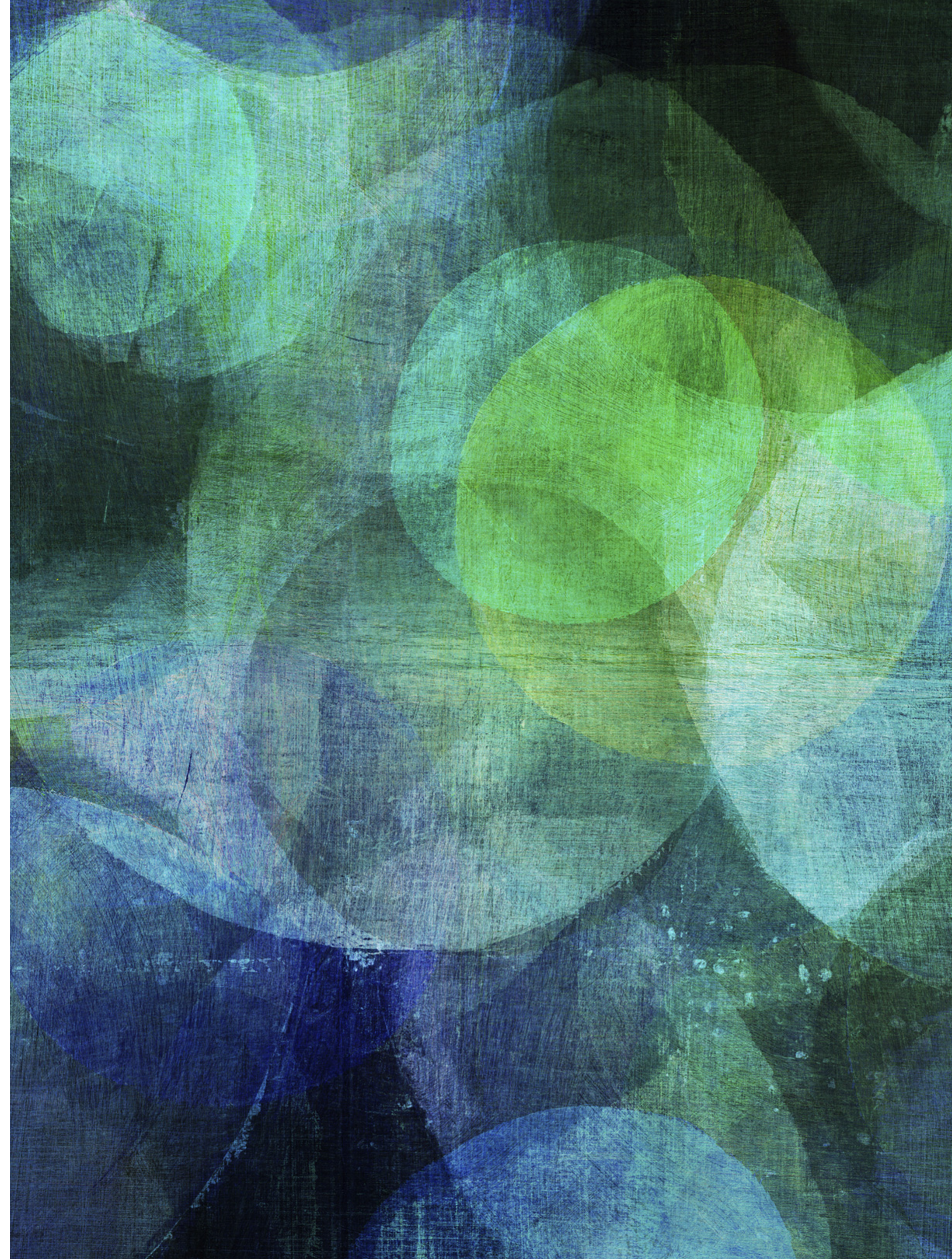
MYTH 1

*The Bible doesn't tell us much
about Sunday AM.*



TRUTH

*The Bible gives us much clear
instruction on our gatherings*



Acts 2:42

Mark 11:24

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Colossians 3:16

2 Timothy 4:2

Hebrews 10:24

1 Timothy 4:13

1 Timothy 2

Ephesians 4:16

Matthew 5:23-24

Luke 4:16

Ephesians 5:19

Hebrews 3:12-13

2 Corinthians 8-9

1 Corinthians 14



HOW SHOULD WE USE THE SCRIPTURES?

- The historic ways:
- Normative principle
- Regulative principle
- Appeal to tradition
- Pragmatism

1. PRESCRIPTIONS

2. PRINCIPLES

3. PREFERENCES

1. PRESCRIPTIONS

- Meet together frequently
- Sing
- Pray
- Read the Scriptures
- Preach/teach the Scriptures
- Financial giving
- “The Lord’s Supper”

2. PRINCIPLES

- Unity & Selflessness
- Perspicuity
- Active Participation
- Decency and Orderliness
- Frequency
- Relational Reconciliation
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3. PREFERENCES

“Circumstances & Forms”

- Time & location
- Style of music
- Chairs or pews
- Hymnals or projector
- Dress code

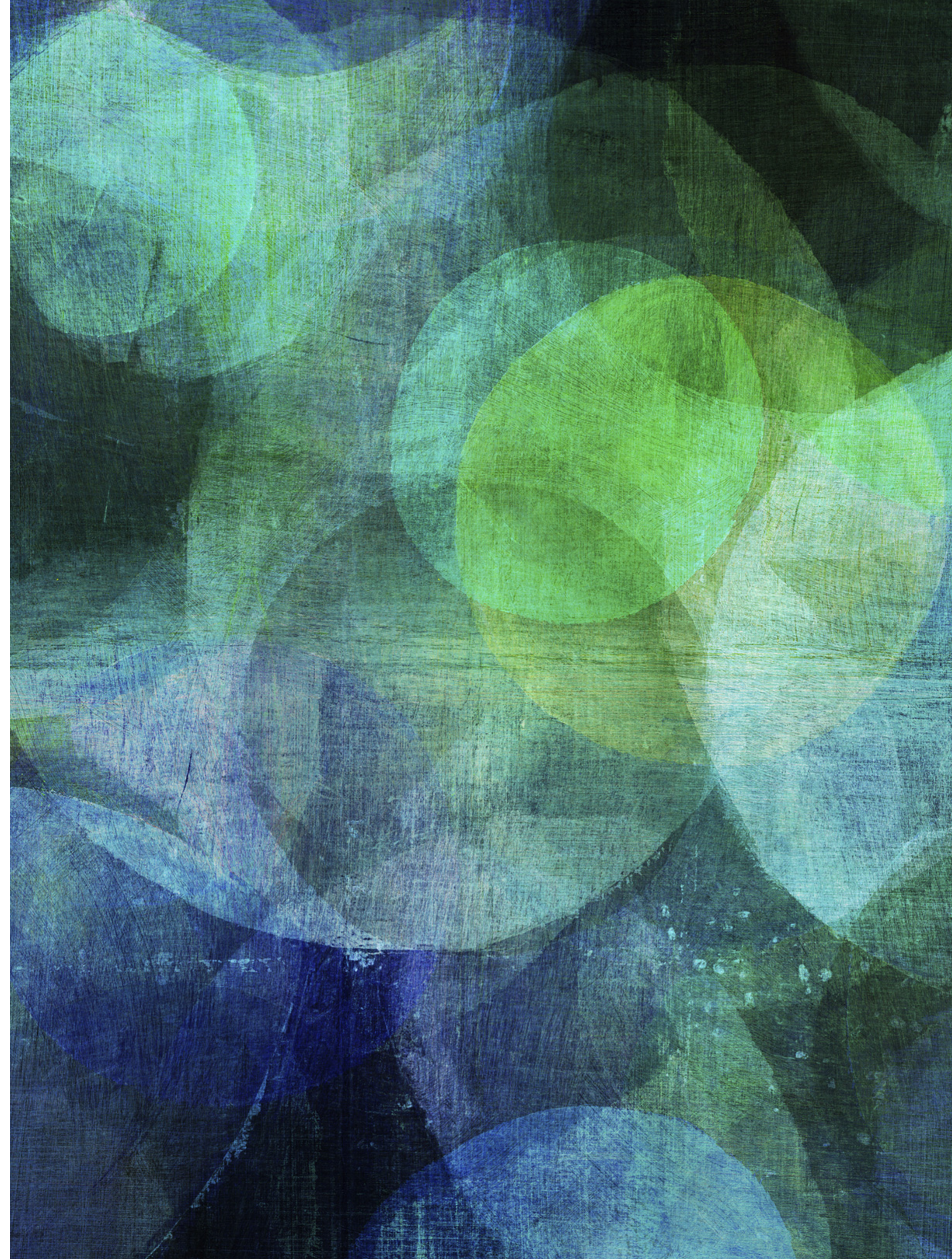
MYTH 2

*Sunday AM is a good, but optional
part of the Christian life.*



TRUTH

*Sunday AM is a vital, commanded
part of the Christian life.*



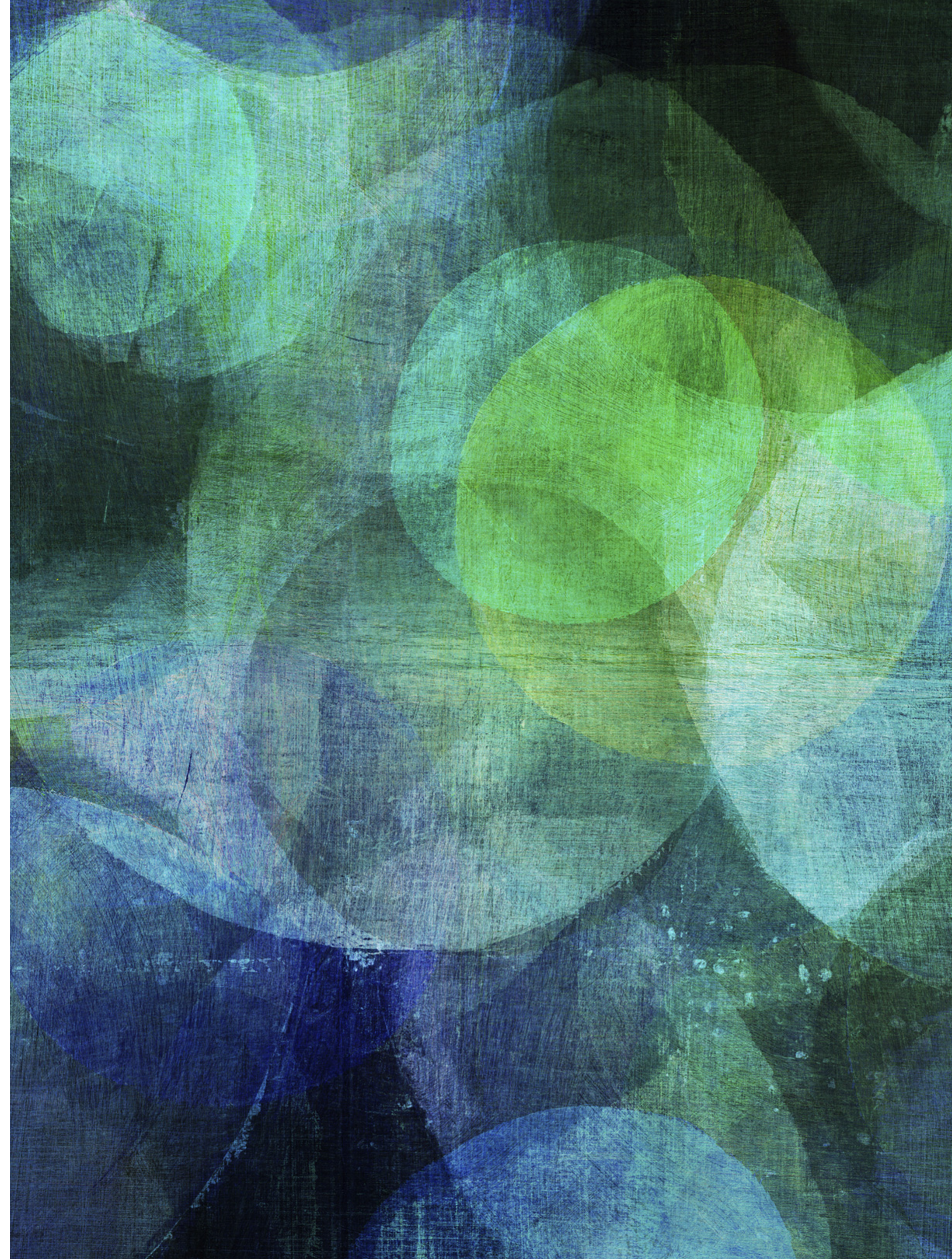
MYTH 3

*The music is a good, but optional
part of Sunday AM.*



TRUTH

*All parts of the service work
together toward discipleship.*



MYTH 4

It's all about me.





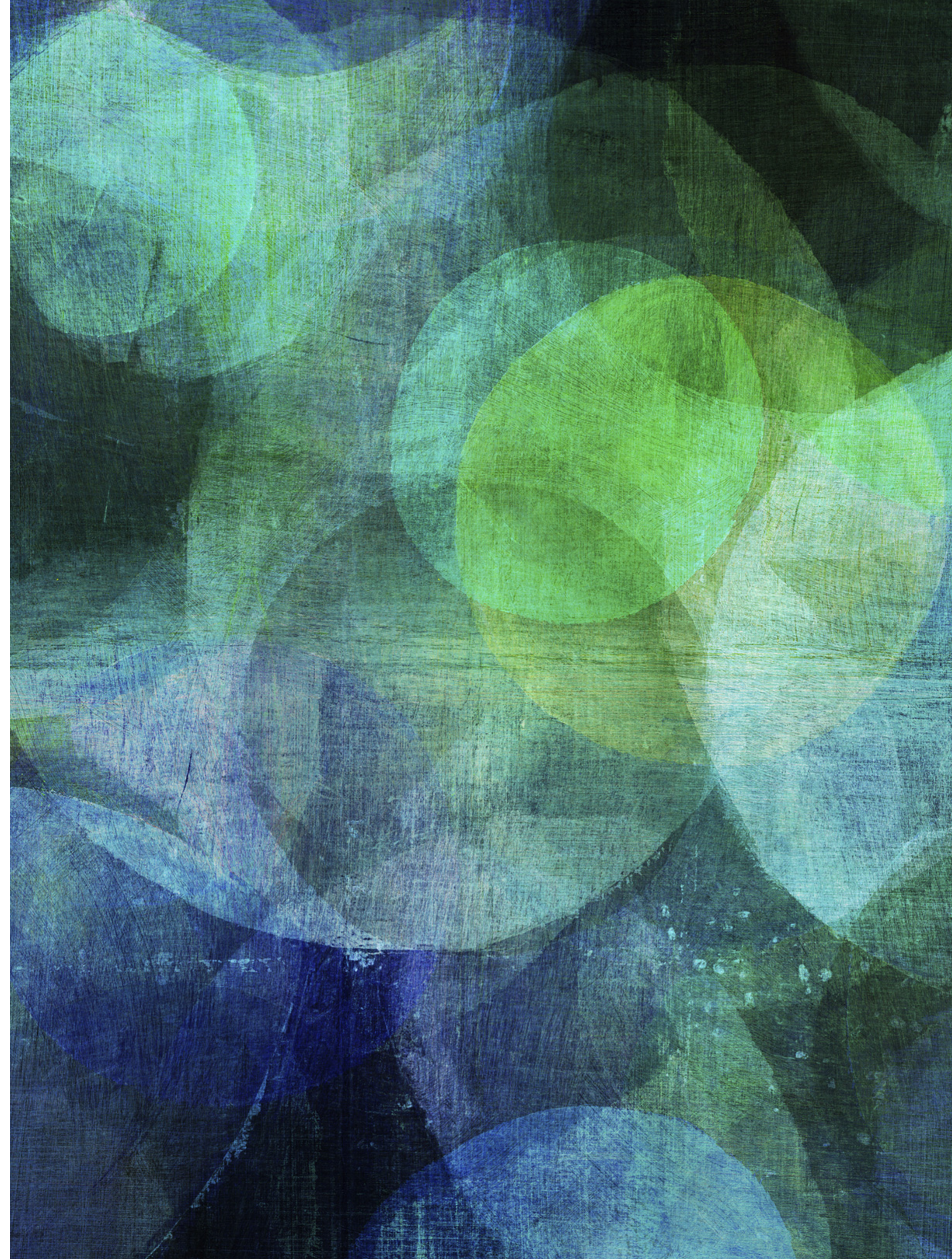
CAN YOU RELATE?

- “I don’t like this song.”
- “I wish the preacher would focus on ____.”
- “Why is the music so loud/quiet?”
- “I’m not getting anything out of this...”
- “There should be more/less bass.”
- “If only our church was more like [that other church]...”
- “I don’t like sitting next to this person...”
- “Why don’t we do more songs by ____?”
- “I already know the things in this sermon.”

MY NEEDS AREN'T BEING MET.

TRUTH

*It's all about Jesus,
and his church (including you!)*



WHY DO I HAVE TO BE
UNCOMFORTABLE?

“

Run in such a way to win the prize. Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. [...] So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control...”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (CSB)

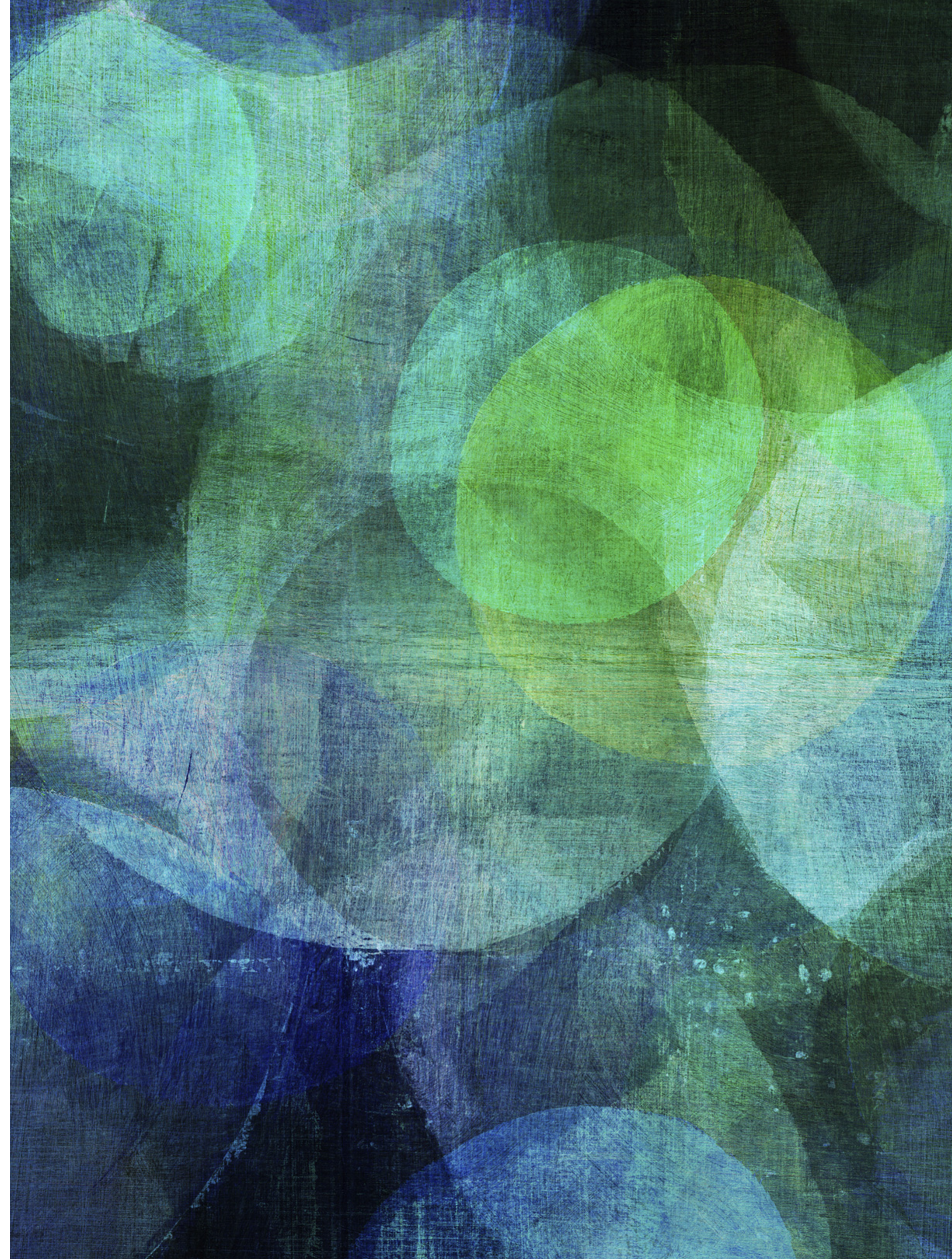
MYTH 5

Singing is emotional, preaching is intellectual, serving is functional



TRUTH

*We are to engage our heart, soul,
mind, and strength in everything*



- The bible gives us clear instruction for our gatherings
- Sunday AM is a vital and commanded part of the christian life
- All parts of the service work together toward discipleship
- Our worship gatherings are about Jesus, and his church, including you!
- We are to engage our heart, soul, mind, and strength in everything we do



ON SUNDAYS:

- Prioritize the gathering
- Engage
- Lend your gift

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