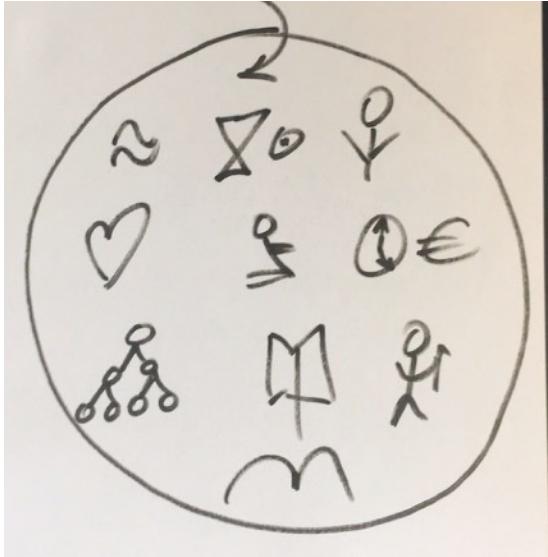


# The Church Circle

Read Acts 2:36-47

**What did the early church do?** Make a List.



## Functions of a New Testament Church

(11 elements):

1. Repent/ Believe
2. Ministry of the Holy Spirit
3. Baptism
4. Breaking Bread
5. Love God/ Worship
6. Love Others
7. Prayer
8. Give
9. Make Disciples
10. Word of God
11. Self-Leadership

Step 1: Draw a dotted circle if the gathering is a group or DBS,

Step 2: Draw a solid circle if the gathering self-identifies as a church and is attempting to operate in all the functions of a healthy church as they strive to love and obey Jesus together.

Step 3: Draw inside of the circle the symbols of functions that the church is practicing without the direction of outside leadership.

Step 4: Draw outside of the circle the symbols of functions that are being consistently led by outside leadership (ie. a missionary, or a pioneer worker).

### 4 ways to use the Church Circle

- Vision casting tool
- Prayer strategy - what are strengths and weaknesses of this church that can we pray for?
- Assessment tool - which areas are we doing well in? do we need to grow in?
- Discovery tool when reading the epistles