



Show me Jesus



Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus Calls Matthew

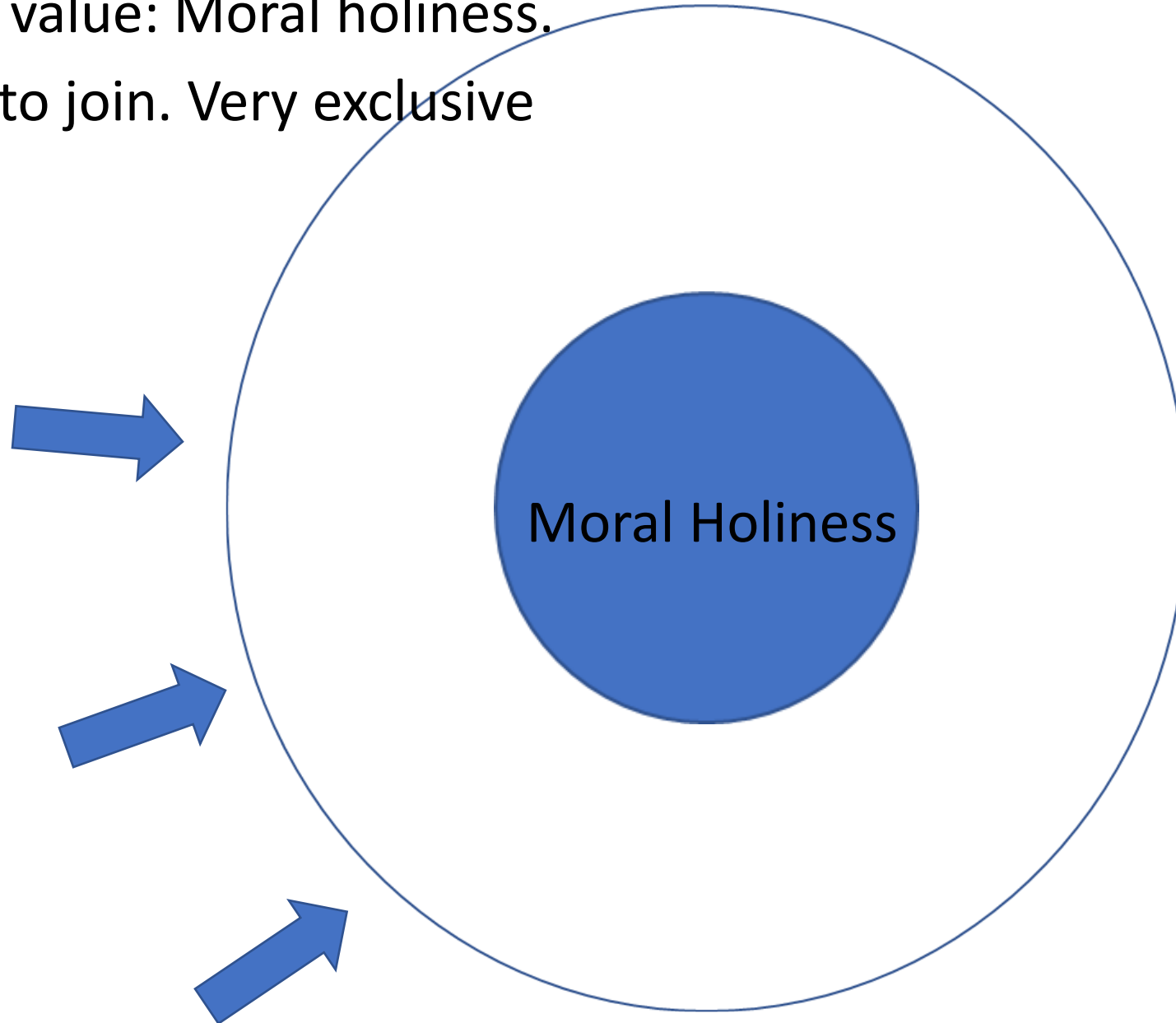
9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Pharisees

Defining value: Moral holiness.

Difficult to join. Very exclusive



Appropriate Christian
behaviour:

- No smoking
- No swearing
- Speak in tongues
- Be baptized
- Attend church
- Be nice
- Drink good coffee
- Act cool, work out

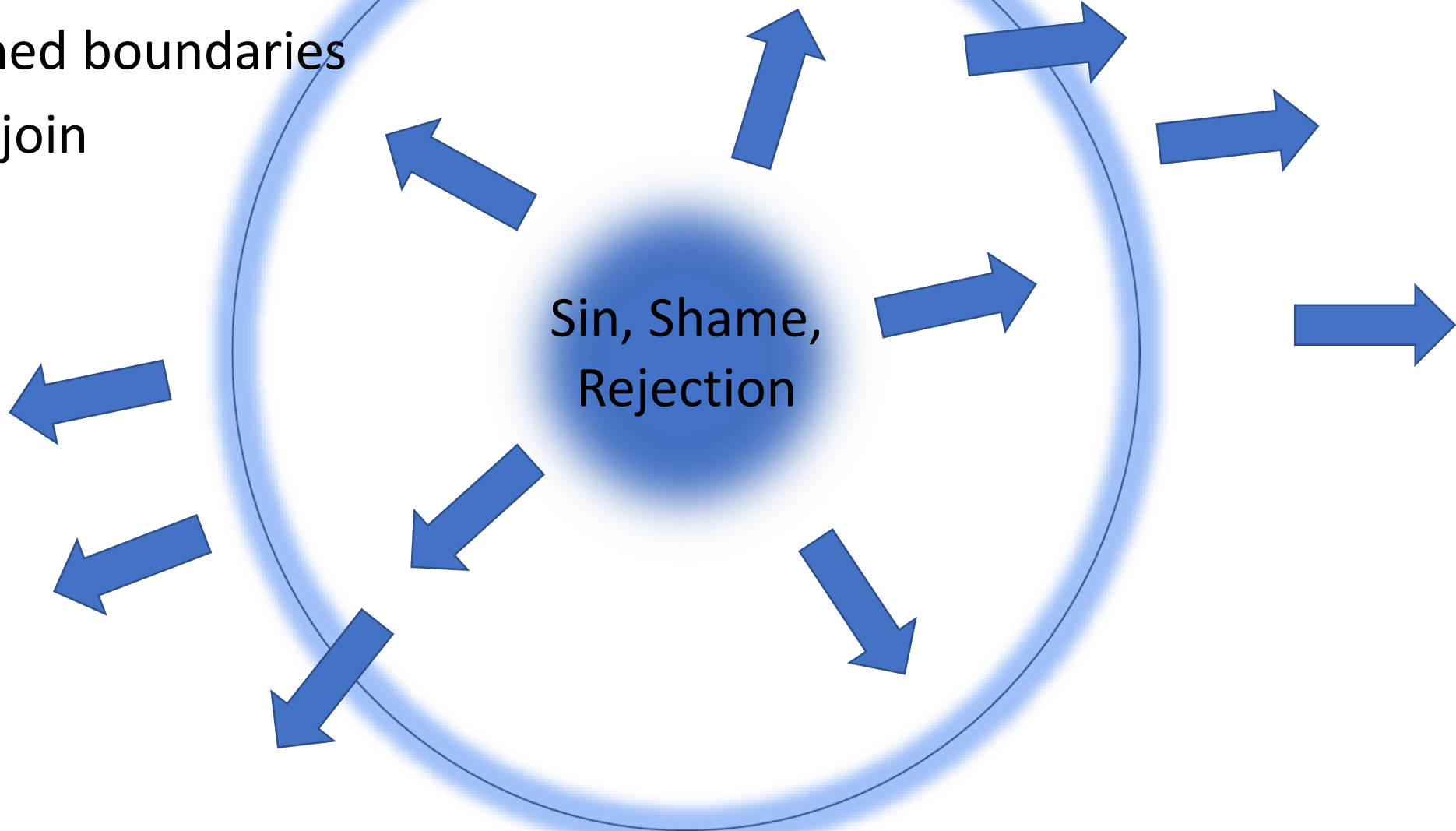
Sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes

Defining value: Sin, Shame, Rejection

No one wanted to join.

Undefined boundaries

Easy to join

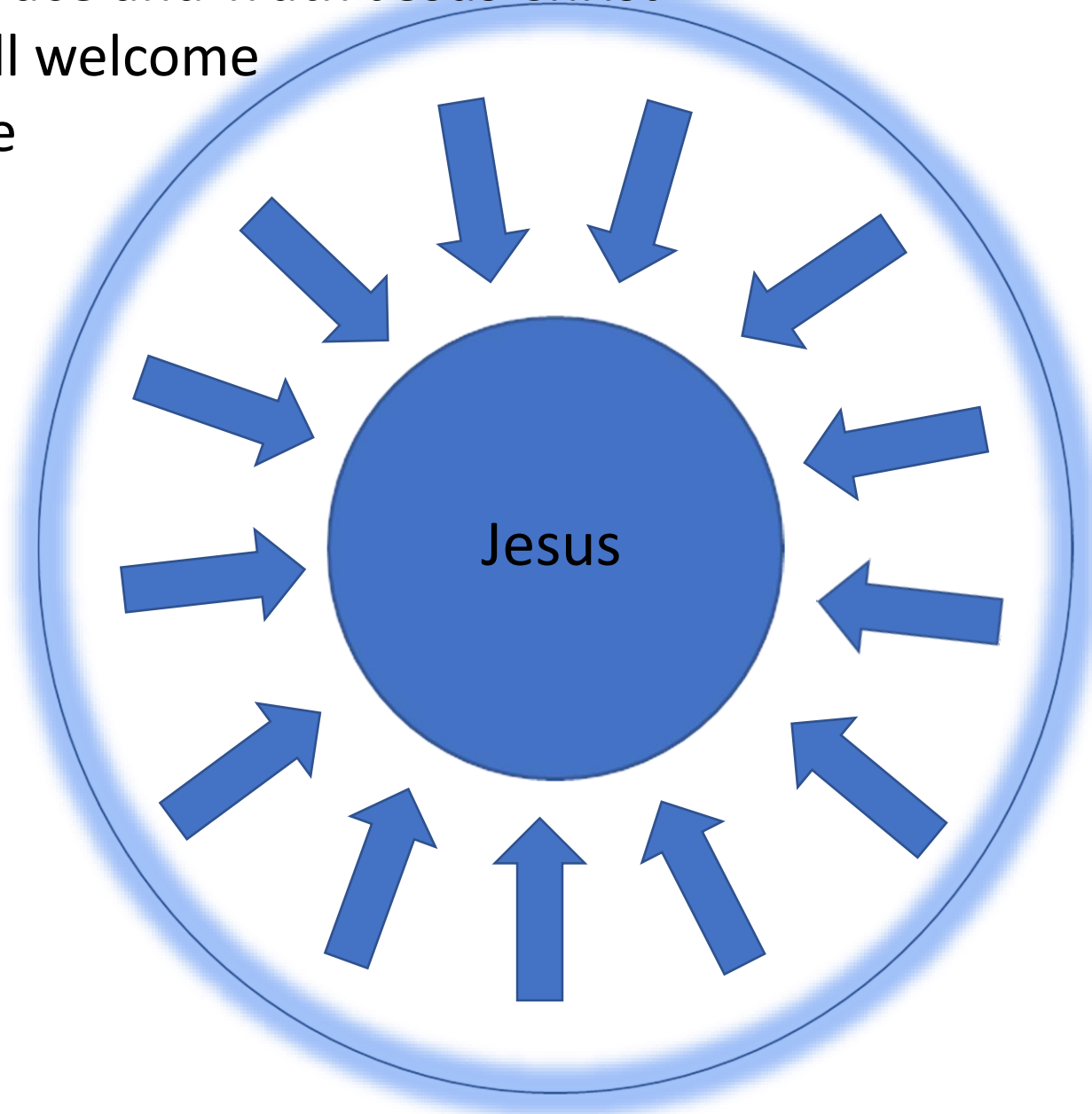


Jesus and disciples

Defining value: Grace and Truth-Jesus Christ

No boundaries, all welcome

Radically Inclusive



Acceptance

Grace

Forgiveness

Unconditional

love

Truth

Healing

Peace & Joy

Friendship

Dignity

What defines us as a community?

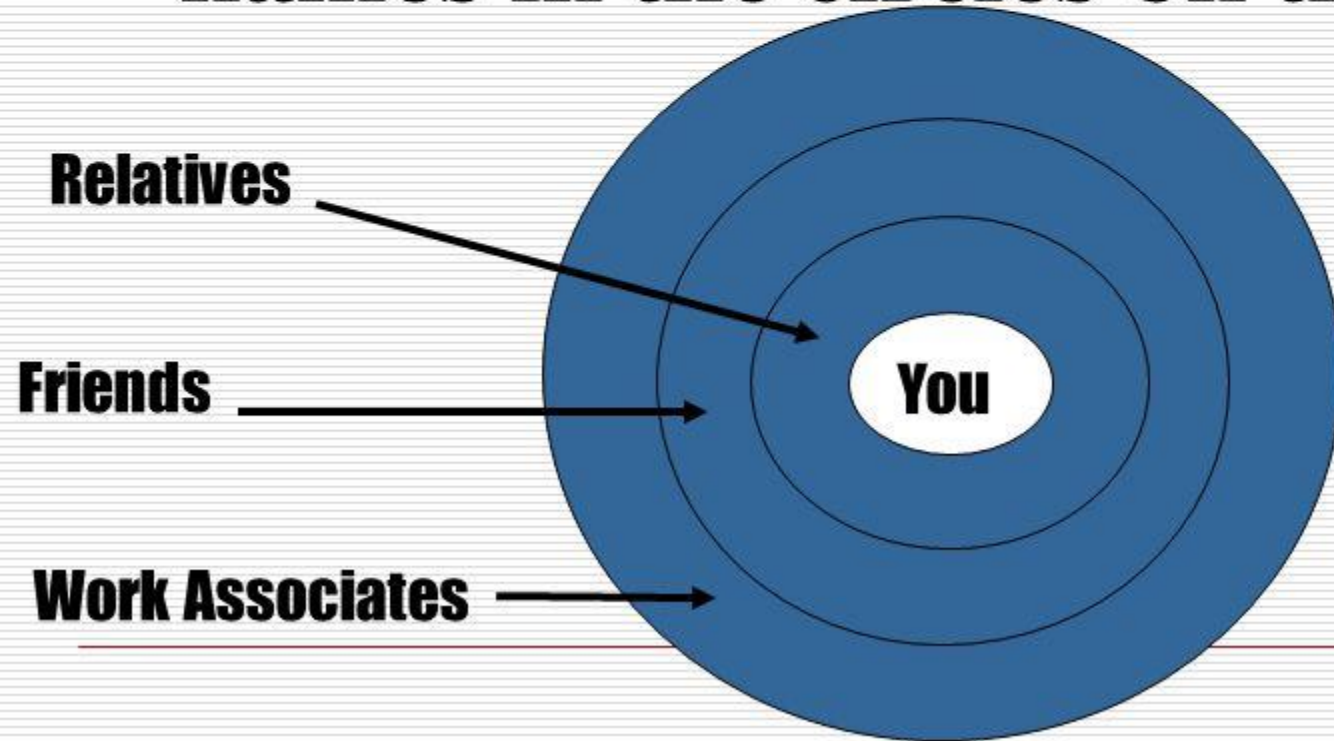
“Shibboleth principle”

- The longer a community exists, the more defined it becomes
- Financial fences-I can't hang out with you because I am broke...
- Cultural fences-I don't watch rugby.
- Moral fences-I swear too much. Divorced. I sleep with my girl friend. My business failed. I feel guilty/judged.
- Church doctrine and programmes-I am not baptized, I can't speak in tongues. I don't know what you are talking about.
- Language-I feel excluded.

- How can we point people to take a step closer to Jesus?
- How can we as a community change to look more like Jesus to include others into our world?

Here's How *Oikos* Works

- ❑ Fill in a diagram that identifies a person's *oikos*. Always keep five names in the circles on the form.





People



God

Sin separates
us from
God

Ephesians 2 verse 12-16

- ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.



Become all
things to all
men

