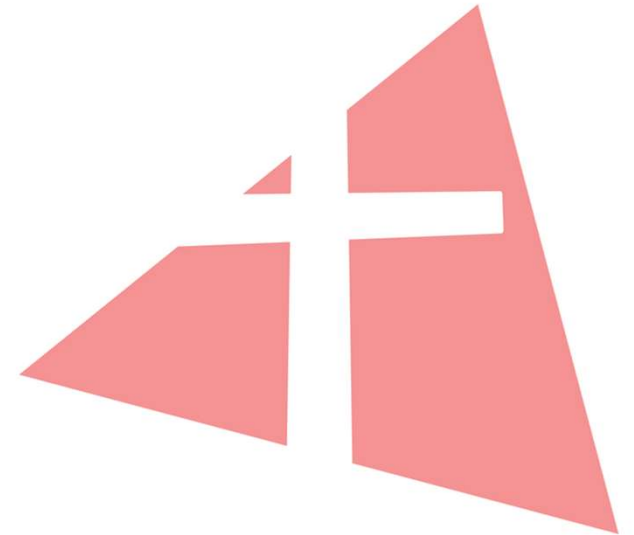


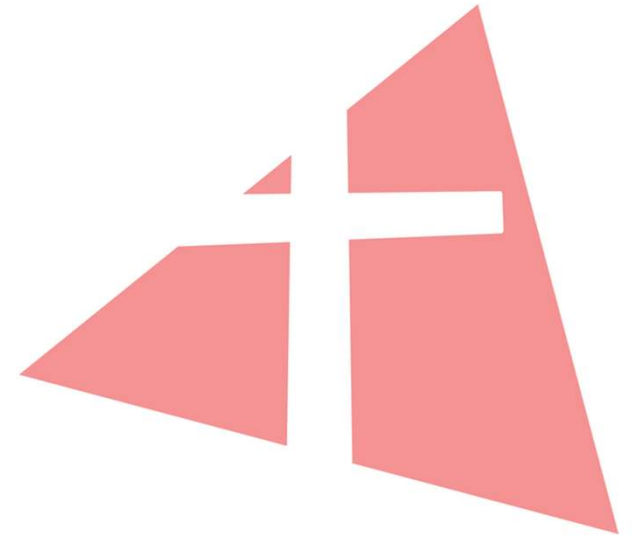
ALETHEIA'S IDENTITY: OUR ANCHORS

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OUR SERIES

- What kind of church is Aletheia?



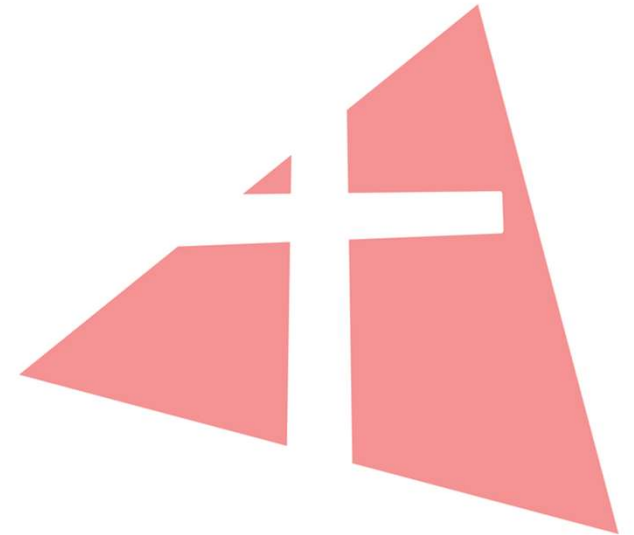
FIRST TWO QUESTIONS

- **Why do we exist?**

- We believe everybody deserves many chances to respond to God's Truth and Grace

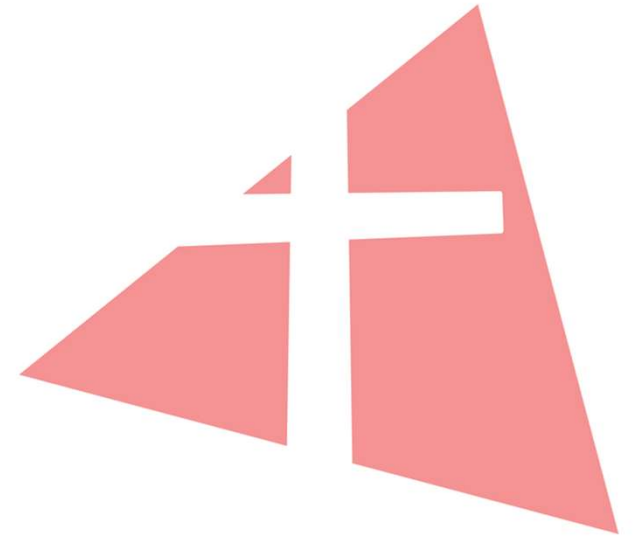
- **Our Core Values**

- Love for the Father
- Truth
- Relationships and Family



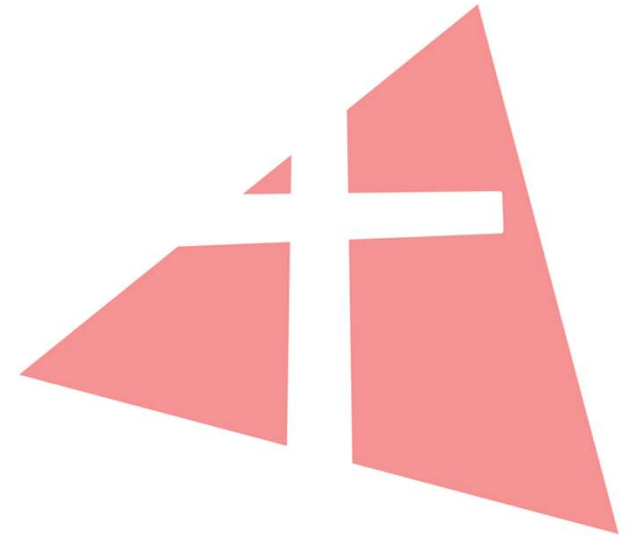
TODAY

- What do we do?
- How do we succeed?



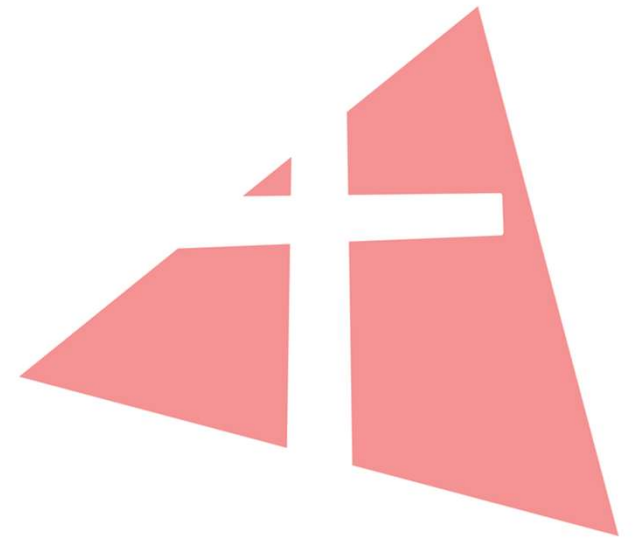
WHAT DO WE DO?

- We provide the services of the local church.



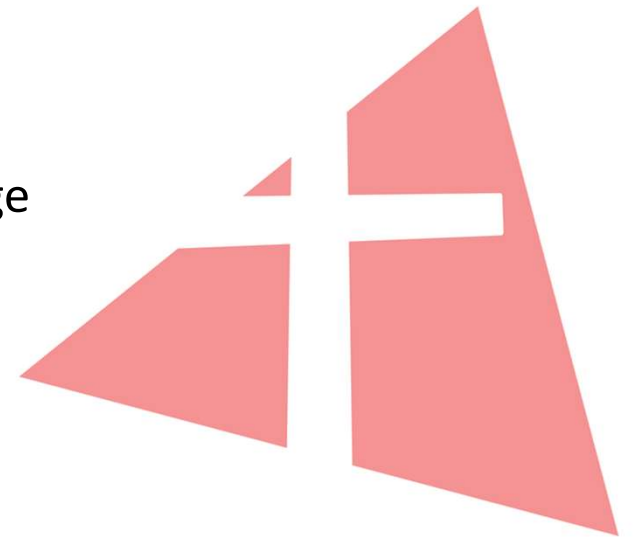
WHAT DO DON'T DO

- We don't do everything that other Christians do



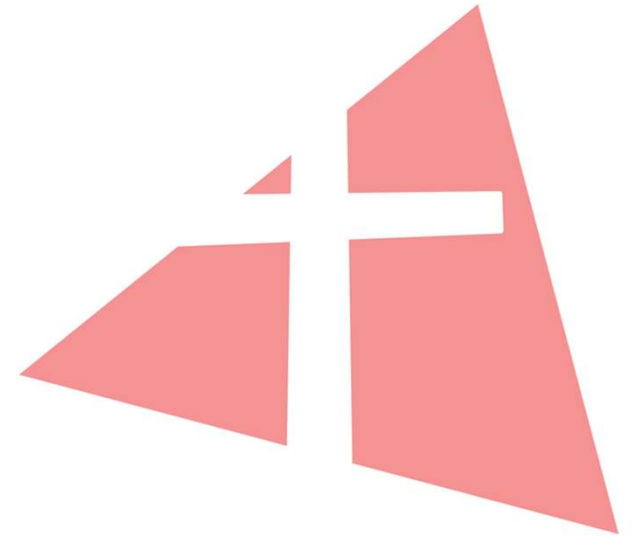
WHAT DO WE DO?

- **We put a special focus on**
 - Foreigners
 - Students
 - Germans who need to hear the gospel in a different language



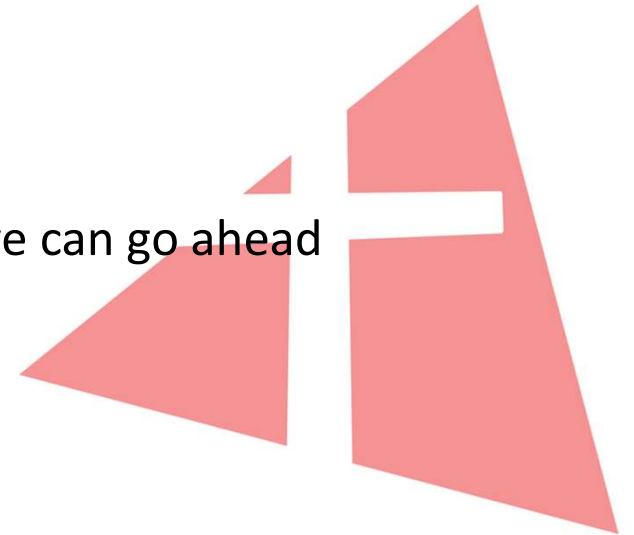
HOW DO WE SUCCEED?

- **We know what we want to achieve**
- **There are many good ways to get there**
- **We need a unified approach to “making decisions”**
 - Make the most of our resources
 - Stay united



HOW DO WE SUCCEED?

- **We defined three simple questions that guide all our decision**
- **Every decision should be made in light of 3 anchors**
 - If any of these anchors is violated, we don't do it
 - If none of these anchors is supported, we don't do it
 - If one or more anchors is supported, and none is violated, we can go ahead



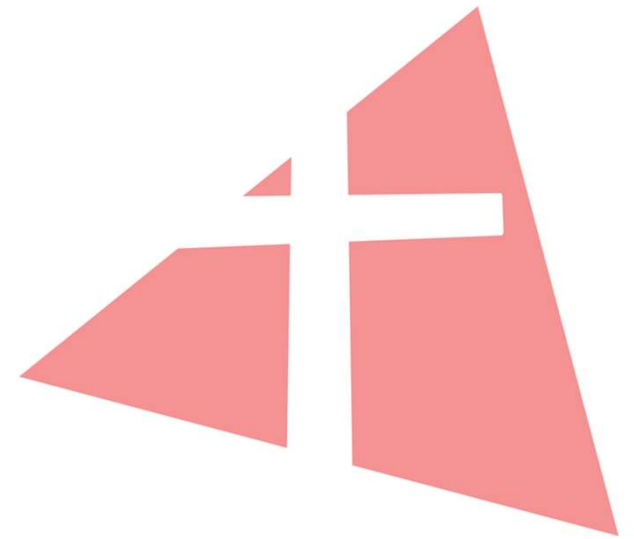
THE RESULT

- **We don't need structure, authority and permission to make decisions**
 - Every decision in line with these three anchors is a good decision that doesn't need any further consultation or permission



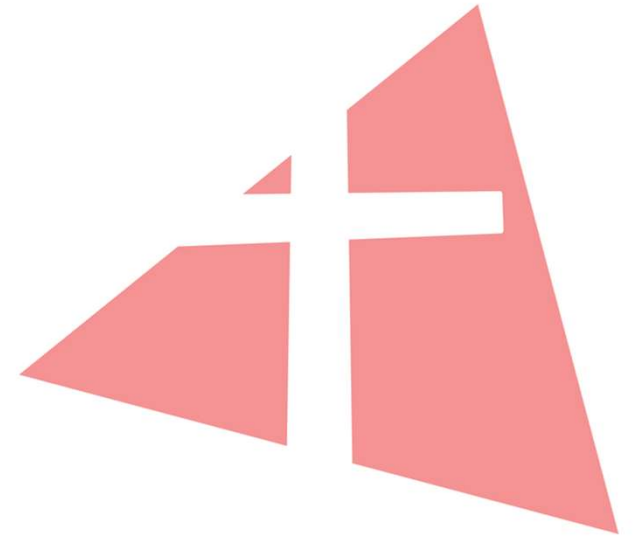
AN EXAMPLE

- **Changing your flight ticket**



ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #1

- Reach as many people as possible



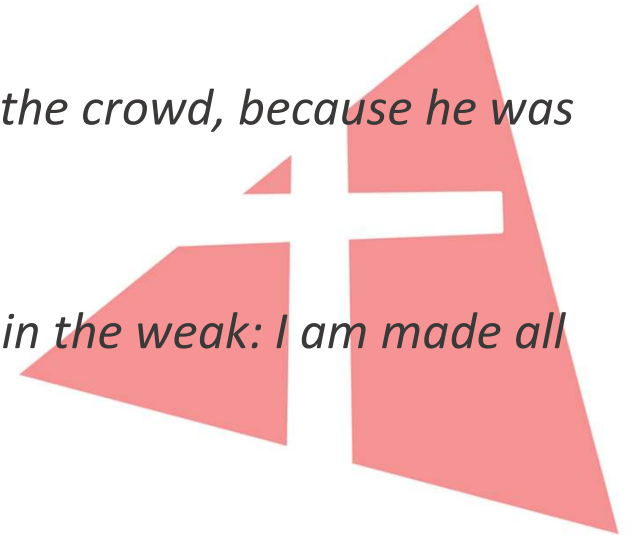
ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #1

- **Reach as many people as possible**

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

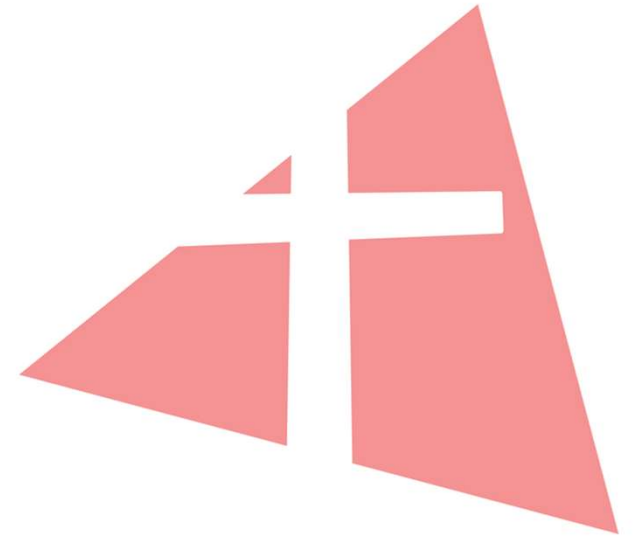
Luke 19:3 And he sought to see who Jesus was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature.

1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.



ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #2

- Teach those who are willing to listen



ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #2

John 7:14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

John 18:20 Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, where the Jews always met; and in secret have I said nothing.

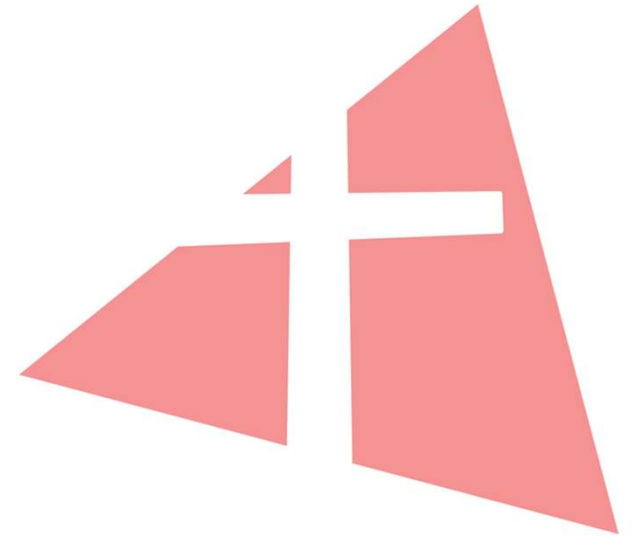
John 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be diligent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.



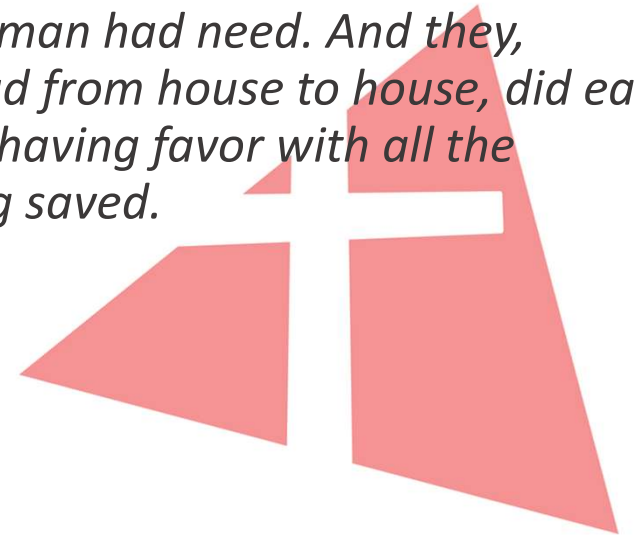
ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #3

- **Build Christ-centered community**



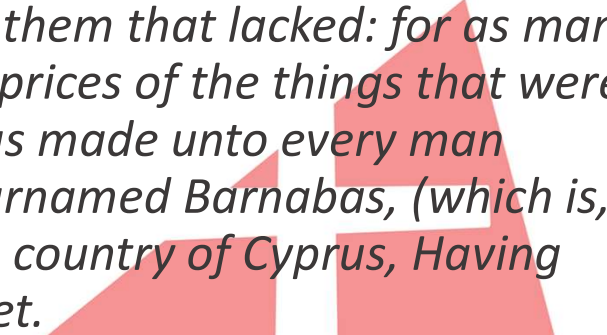
ALETHEIA'S ANCHOR #3

Acts 2:44-47 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.



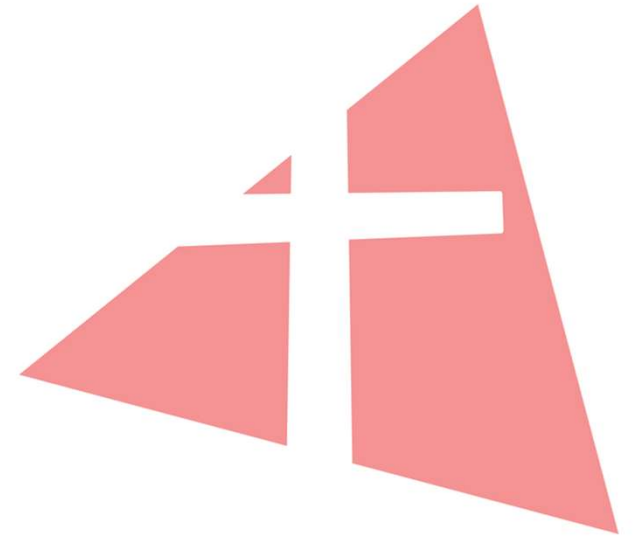
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Acts 4:32-37 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of encouragement,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.



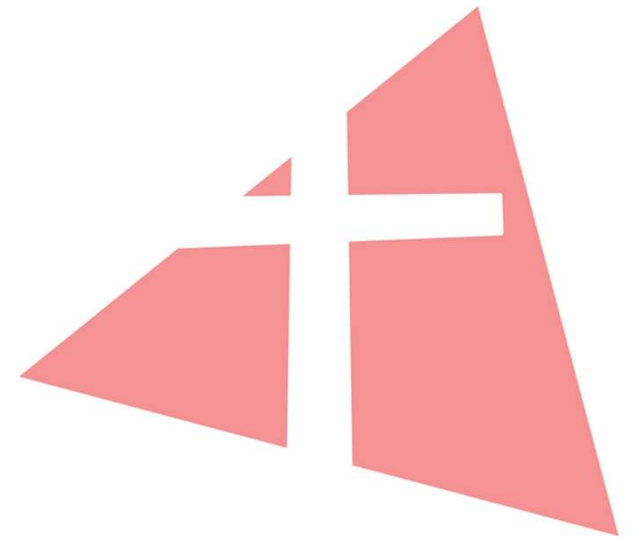
ALETHEIA'S EXAMPLE

- Why we said “yes” to certain opportunities



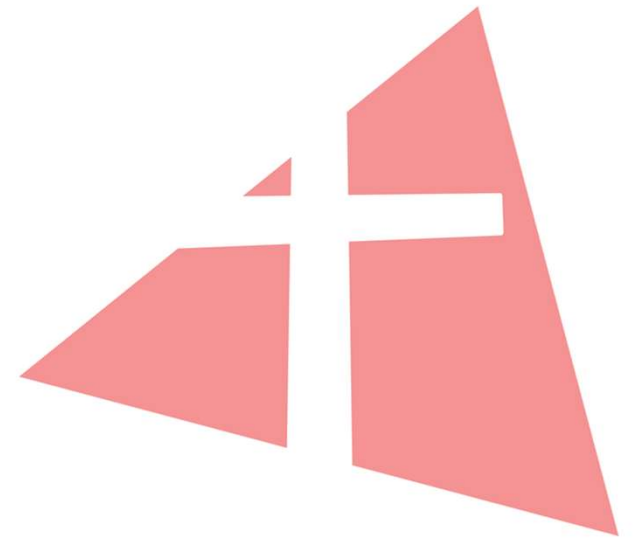
ALETHEIA'S EXAMPLE

- When we would say “no” to certain opportunities



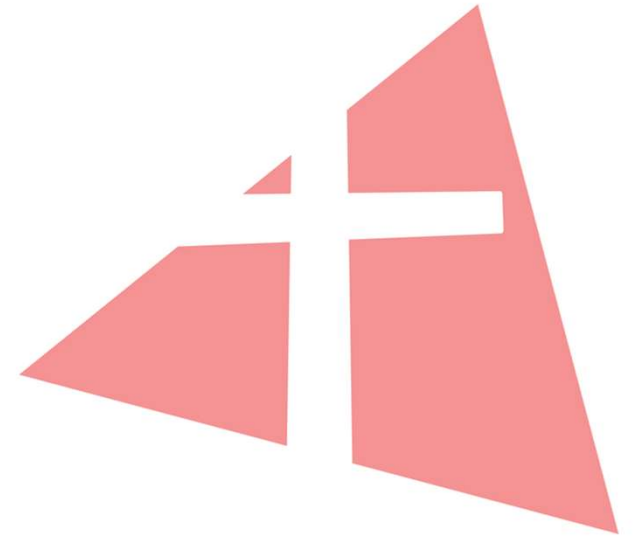
ALETHEIA'S EXAMPLE

- These three anchors should apply on every level of the church



REMAINING QUESTIONS

- What is most important right now?
- Who must do what?



IN CONCLUSION

- **We want everyone at Aletheia to take ownership of the church**
 - Everybody can make decisions
- **In order to be able to make decisions, we have to embrace Aletheia's identity**
 - Our purpose
 - Our values
 - What we do
 - Our anchors

