

What Shape is the Church?

and how do we fit?

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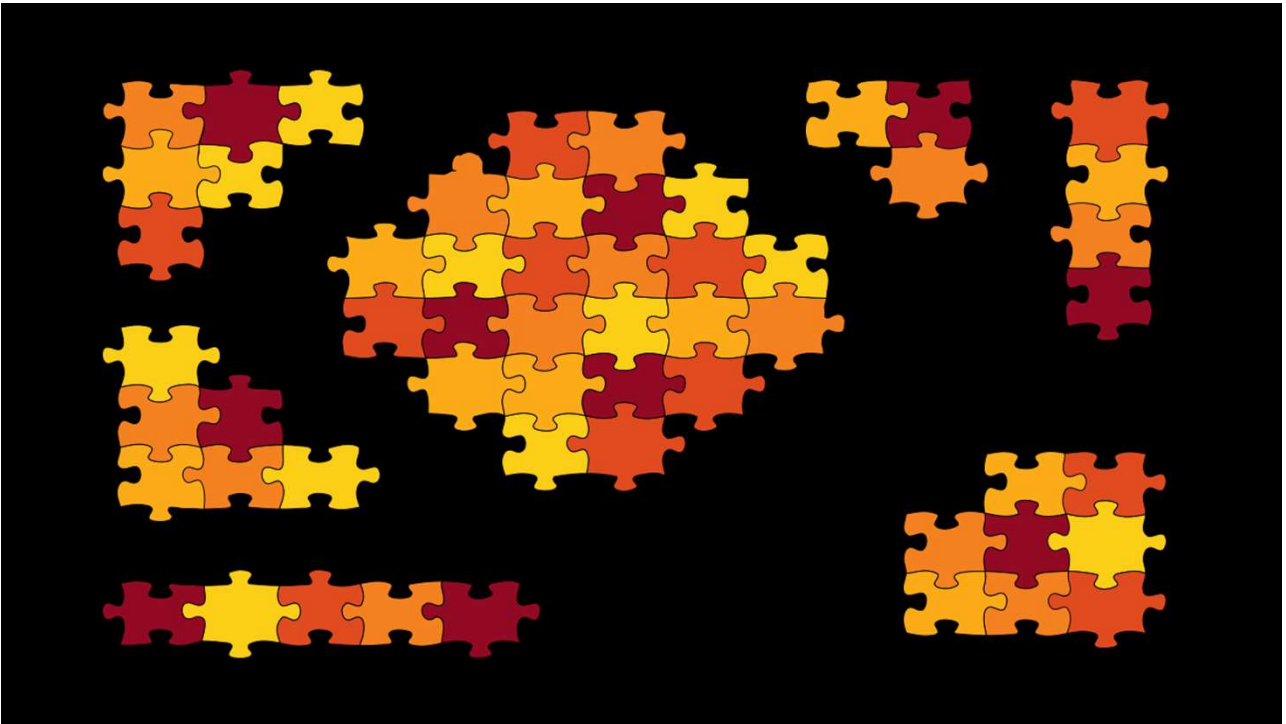
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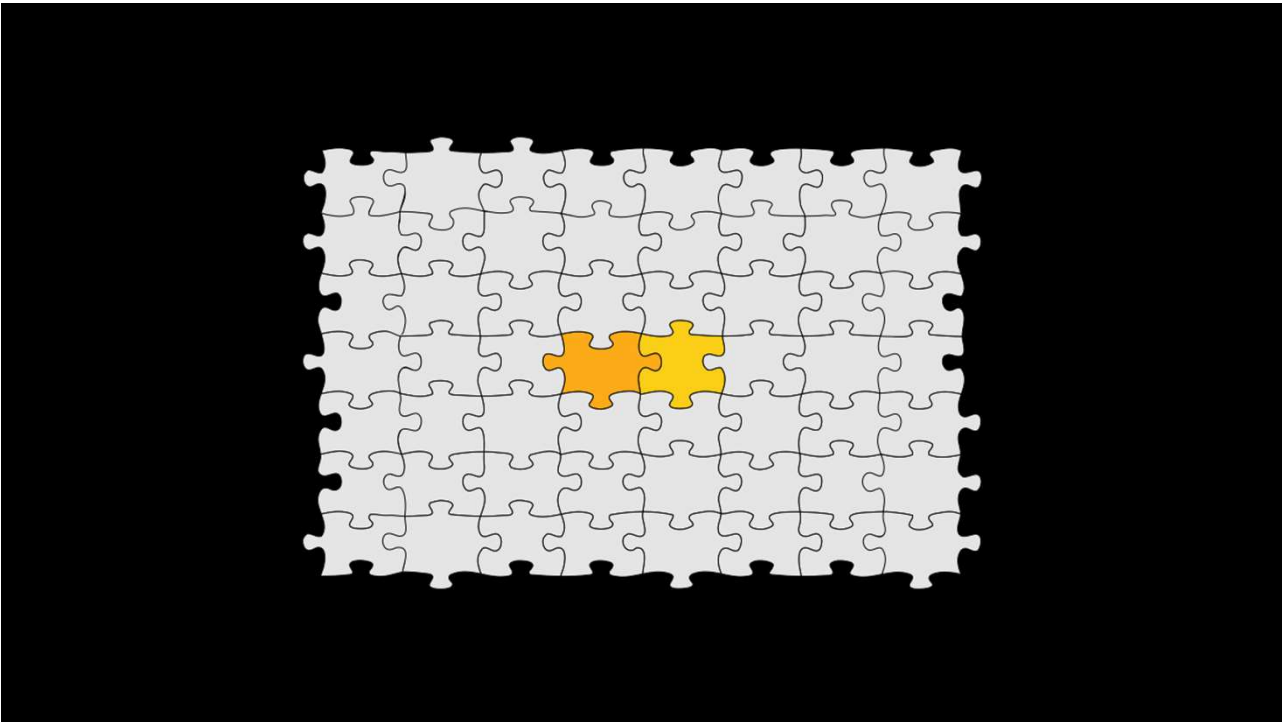
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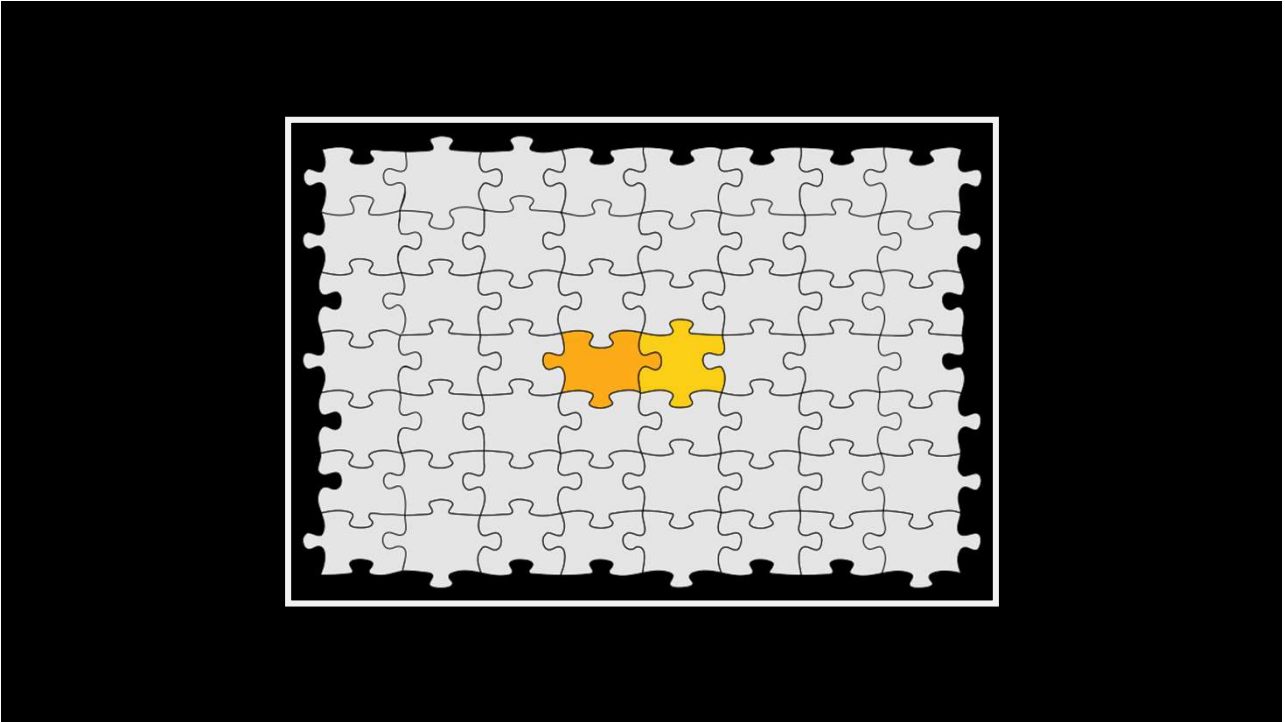
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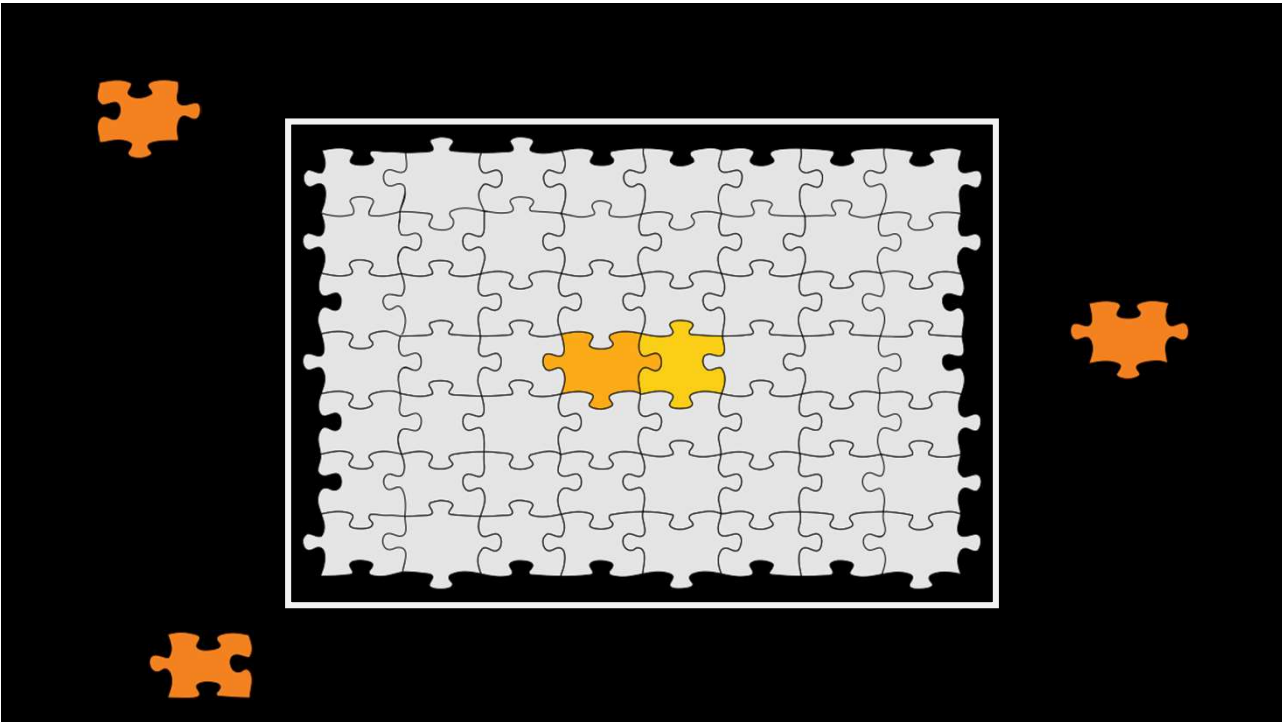
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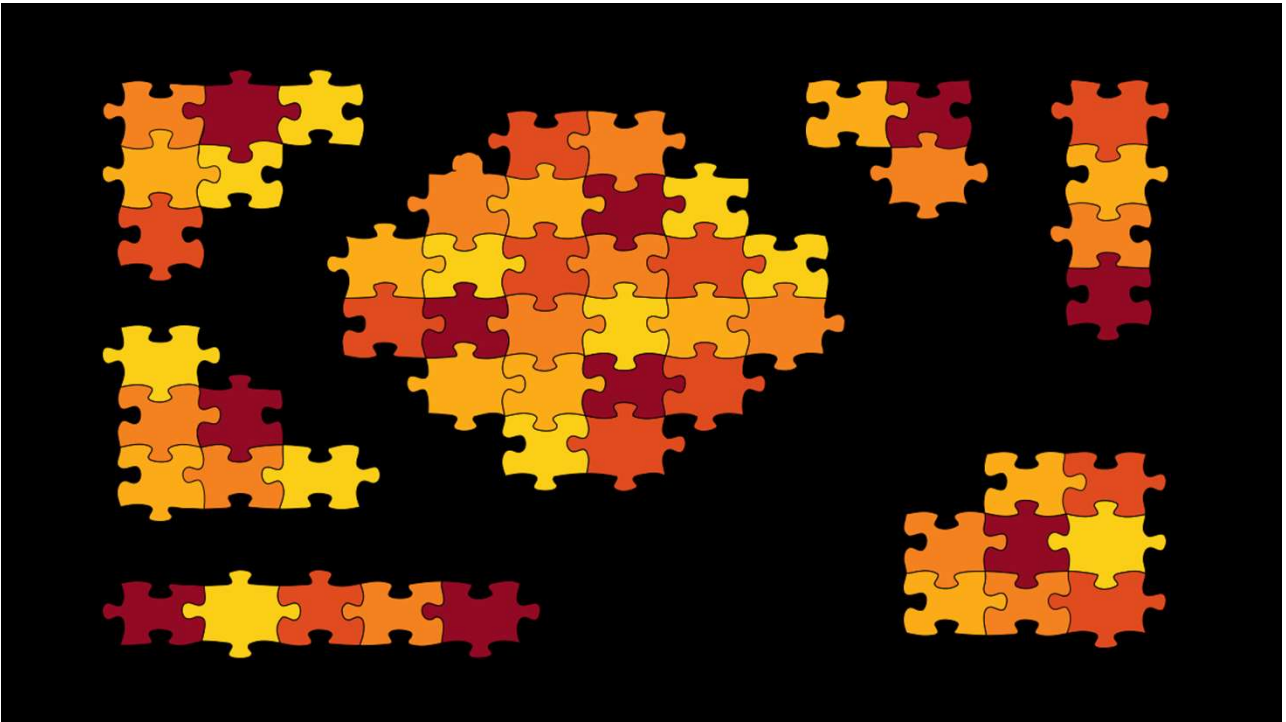
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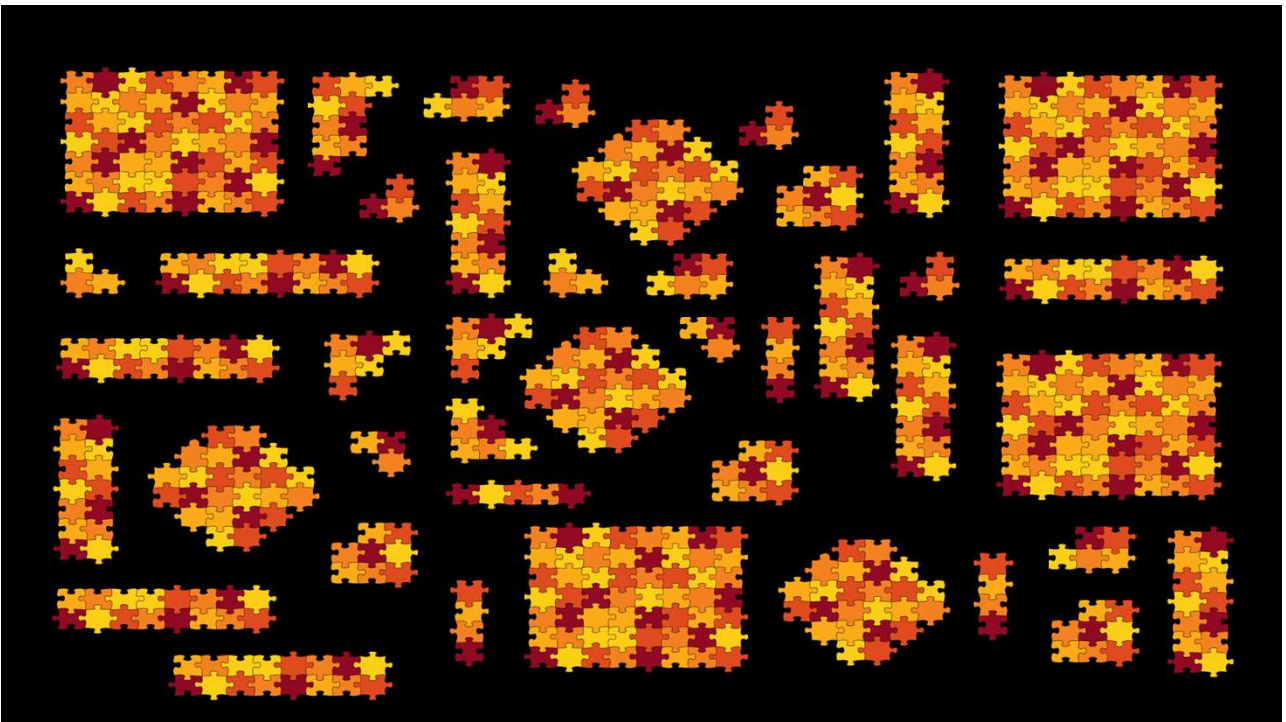
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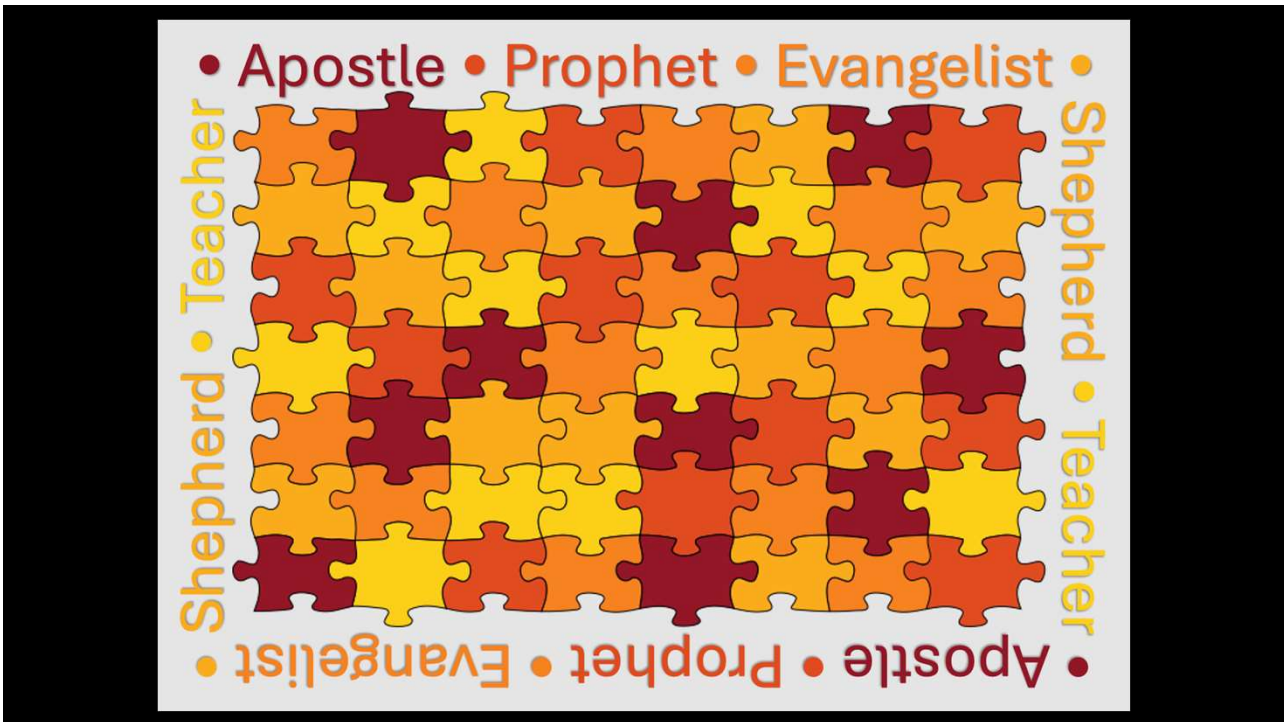
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Apostle | Apostolic

Desired social impact

-A transformed society

-Gospel saturation

-A church unified in purpose and mission



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Prophet | Prophetic

Desired social impact

- A restored community
- A community / society living in covenant relationship to God
- Respect for God's presence



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Evangelist | Evangelistic

Desired social impact

- A redeemed community
- A growing movement
- A thriving society built on restored relation to God



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Shepherd | Shepherding

Desired social impact

- A reconciled community
- Loving human community
- Reconciled across race, gender, age, nationality ...
- A communion in Christ



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Teacher | Teaching

Desired social impact

- A wise community
- The kingdom of Truth
- Loving God with mind, soul, strength



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