

# Vision of a Framework for Continuing Christian Development

An attempt to model the Christian journey through learning and development experiences

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How might a framework help us?

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

# An opportunity

What's going well?

- Recognition that we need to grow disciples
- Energy around training courses and development experiences

What's not going well?

- Communication of the good work that's going on
- Understanding what “disciple” means

# The Bible's opinion

## Jesus

- Called individuals to follow him
- Taught them
- Encouraged them to put that teaching into practice
- Resourced a life-and-world changing ministry across the known world

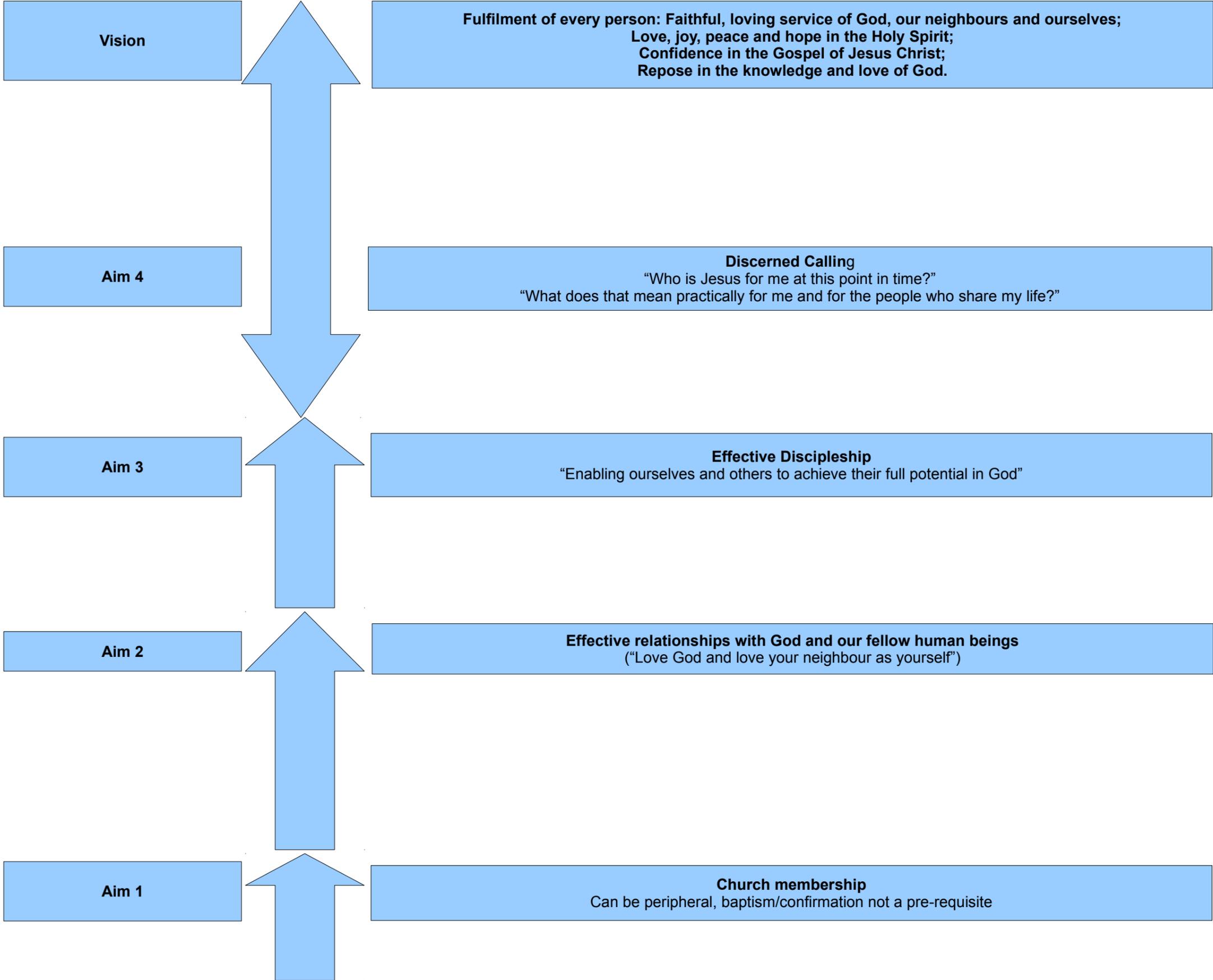
I.e. The Gospels provide a narrative of how disciples were formed in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine.

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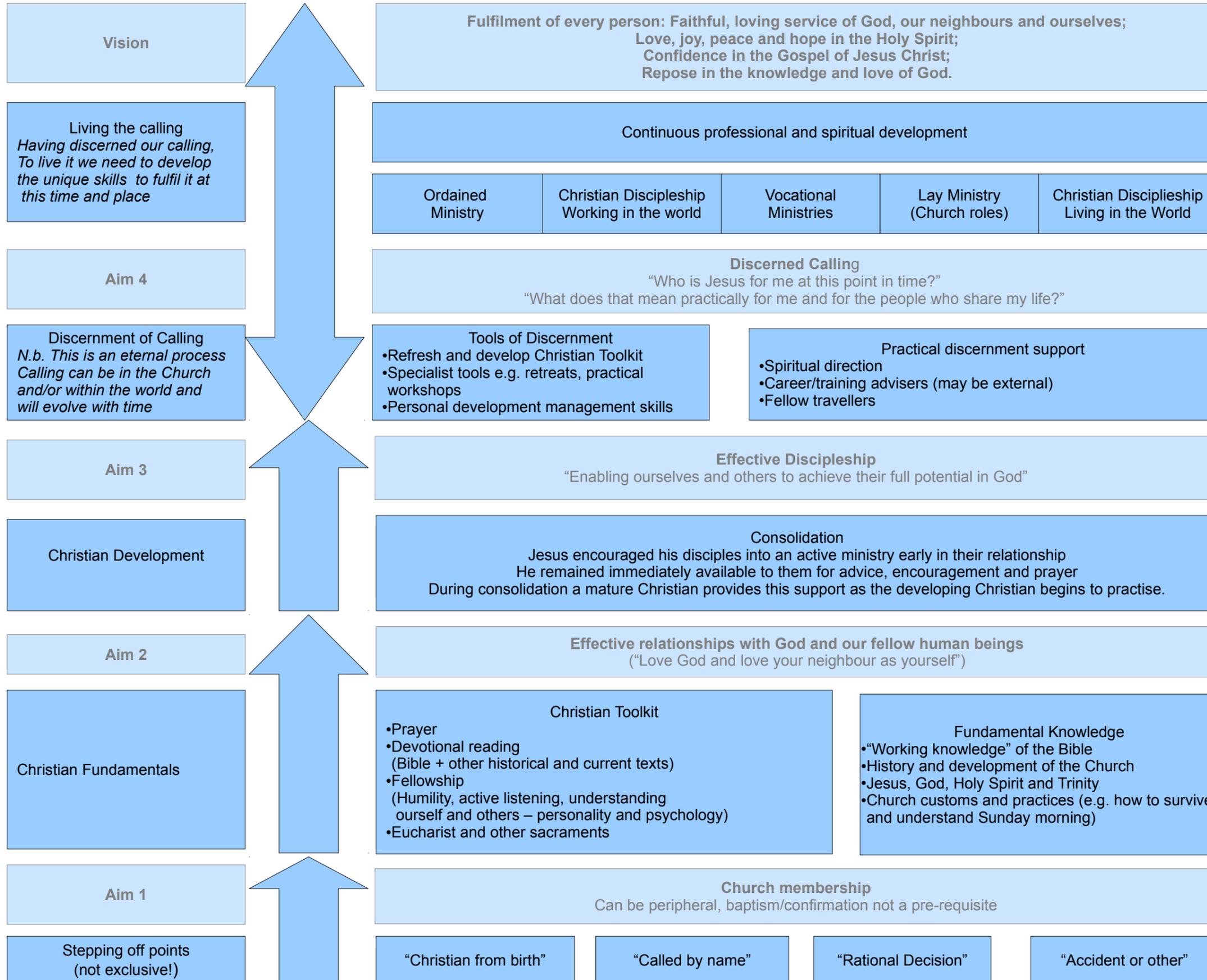
Fulfilment of every person: Faithful, loving service of God, our neighbours and ourselves;  
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Confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ;  
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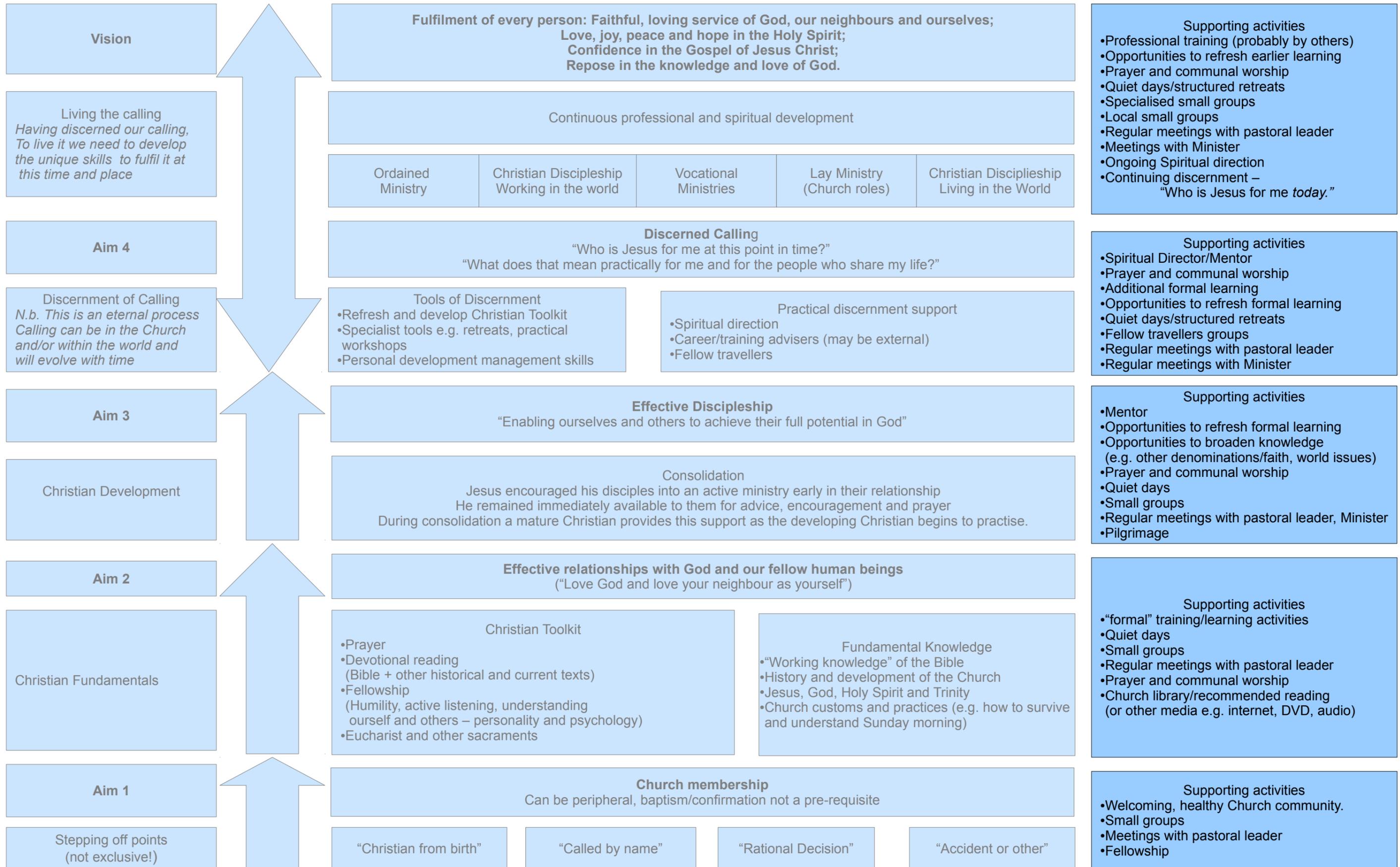
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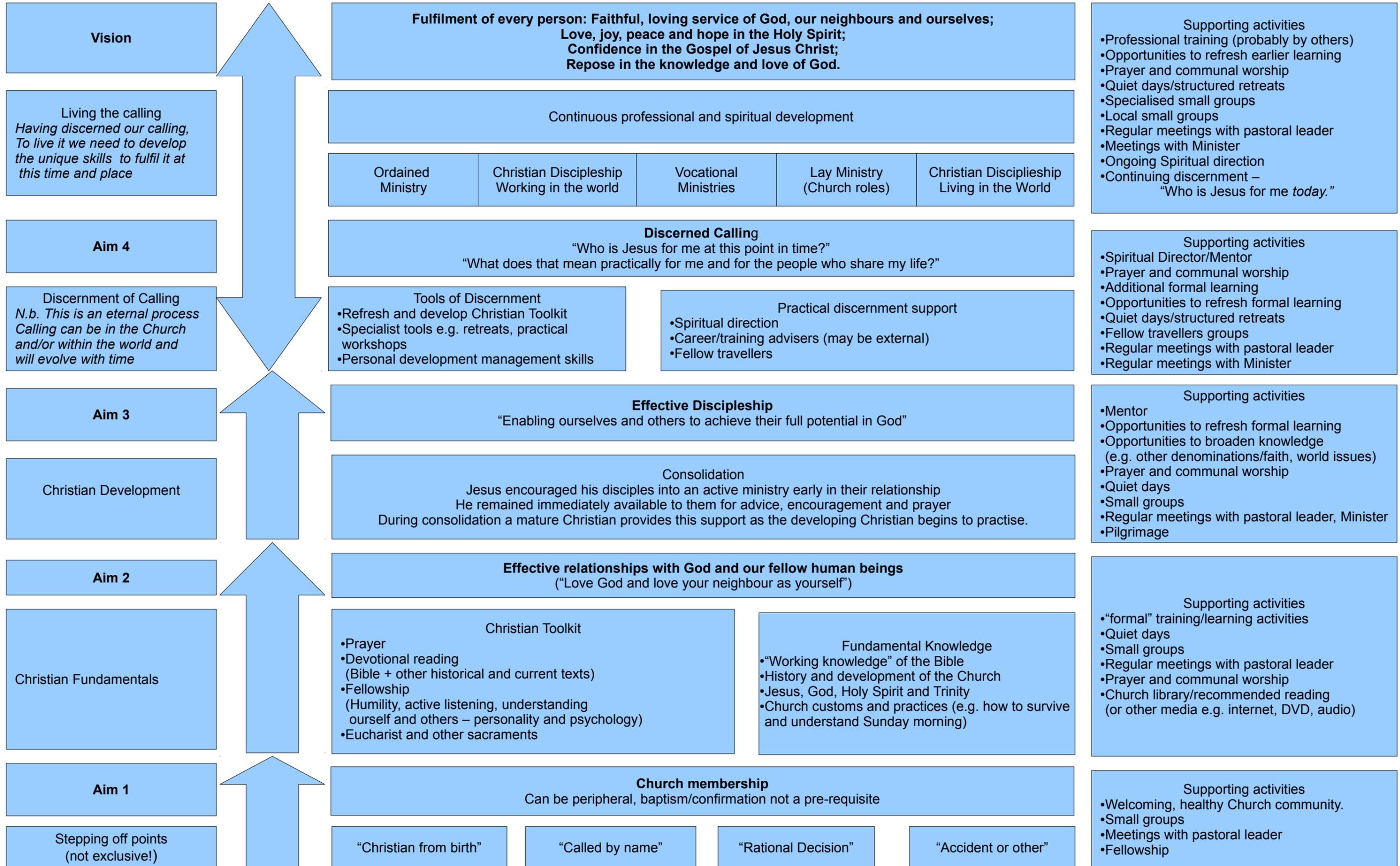
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# Using the framework

- Intended to act as a “road map” for discipleship (Lay/Ordained/Religious) by facilitating relationship with God and our neighbour
- Use existing resources and experience inside and outside the Church
- Identifies that our calling changes with time and signposts the resources required ongoing discernment

# Small Group Discussion

- How do you and members of your congregation learn more about Jesus and how to follow him?
- What one thing would you like to do in your parish that would help you or others in your congregation to grow in faith?
- How will you help make this happen?

# Thank you

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