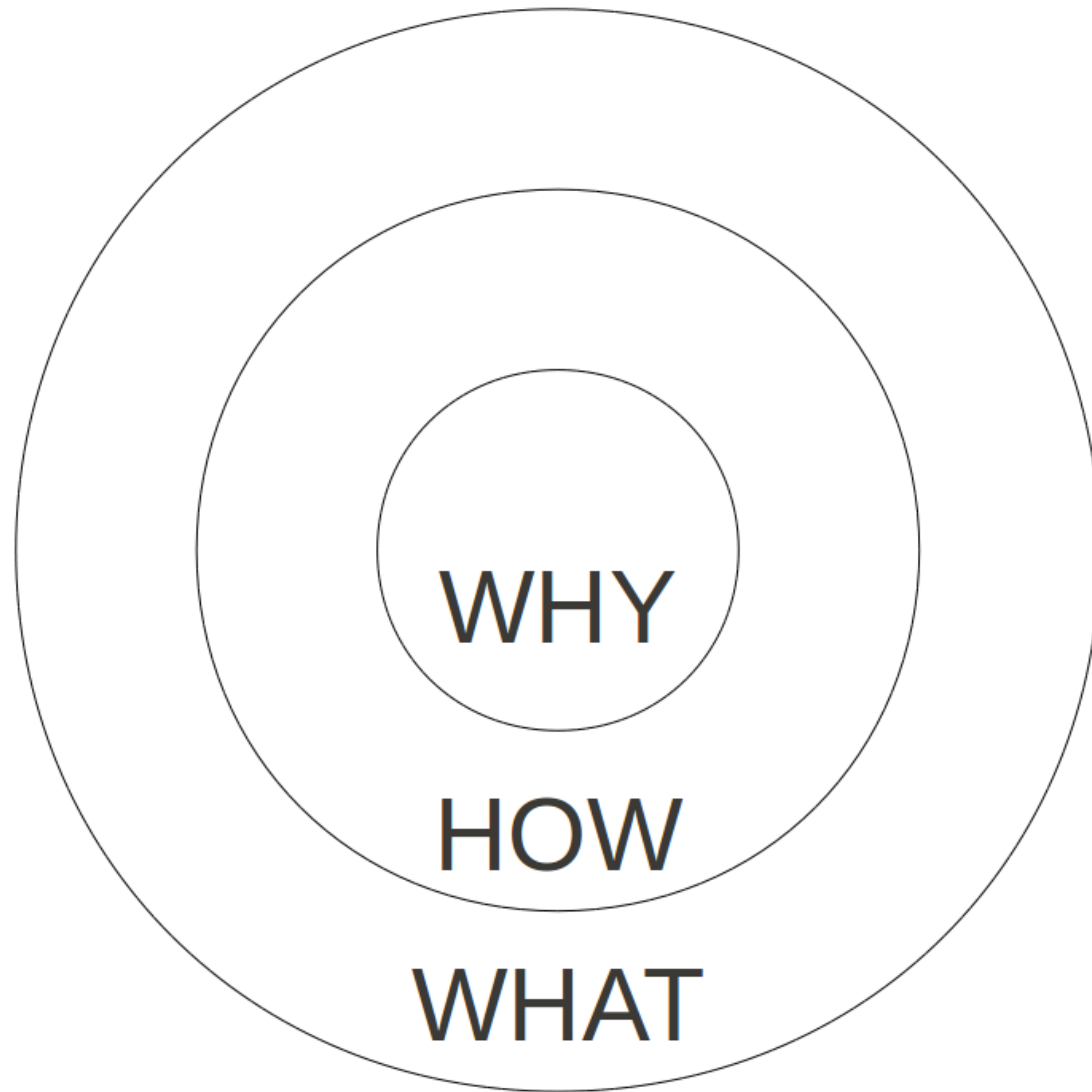


Discovering the WHY of the Christian Life

Ephesians 2:1-10



The 'golden circle' from Simon Sinek

The WHAT of the Christian Life:

- Make Disciples**
- Love the Lord, God with all your heart, soul, and mind**
- Love your neighbor as yourself**

The HOW of the Christian Life:

- Share the Gospel**
- Living life with fellow believers**
- Pursuing godliness**

The WHY of the Christian Life:

1. Jesus says so.

-Matthew 22:37-39;28:18-20

The WHY of the Christian Life:

2. Out of response to the transformation in my life through the grace, love, forgiveness, and mercy given to me through Jesus.

-Ephesians 2:1-10

The WHY of the Christian Life:

3. People are infinite, and they are valuable to God.

-II Peter 3:9

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. And our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner—no mere tolerance or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbour is the holiest object presented to your senses. If he is your Christian neighbour he is holy in almost the same way, for in him also Christ vere latitat—the glorifier and the glorified, Glory Himself, is truly hidden." - C.S. Lewis, *Weight of Glory*

The WHY of the Christian Life:

4. The opportunity for heavenly rewards.

-1 Peter 1:3-4