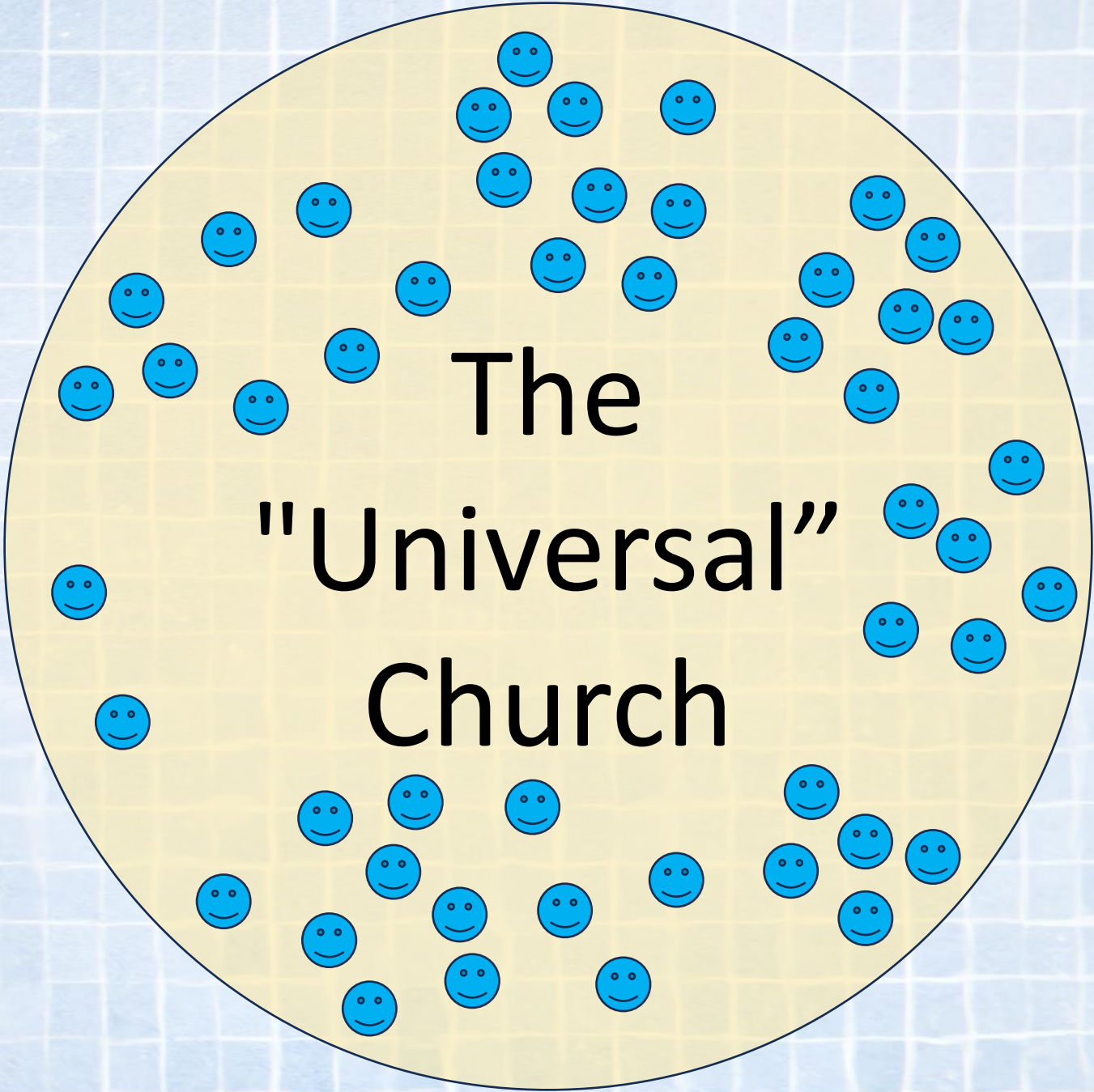


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The "Universal" Church

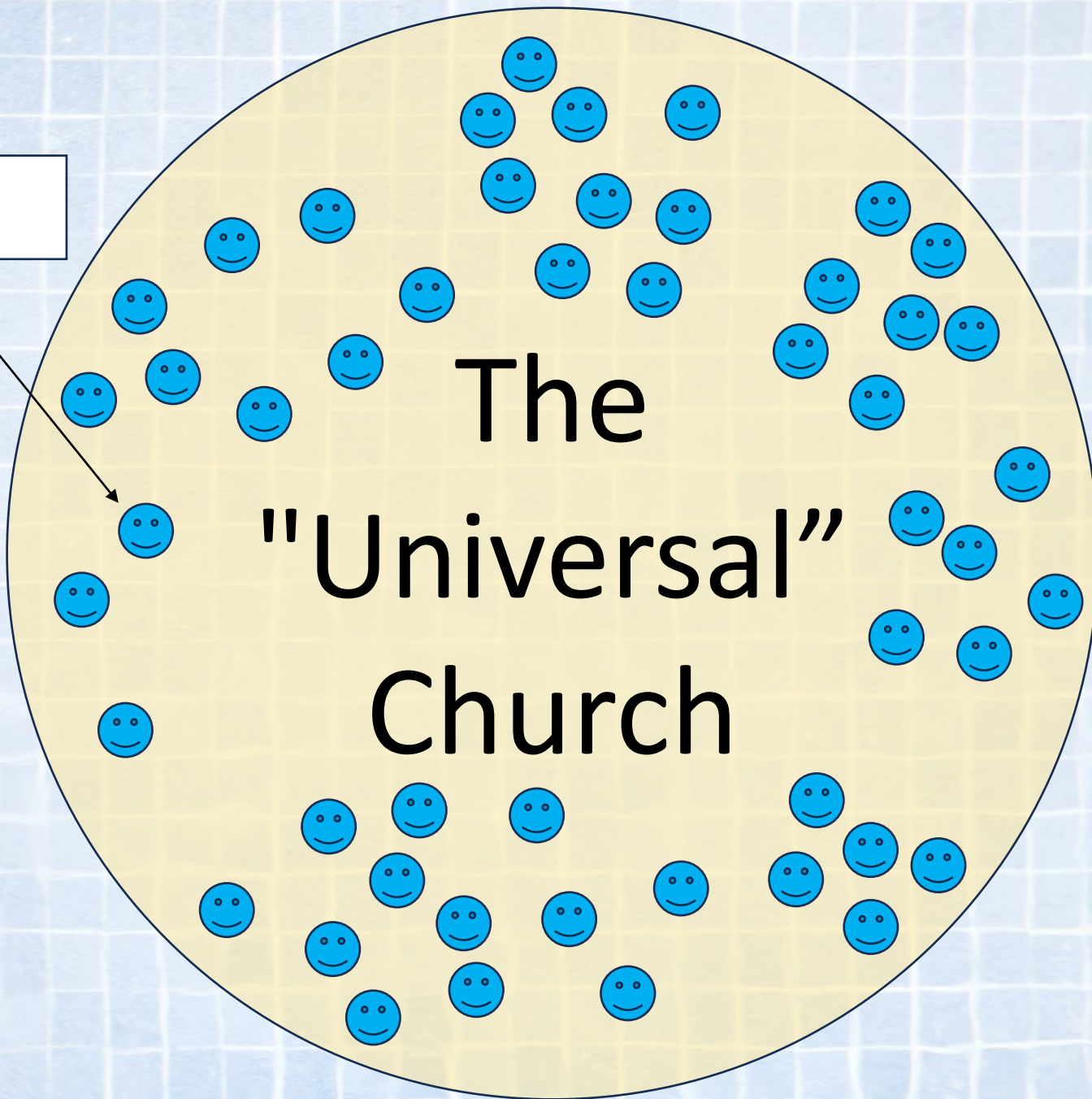


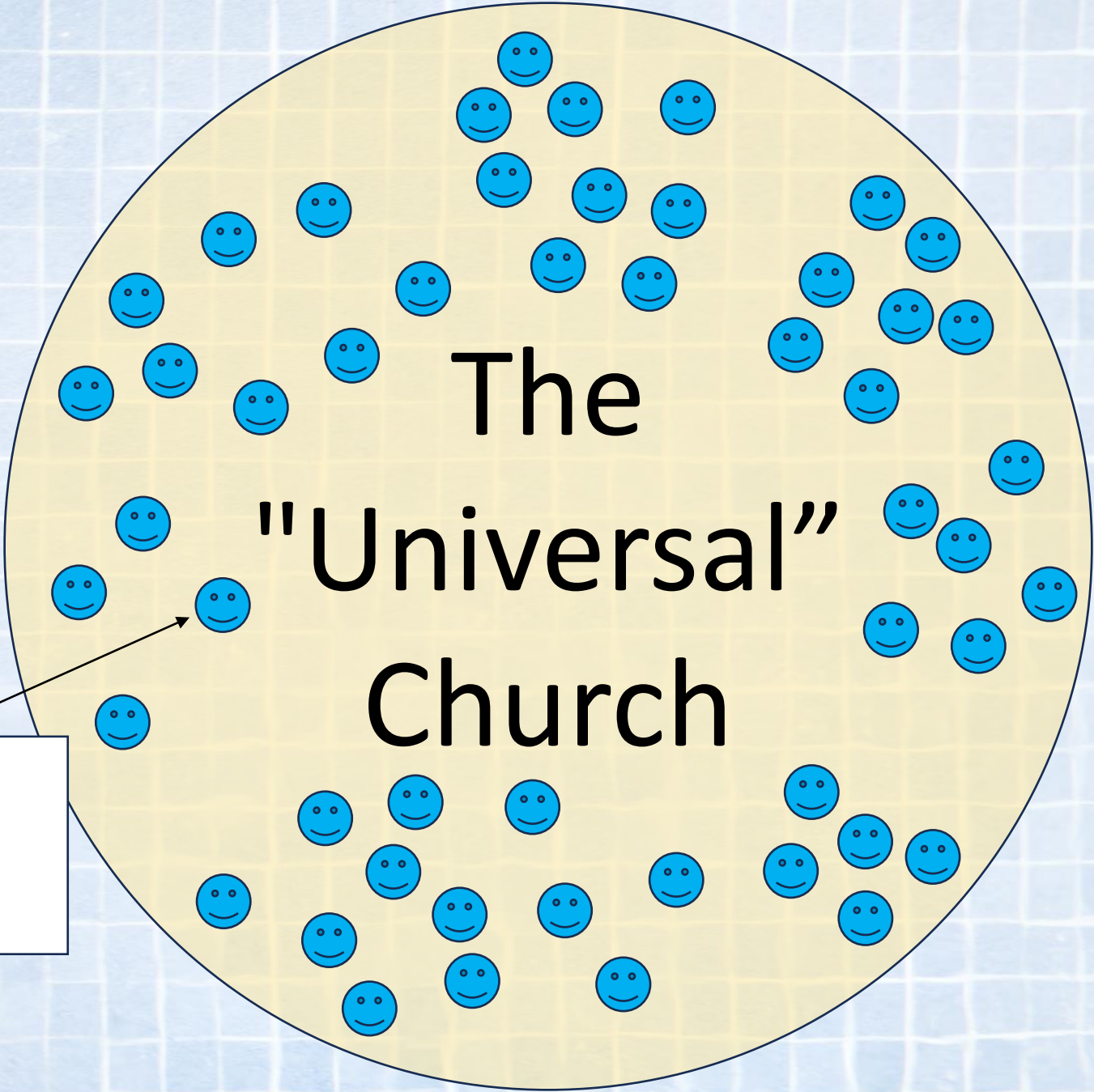
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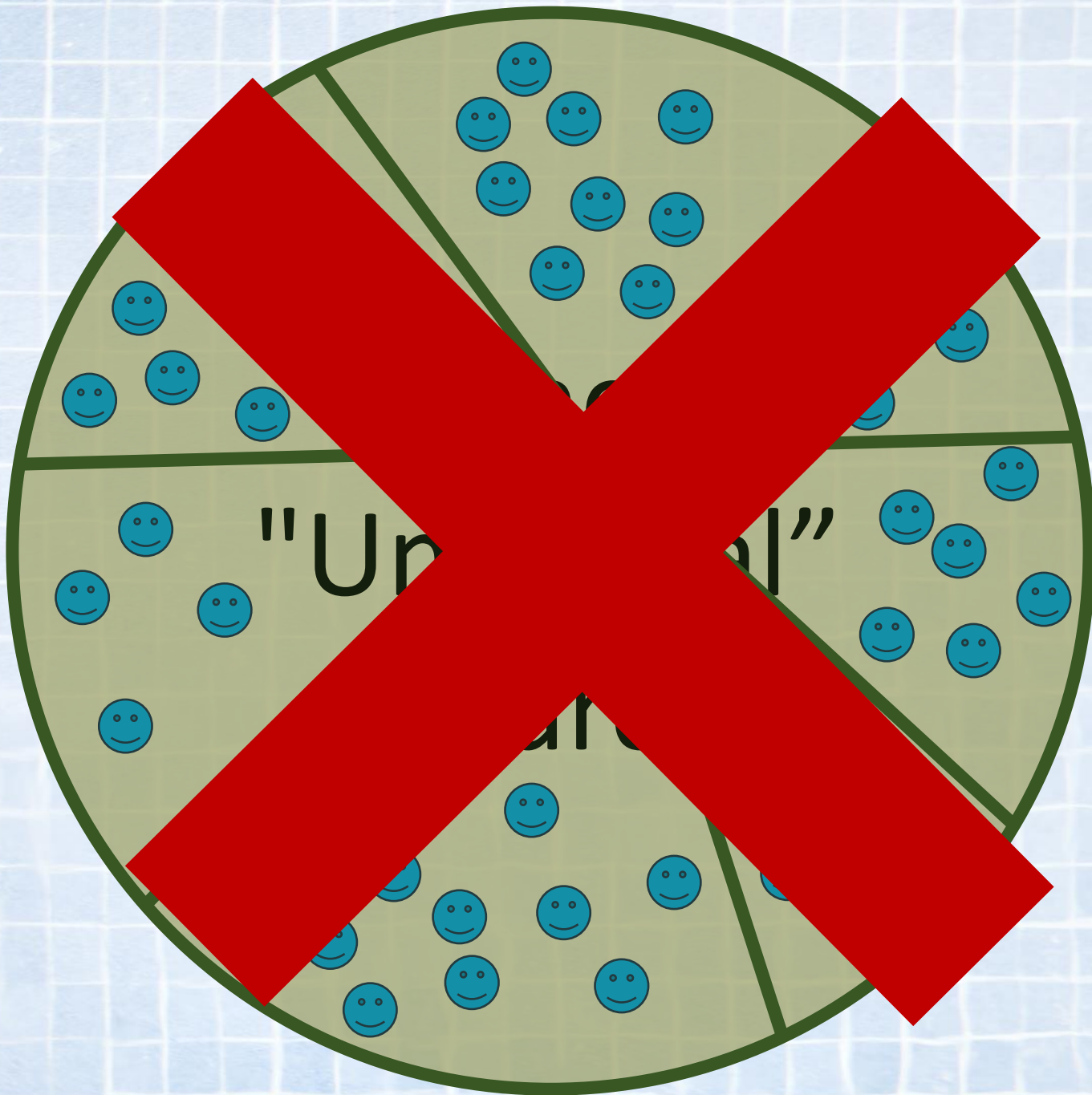


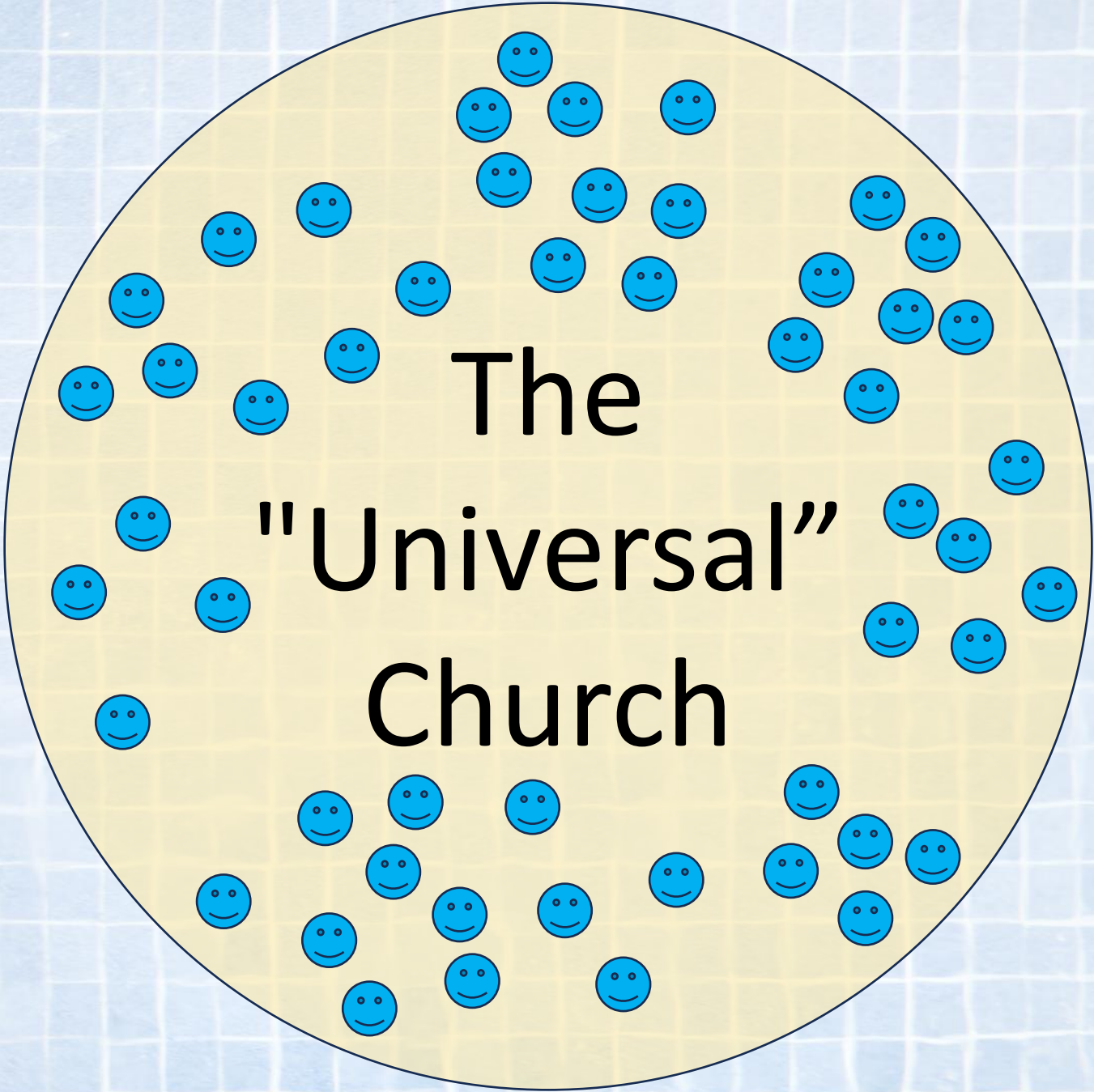
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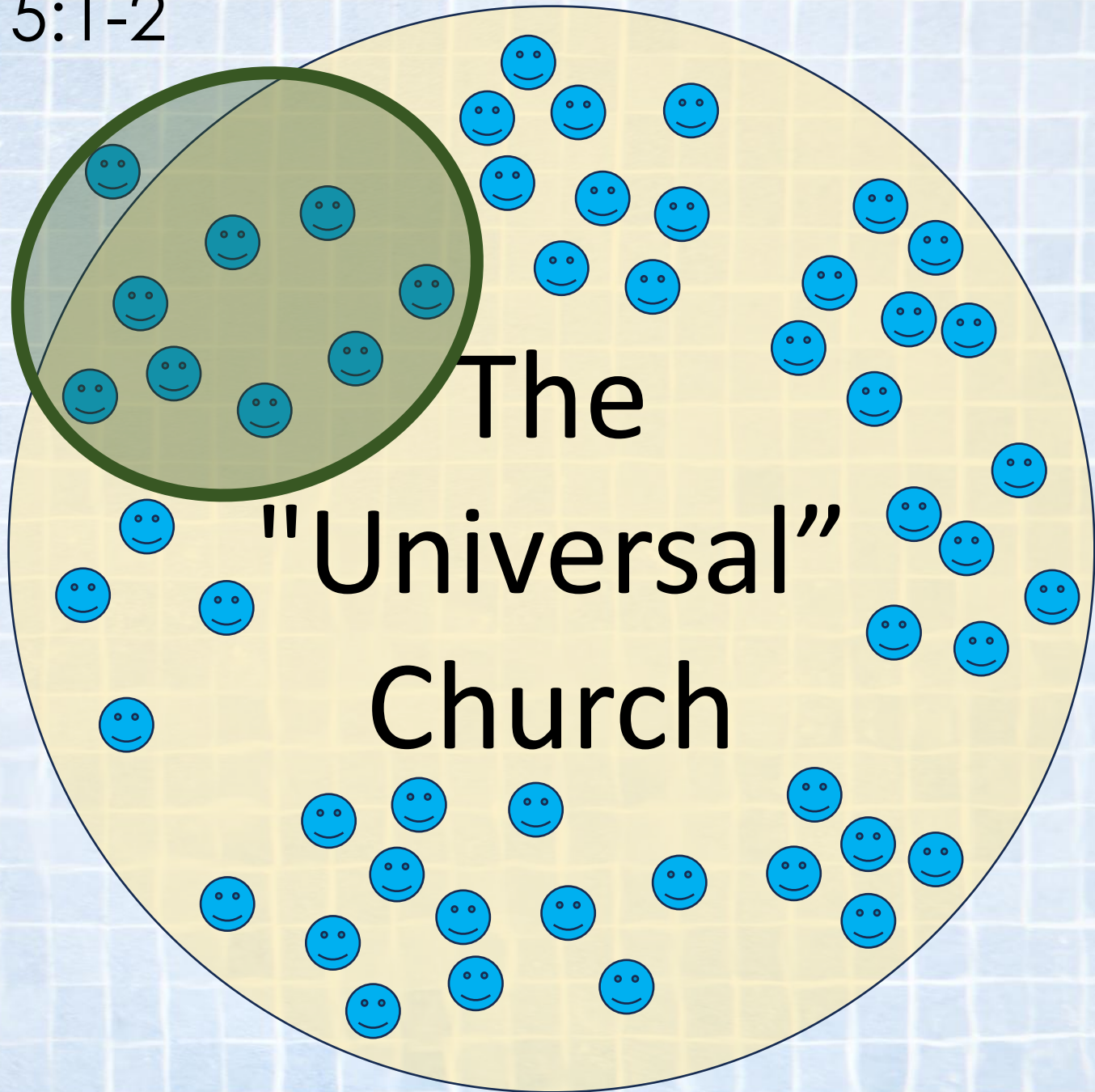


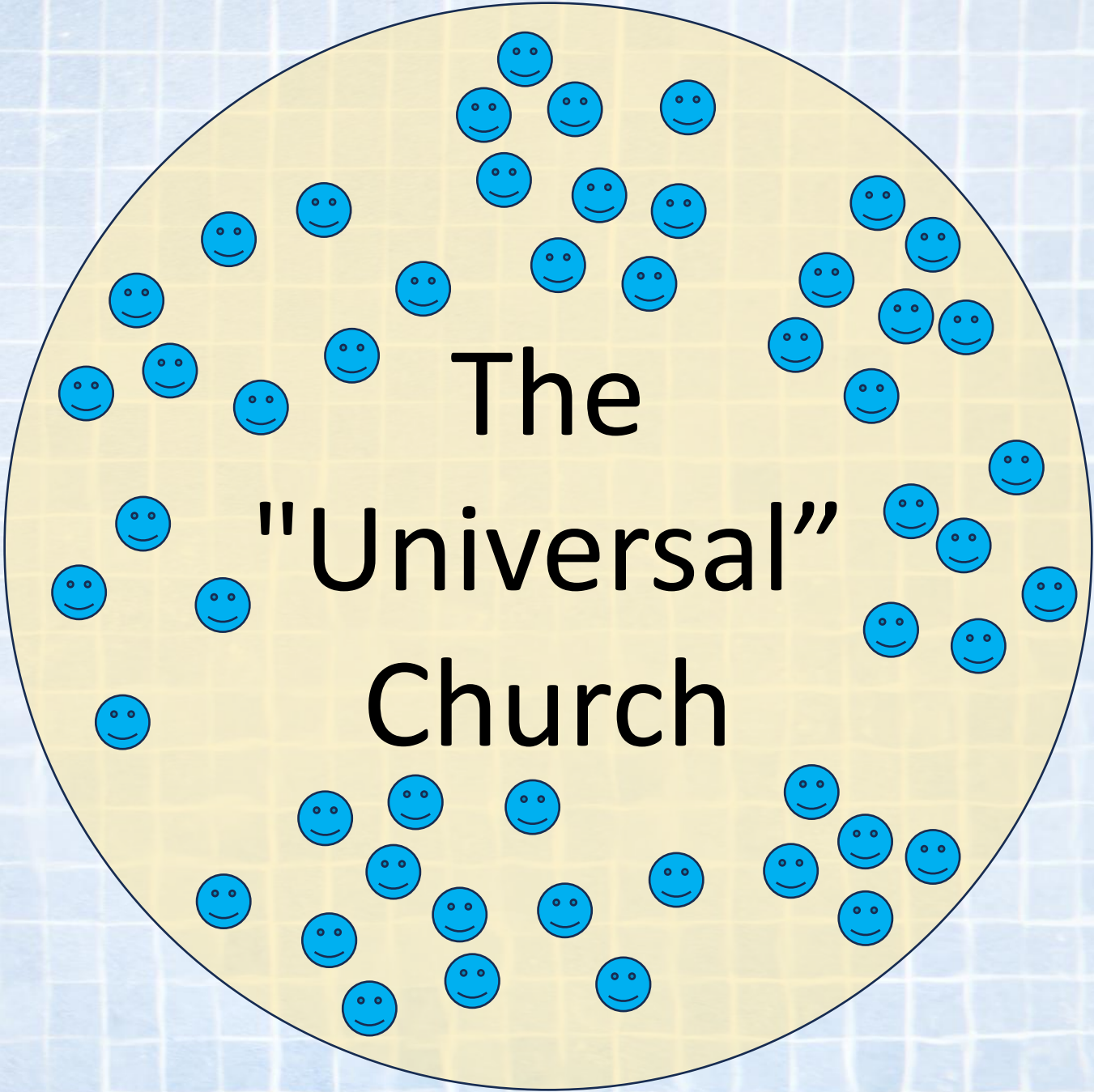




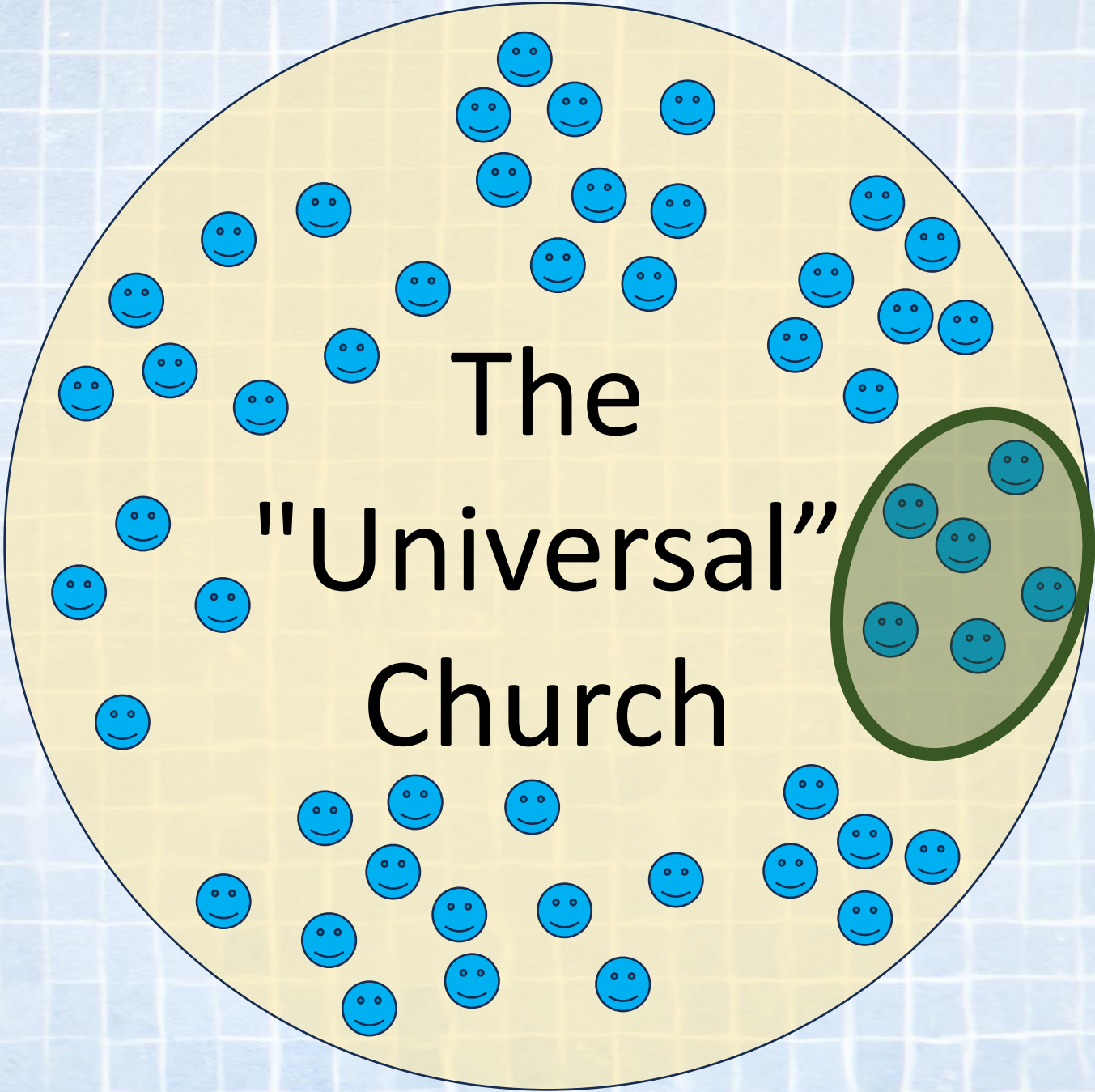
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1 Cor. 5:1-2



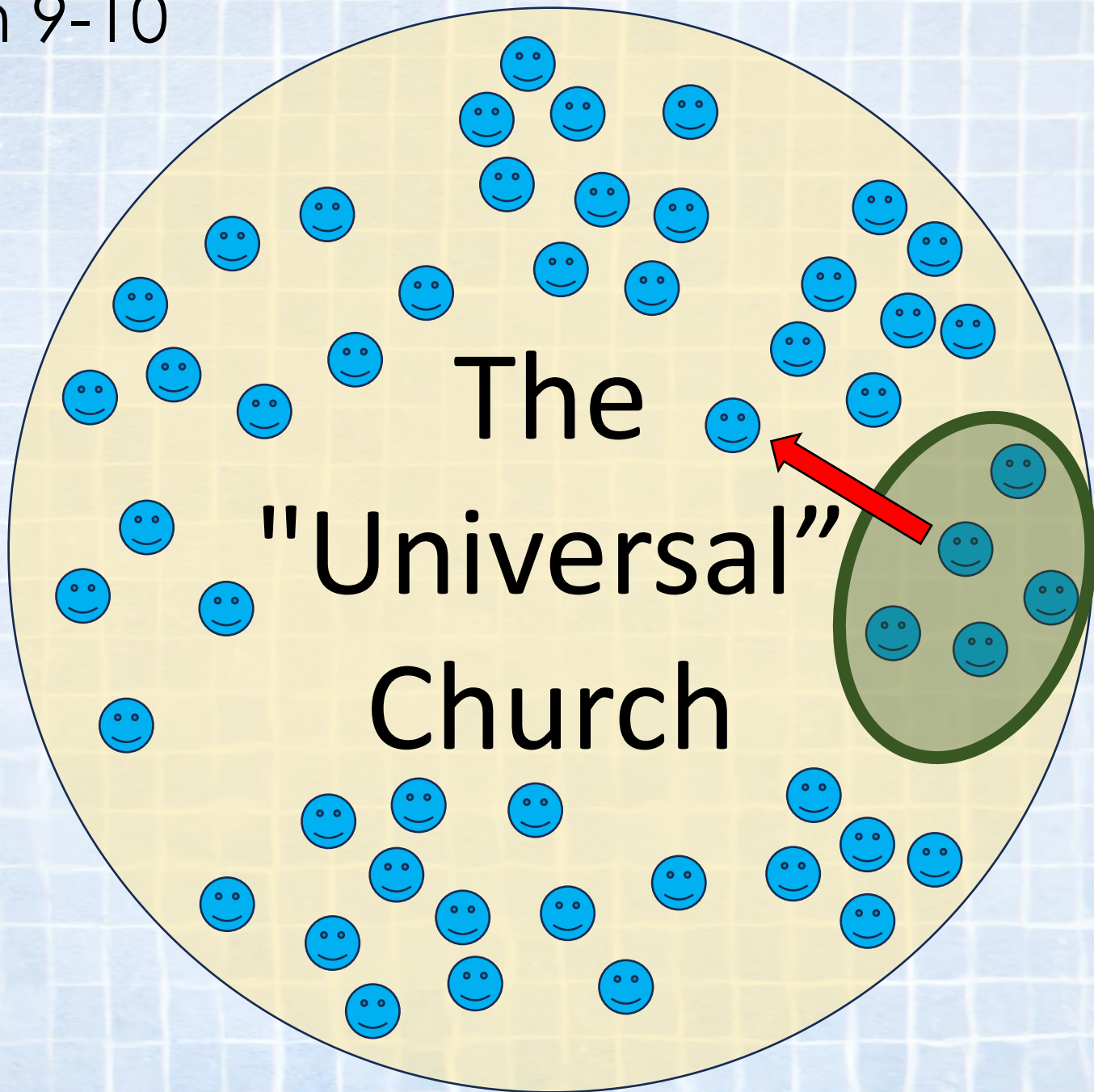


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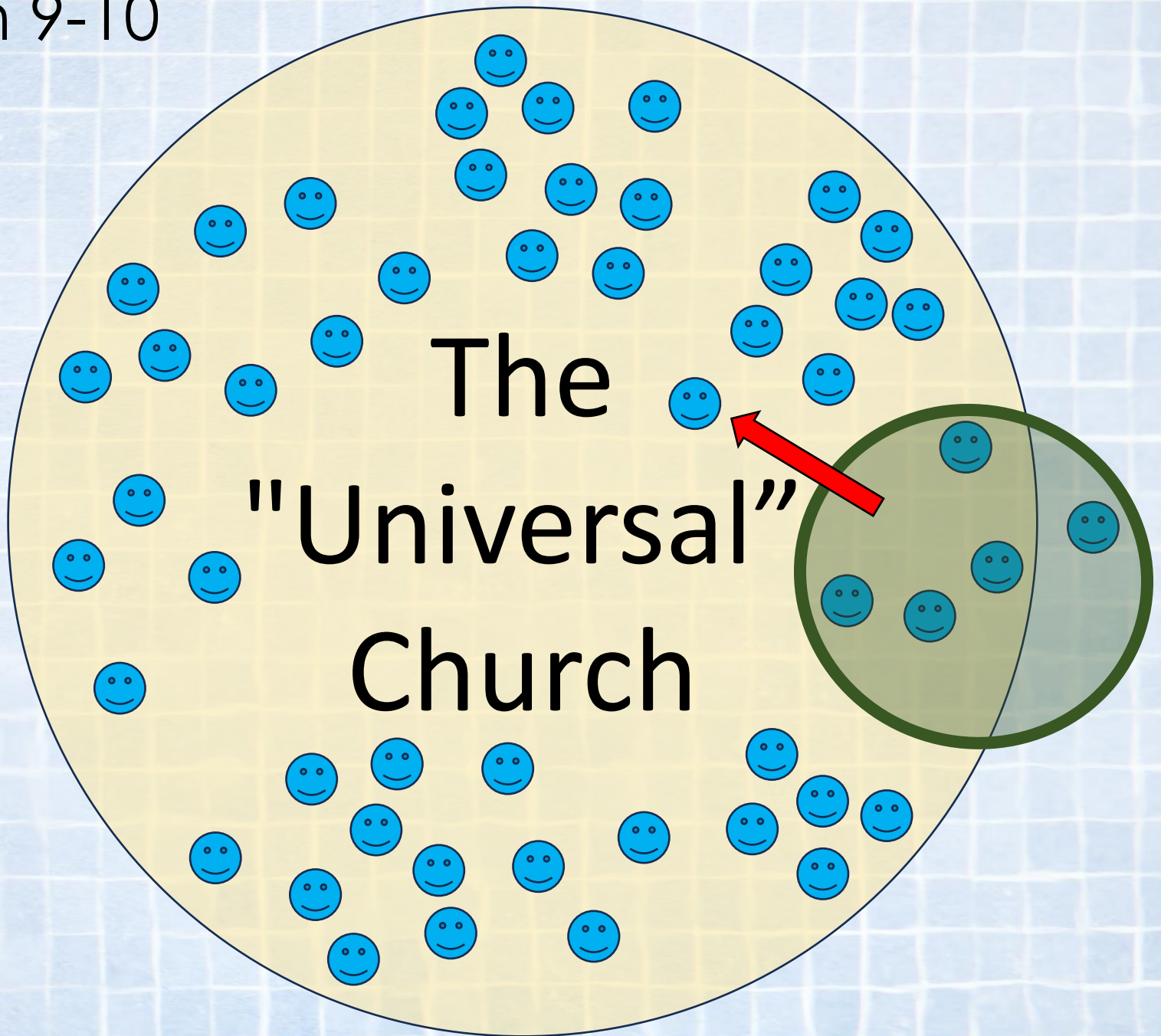


The
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Church

3 John 9-10



3 John 9-10





The
"Universal"
Church



church
at
Philippi



“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the **overseers** and **deacons:**”

(Philippians 1:1)

church
at
Philippi

church
at
Jerusalem

church
at
Antioch

Acts 11:27-30



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2 Cor. 8:1-4; 9:1-5;
1 Cor. 16:1-4

church
at
Philippi

church
at
Corinth

church
at
Jerusalem

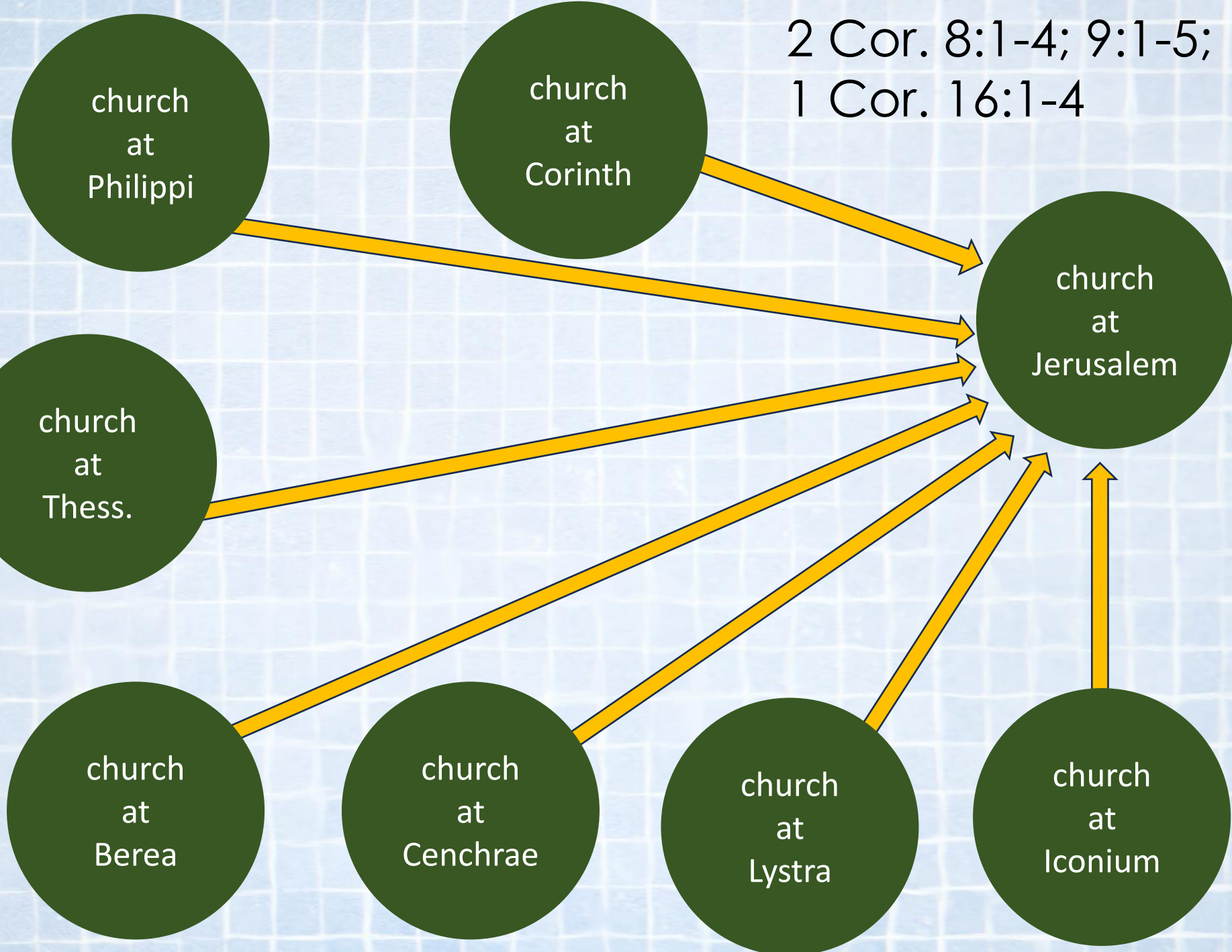
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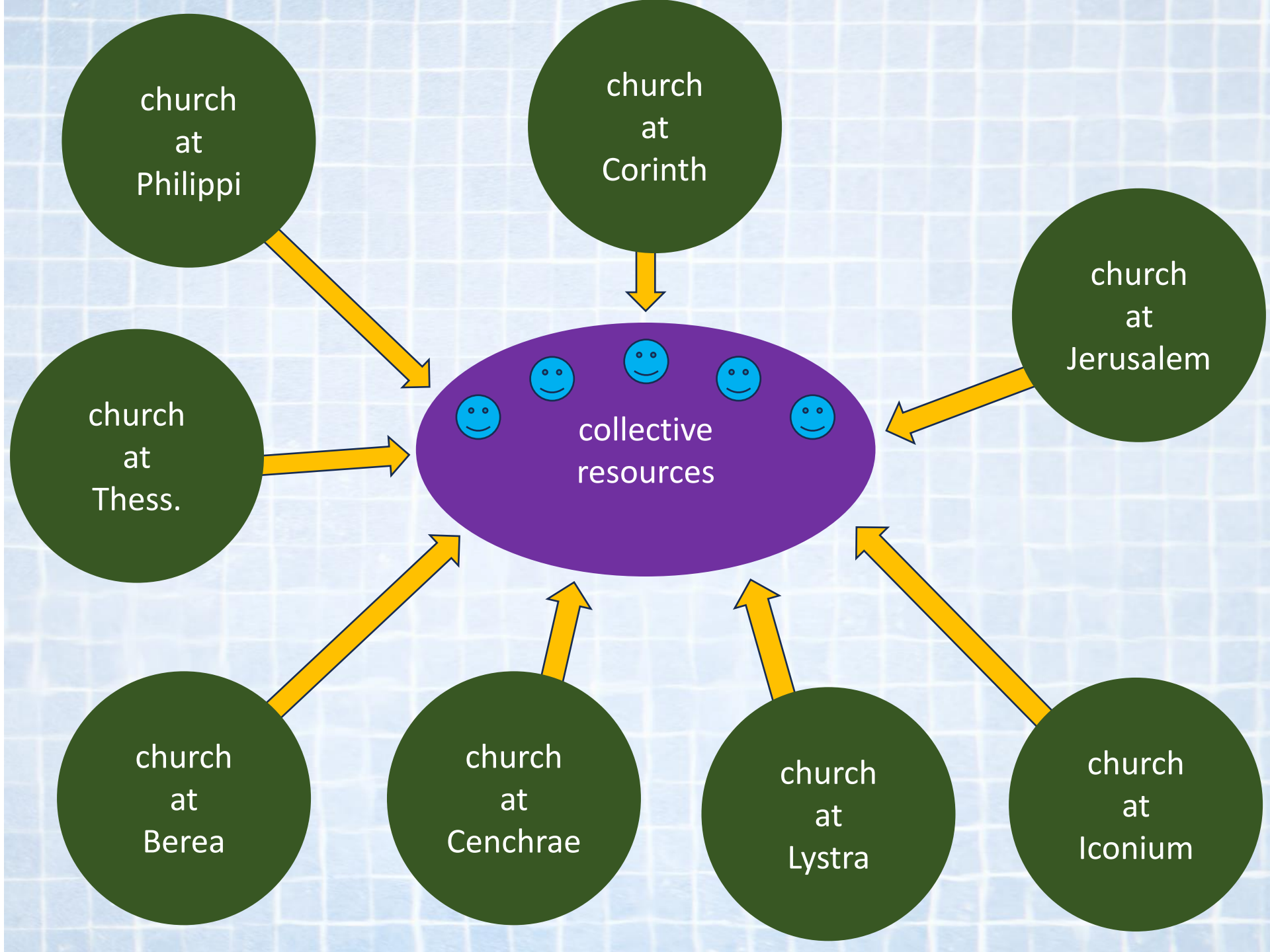
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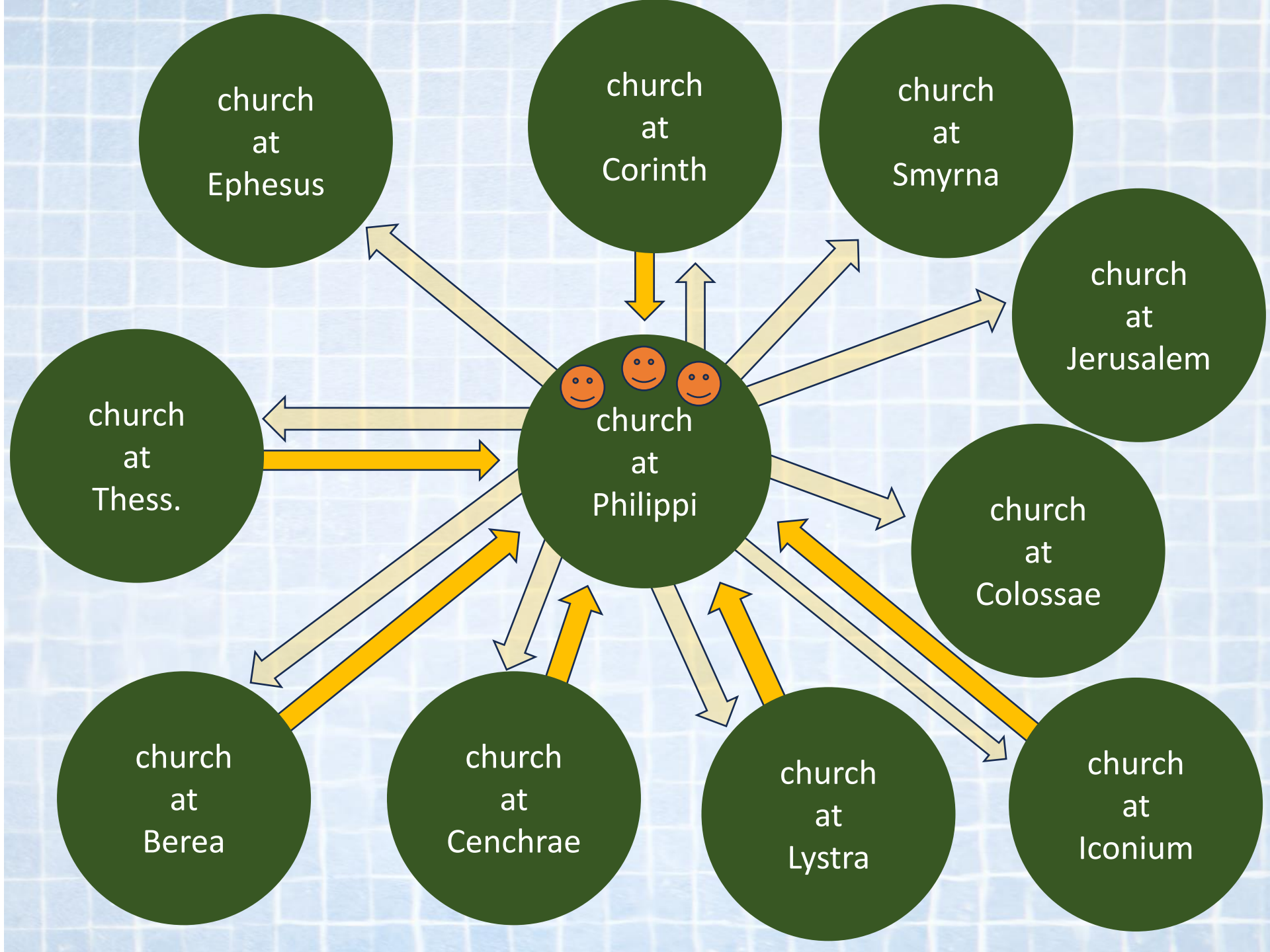
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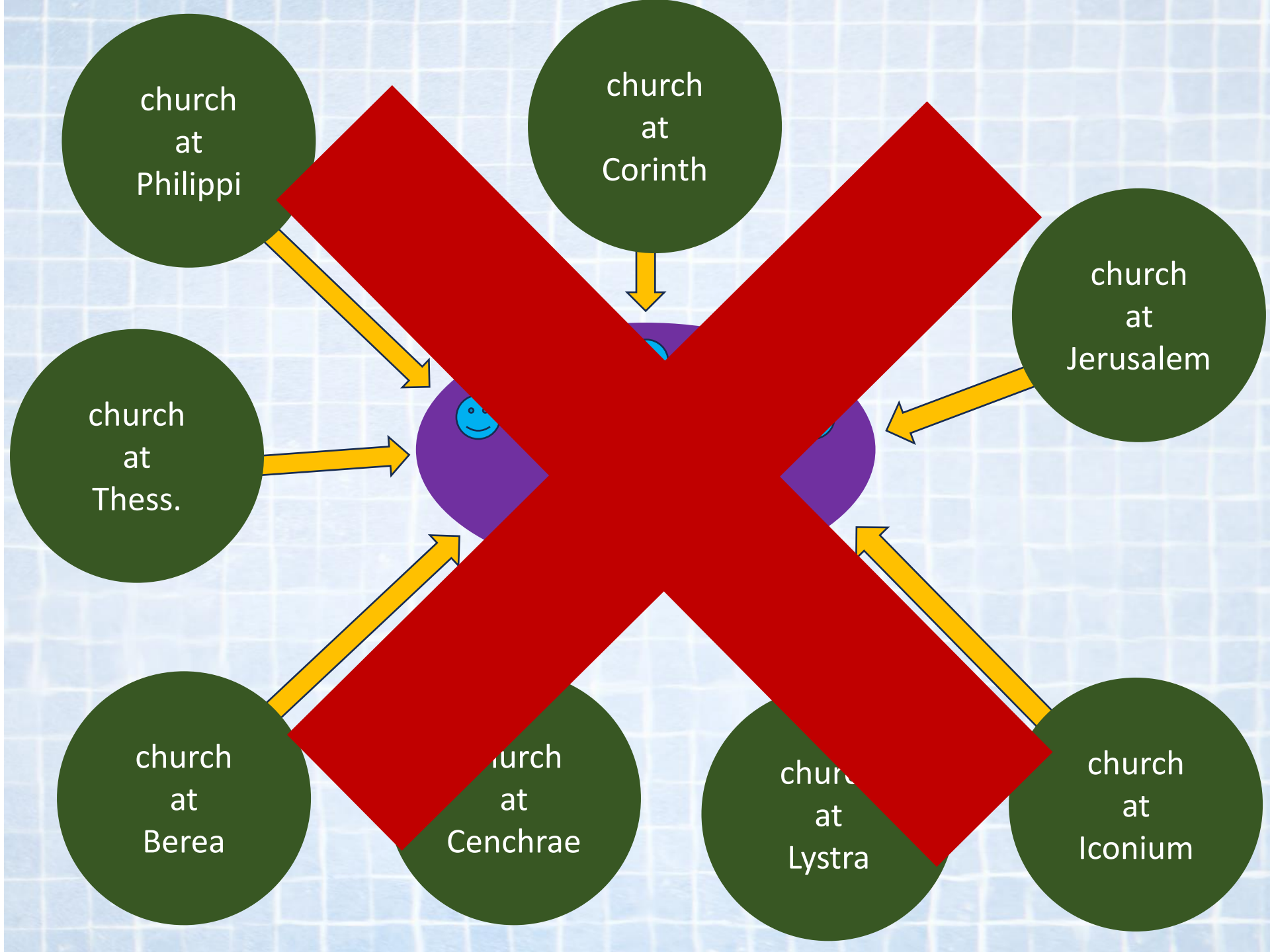
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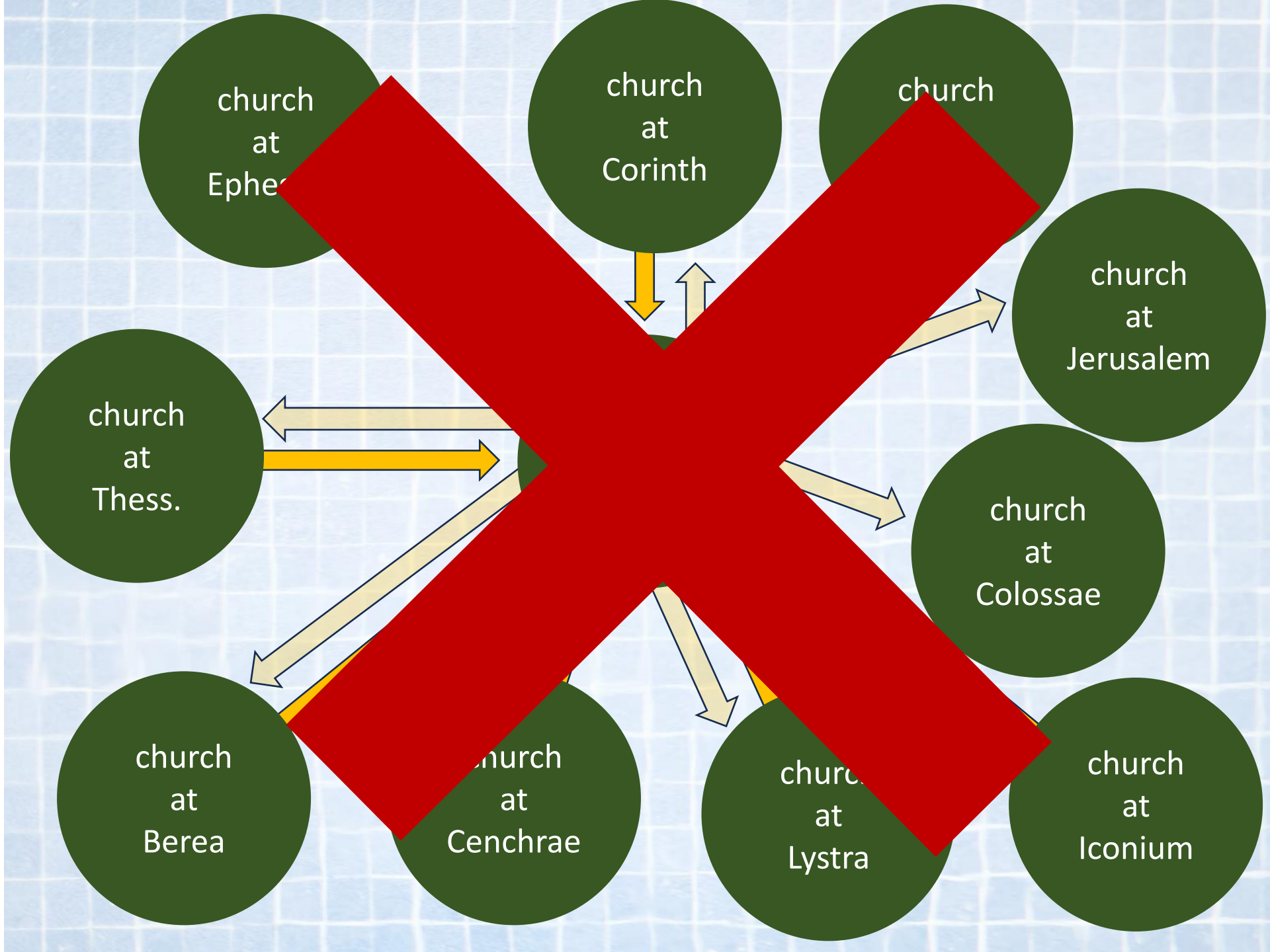
church
at
Iconium











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church
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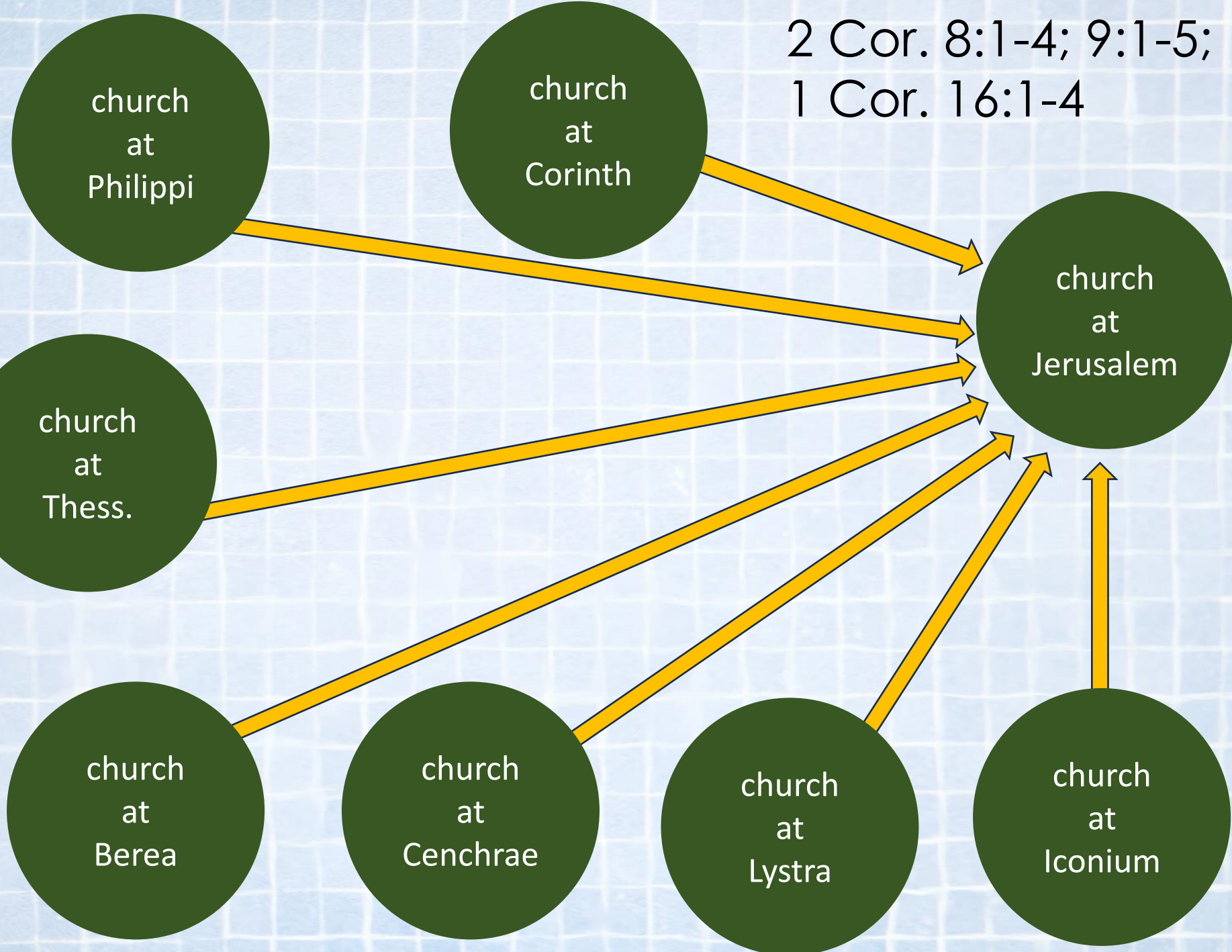
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Philippians 4:10; 14-20

church
at
Philippi



Paul
(in Rome)

1. Individual saints are added to the universal church when they are united with Christ.
2. Individual saints function collectively when they form or join local churches.
3. Local churches operate (and cooperate) independently of other local churches.
4. There is no Biblical authority for any level of organization between that of the local church and the universal church.