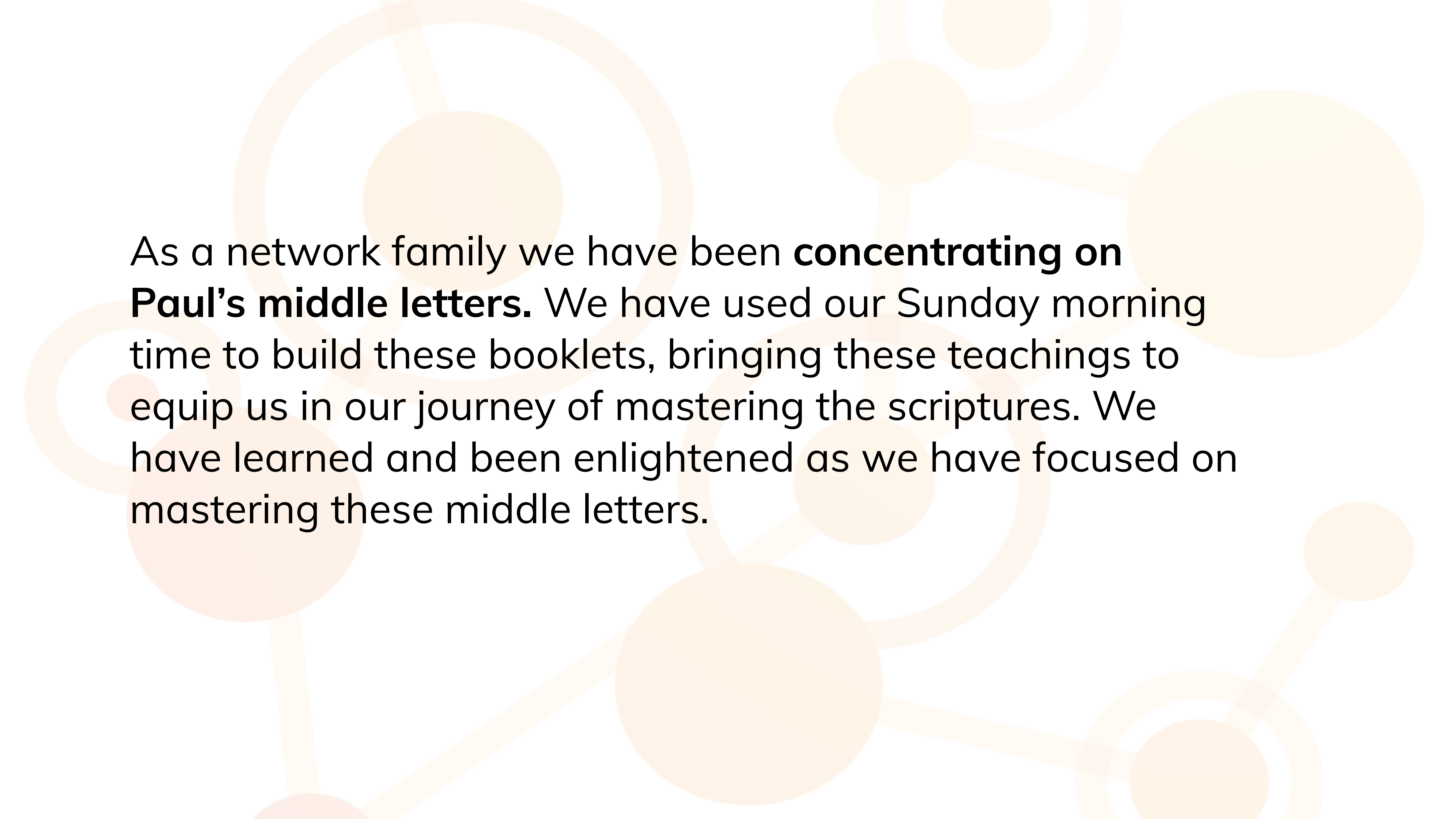


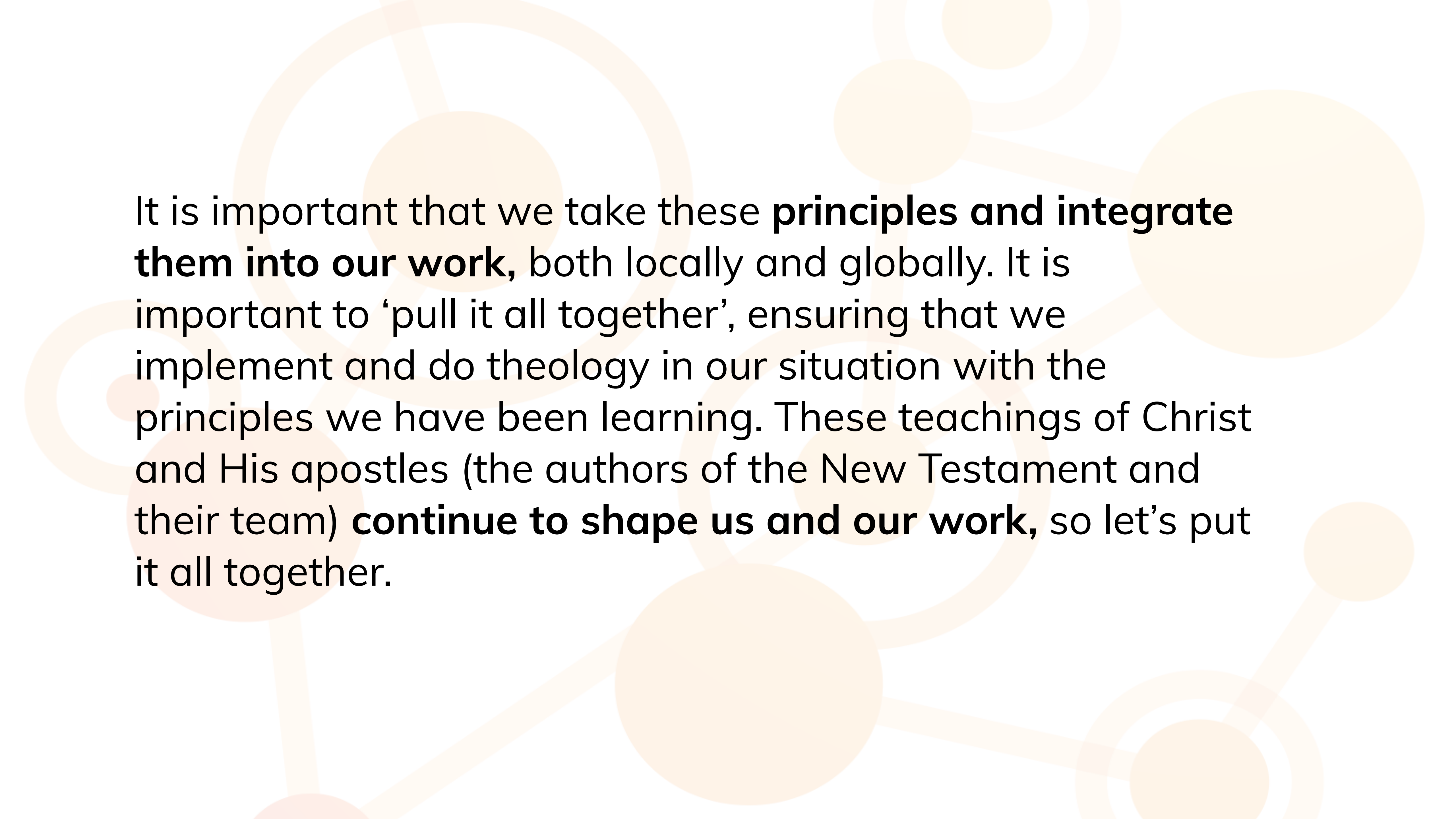
Pulling It Together - Our Work

Using what we have learned from the middle letters of Paul, to reflect on our local and global networks...of work.





As a network family we have been **concentrating on Paul's middle letters**. We have used our Sunday morning time to build these booklets, bringing these teachings to equip us in our journey of mastering the scriptures. We have learned and been enlightened as we have focused on mastering these middle letters.

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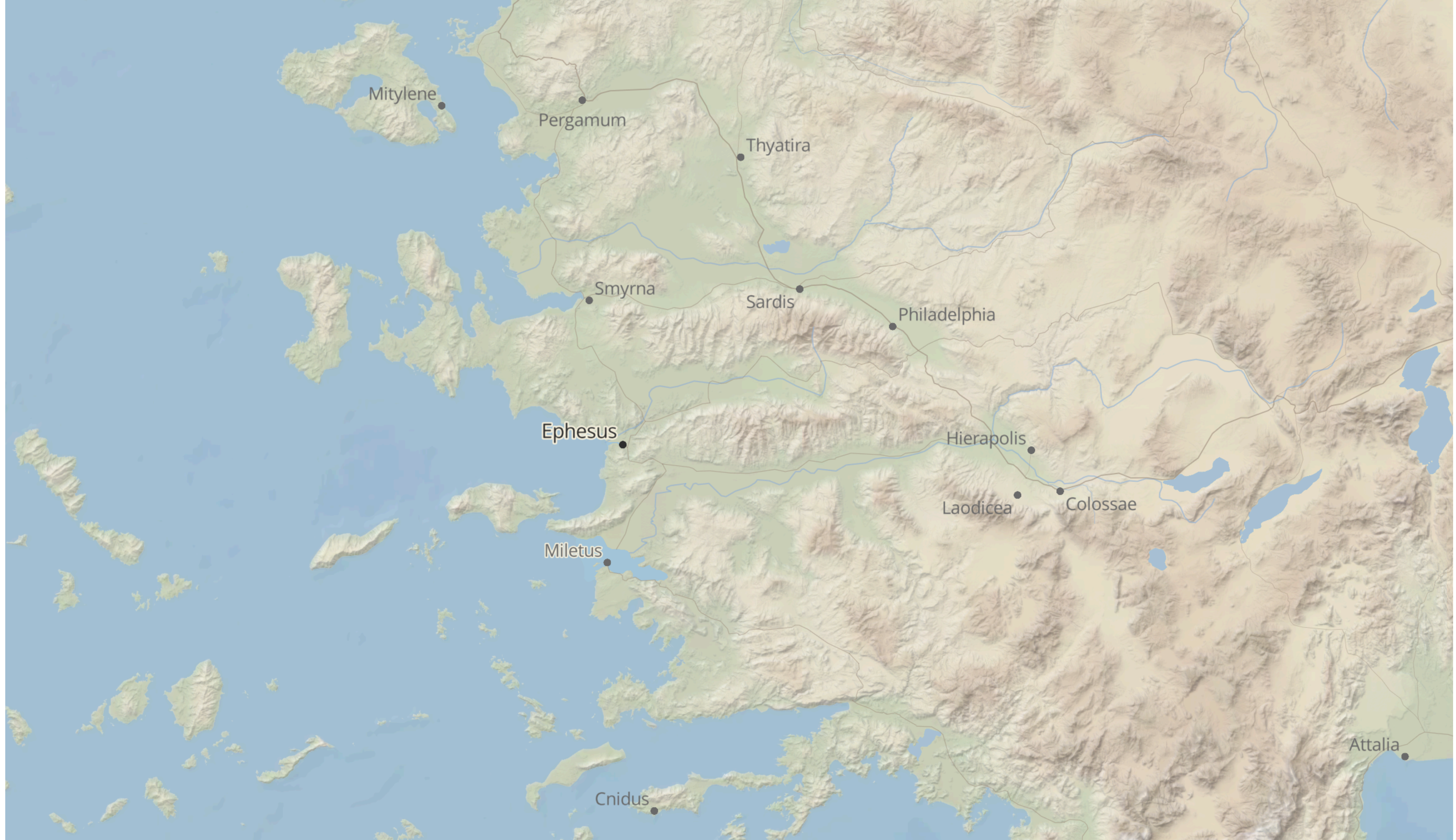
It is important that we take these **principles and integrate them into our work**, both locally and globally. It is important to ‘pull it all together’, ensuring that we implement and do theology in our situation with the principles we have been learning. These teachings of Christ and His apostles (the authors of the New Testament and their team) **continue to shape us and our work**, so let’s put it all together.

Principles from Ephesians, Philemon, Colossians

We know that Paul **was building a network of leaders and churches**, for the expansion and establishment of the gospel.

What is the essence of what he did that Christ expects us to follow?





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Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colossae

Miletus

Cnidus

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...same Spirit building networks with us today...

From Ephesians...to Philemon...to Colossians...to ADMCC...
to the global network family...to the global network of
partners

The Process of Building Strong Churches



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For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the **power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.** Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Eph 3:14-21





Colossians 2:6-8 - be firmly rooted, built up in Christ's teachings

Philemon - we are constantly to go back to the first principles, we are to live in peace within our culture/city, seeking its progress/welfare by engaging in meeting needs and good occupations - not transforming the city by challenging government authority, instead through the "living of our lives we impact".



Key Components of What Paul Did

1. Built a base church (that served as a hub)
2. Expanded the churches around the base (intentional strategy and spontaneous expansion)
3. Establish those churches, forming clusters, as they emerge

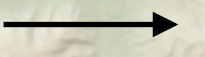
Cluster from Revelation



Base-Hub



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Invest in Eldership - to stabilize and establish churches

- Ongoing challenging and correcting with apostolic authority, giving honor, developing love and passion together

Invest into strategic hubs, clusters and churches

- Establish them into the grand strategy, the philosophy and the first principles
- Teaching them to do practical theology in their situations, dealing with political, cultural and religious issues

All Churches Urged to Participate in the Larger Network

- Compelling them that they are all part of the network
- Asking them to participate fully
- Emphasizing the important of apostolic authority and eldership

An Intergenerational Process

- Coworkers dealing with cracks in eldership
- Assessing the 2nd and 3rd generation - understanding ideas, but losing the mission