



Global Recovery of The Way of Christ and His Apostles



Our Work...Global Recovery of The Way of Christ and His Apostles

Bill is working on Bible translations in Indonesia and India

Steve has returned from China and Nigeria, DEAC is next

Jeff is working in China, India, Bangladesh and Nepal



Meetings tomorrow night

6:00-8:00 apostolic team

- Competency work - plans, progress
- CityChurch projects

View Assessment	Student ✓	Certified Leader ✓	Associate Faculty ✓
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8:00-10:00 all leaders meeting



















- Reflections on Romans
- CityChurch projects
- Shepherding giving in our churches

The graphic is a large rectangle divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant contains the CityChurch logo (a cluster of colored squares) and the text 'citychurch ames-des moines'. The top-right quadrant contains the text 'STRATEGIC INTENT 2018-2020'. The bottom half of the graphic is a network diagram with three main nodes: 'Ames Des Moines' (with a cityscape image), 'North America' (with the Empire State Building image), and 'Worldwide' (with a cityscape image). The bottom-left quadrant contains the text 'Planting and Establishing Churches in Ames and Des Moines'. The bottom-right quadrant contains the text 'Antioch Tradition Worldwide' and a logo consisting of a circle with a vertical line and several smaller circles.

Core Training Modules (Leadership Series I Courses)

Acts: Keys to the Establishment and Expansion of the First Century Church

Determined the fundamental biblical principles regarding the mission of the Church and its role in missions and developed guidelines and strategies from these principles for a local church's involvement.

Developed a basic understanding of biblical keys to the establishment and expansion of the first-century Church and how to use these keys in the establishment and expansion of the global Church.		View Assessment	Student 	Certified Leader 	Associate Faculty 
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Family Finances

Budget goal for week 13 - \$118,755

Received - \$96,751

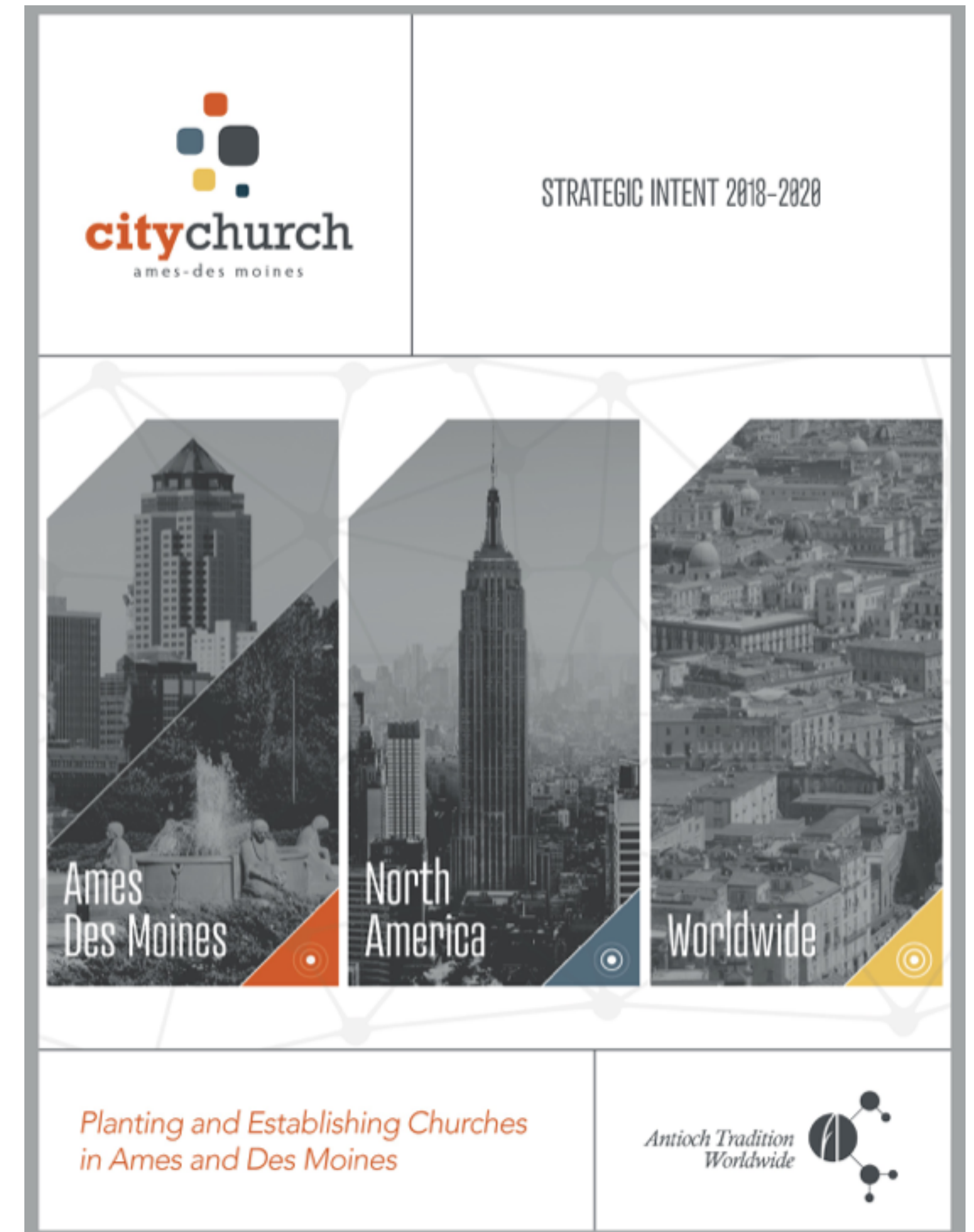
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Shepherding for establishment and maturity

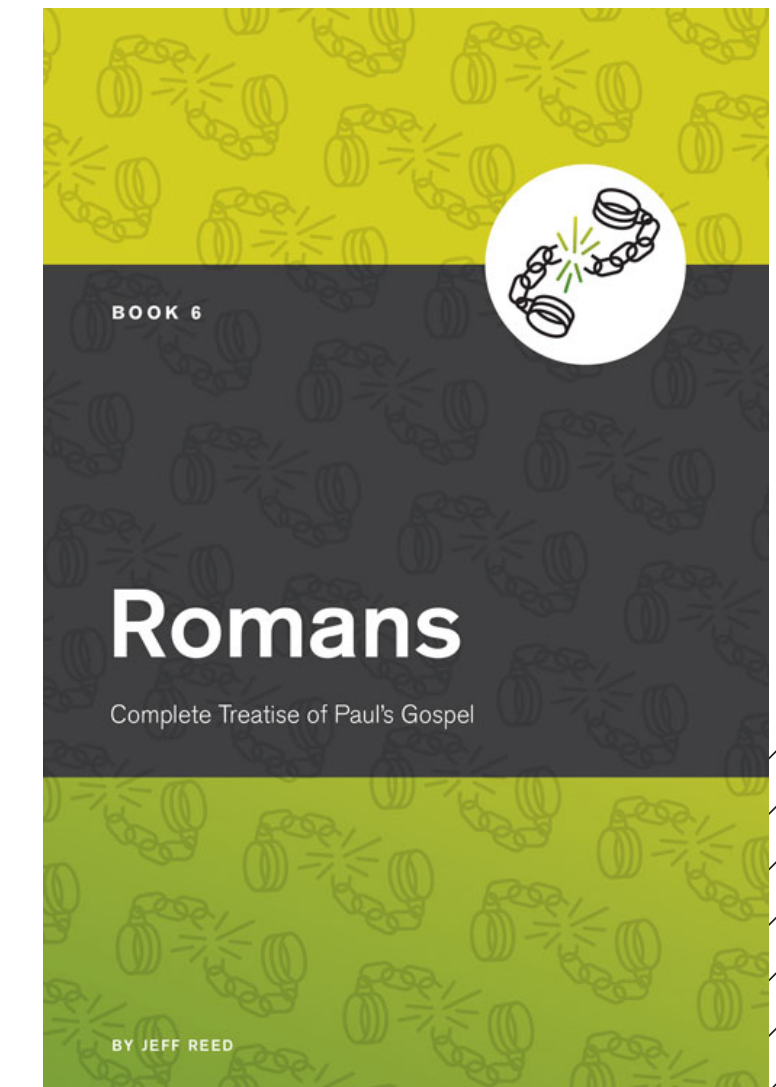
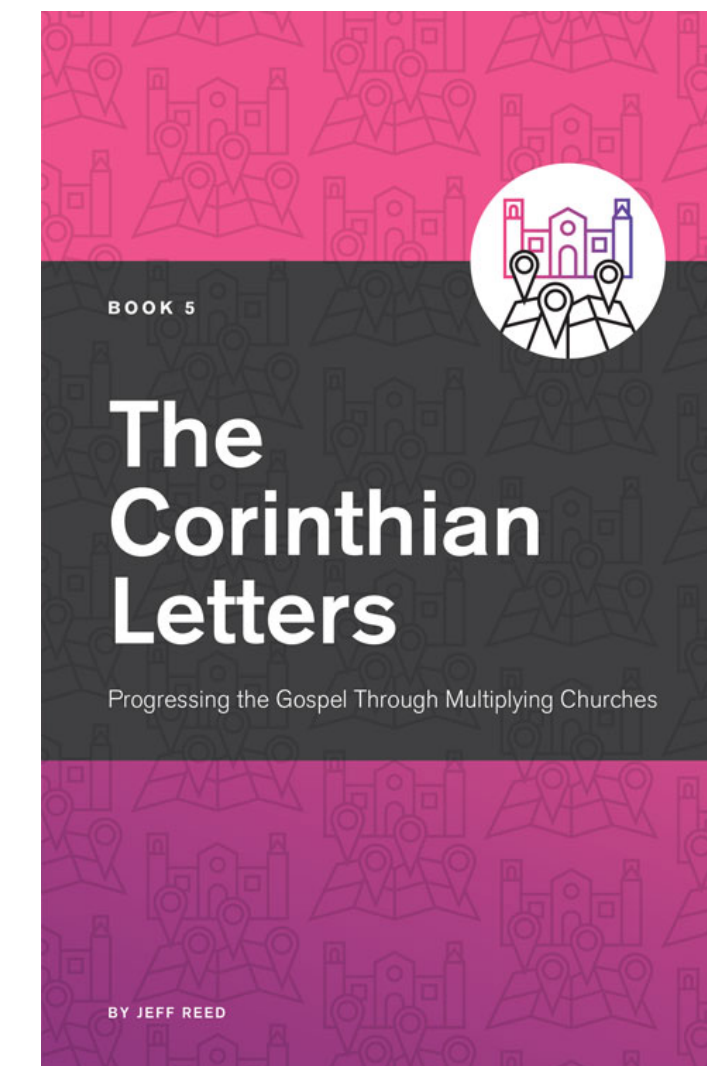
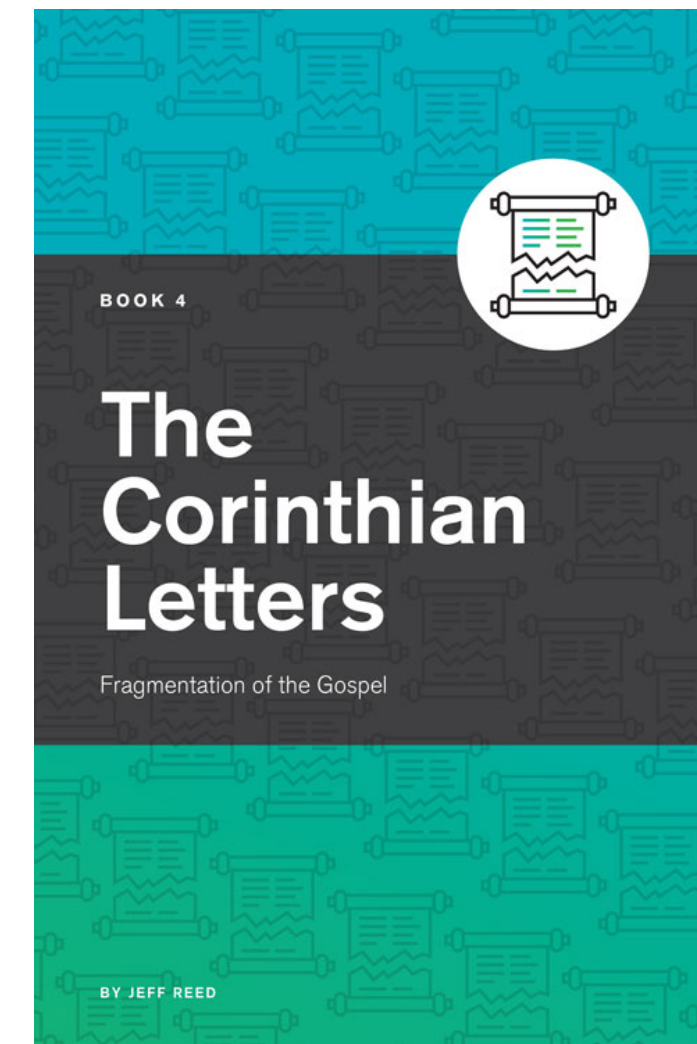
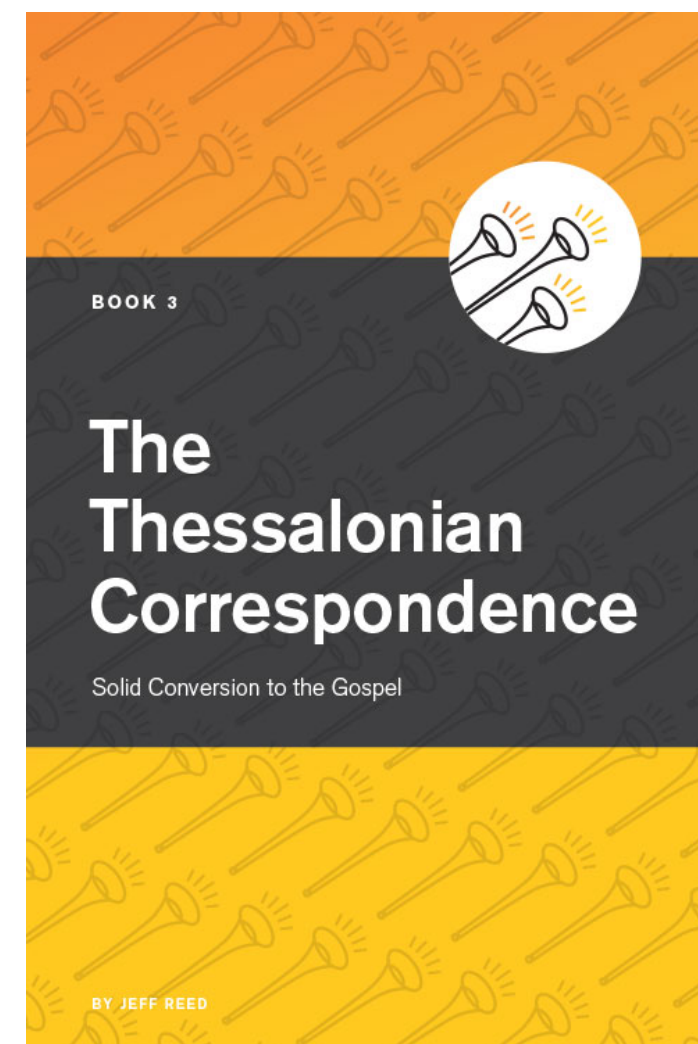
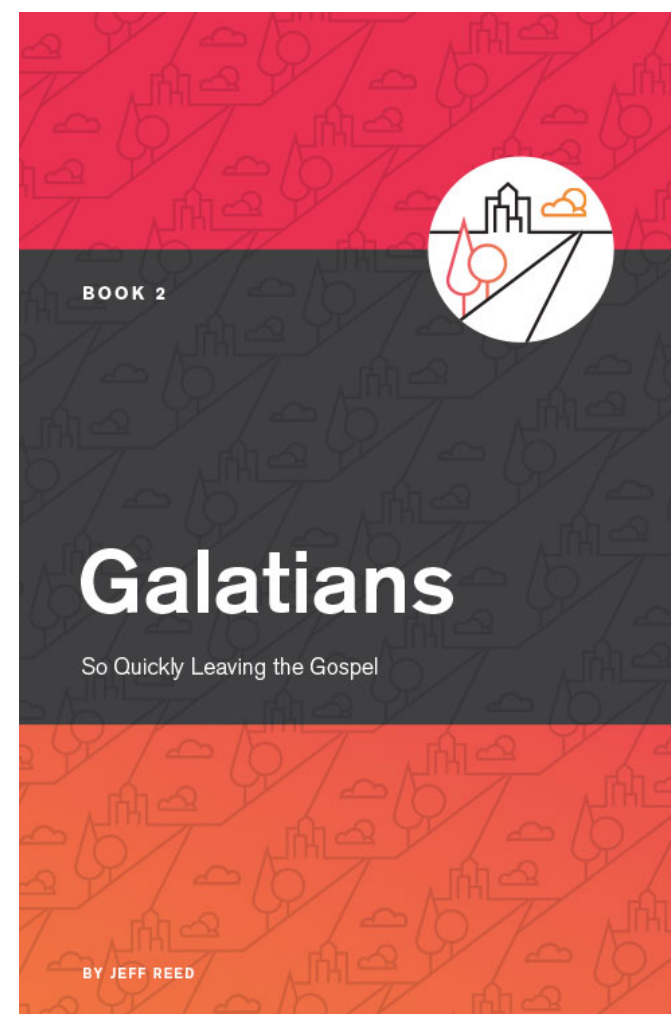
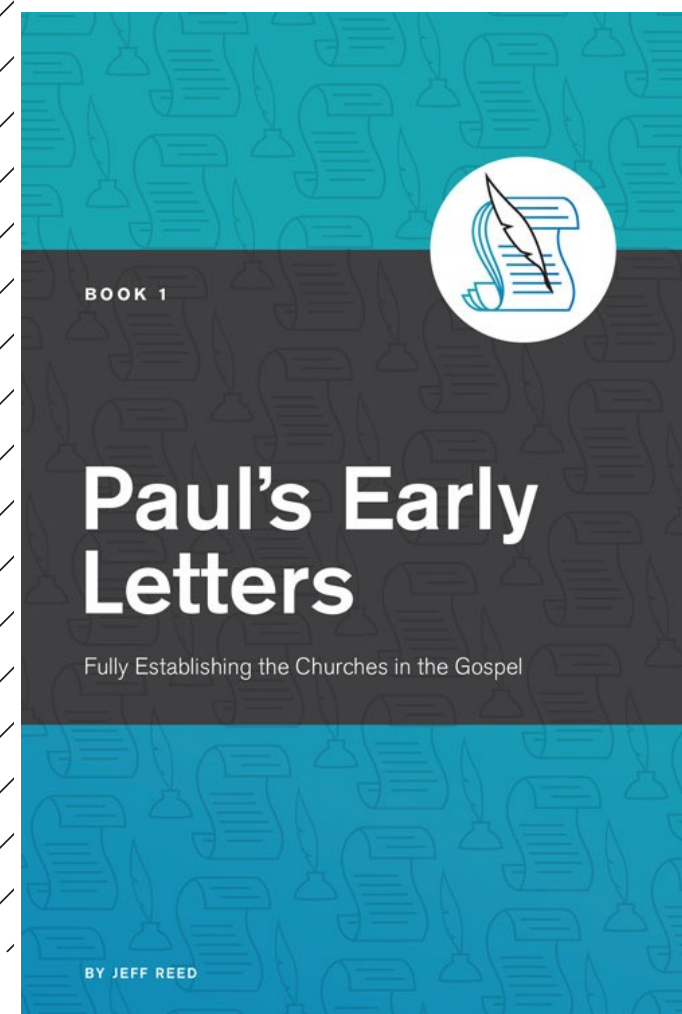
- regularly discussing the importance of gifts

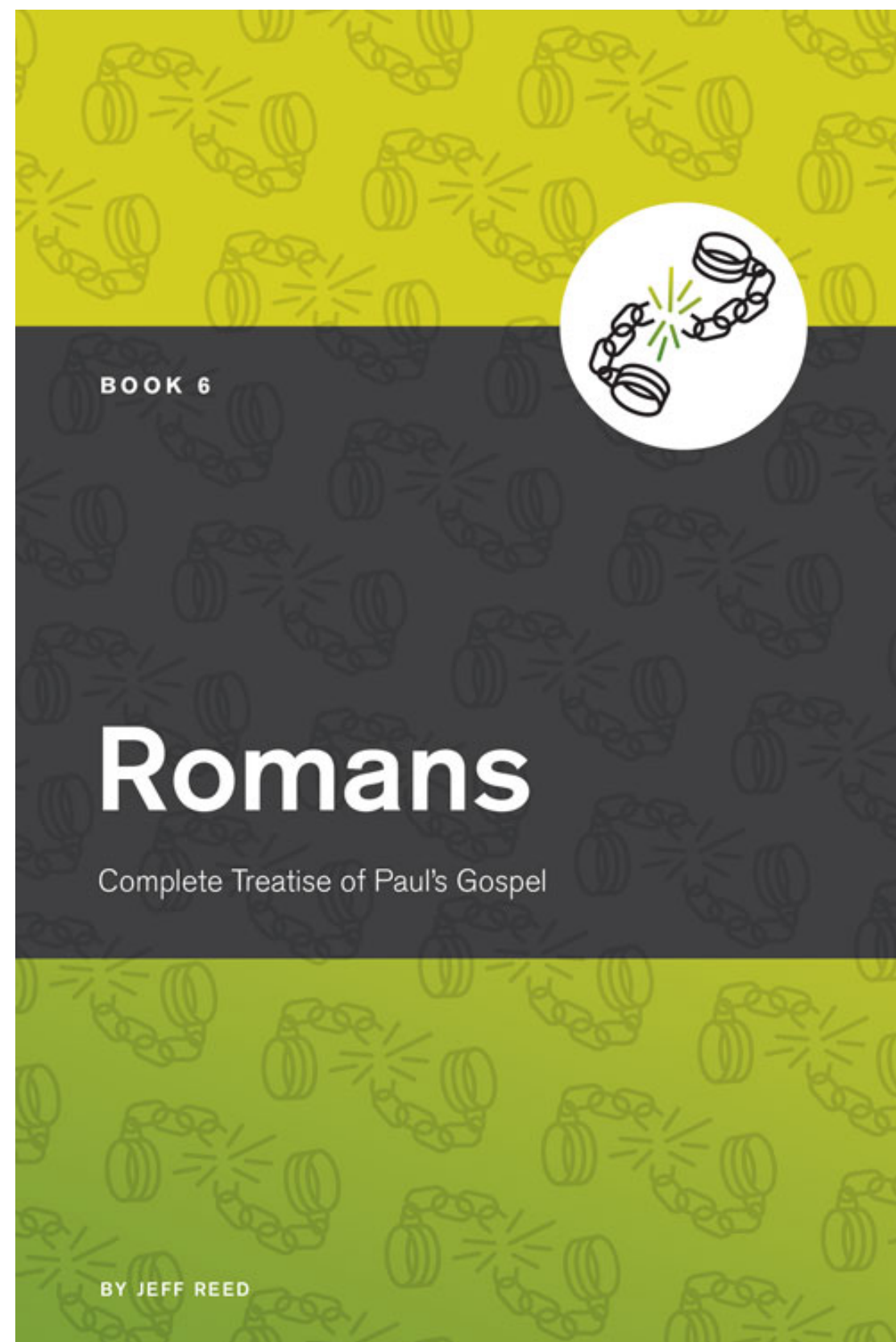
- if the only time you talk about finances is when we need money, then that is not shepherding

for maturity!



Paul's Early Letters





Continuing to Understand Romans

To fully establish you in the kerygma/didache in Romans.

To anchor, and fully root you in our global work.

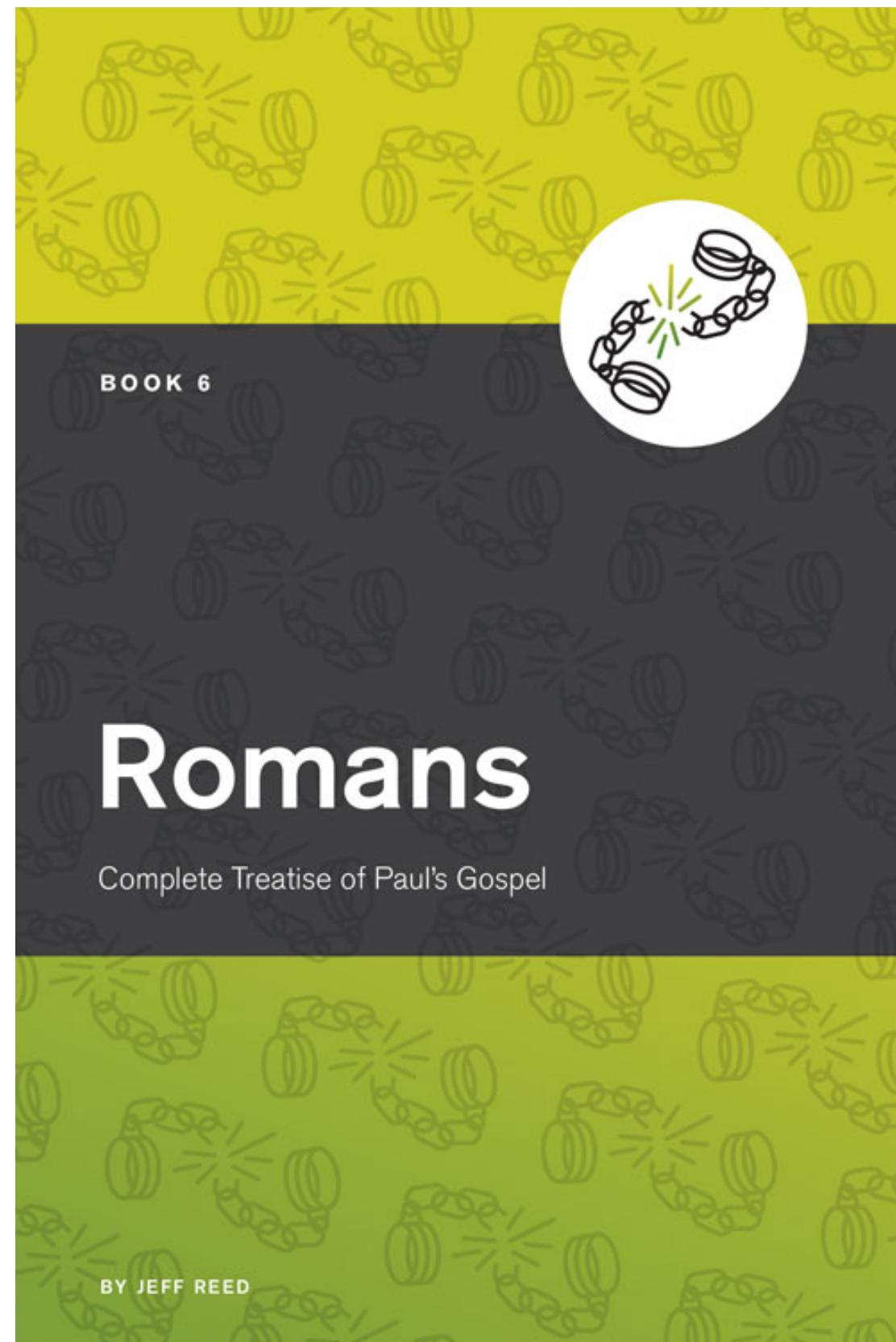


Reviewing Romans

Romans is key to understanding the entire collection of Paul's early letters to his network of churches. The context of Romans in Paul's early letters is needed:

- It is the final and largest letter.
- It is less occasional than the others—more of a manifesto.
- It is book-ended by sections that tell you it is a more complete treatment of the gospel than the others.
- Its context is establishing the churches in the gospel, which was the frontline of the battle.





Reviewing Romans - Intention

Romans was written to **fully establish** the Romans in “his gospel,” which is the gospel of Jesus Christ, that they might **fully participate with him** in the progress of that gospel, as the key city in the Roman empire

arguing that in light of all that God has done, we need to fully dedicate ourselves to serve Him, shaping our lives and worldview around the gospel (1:16–11:36)

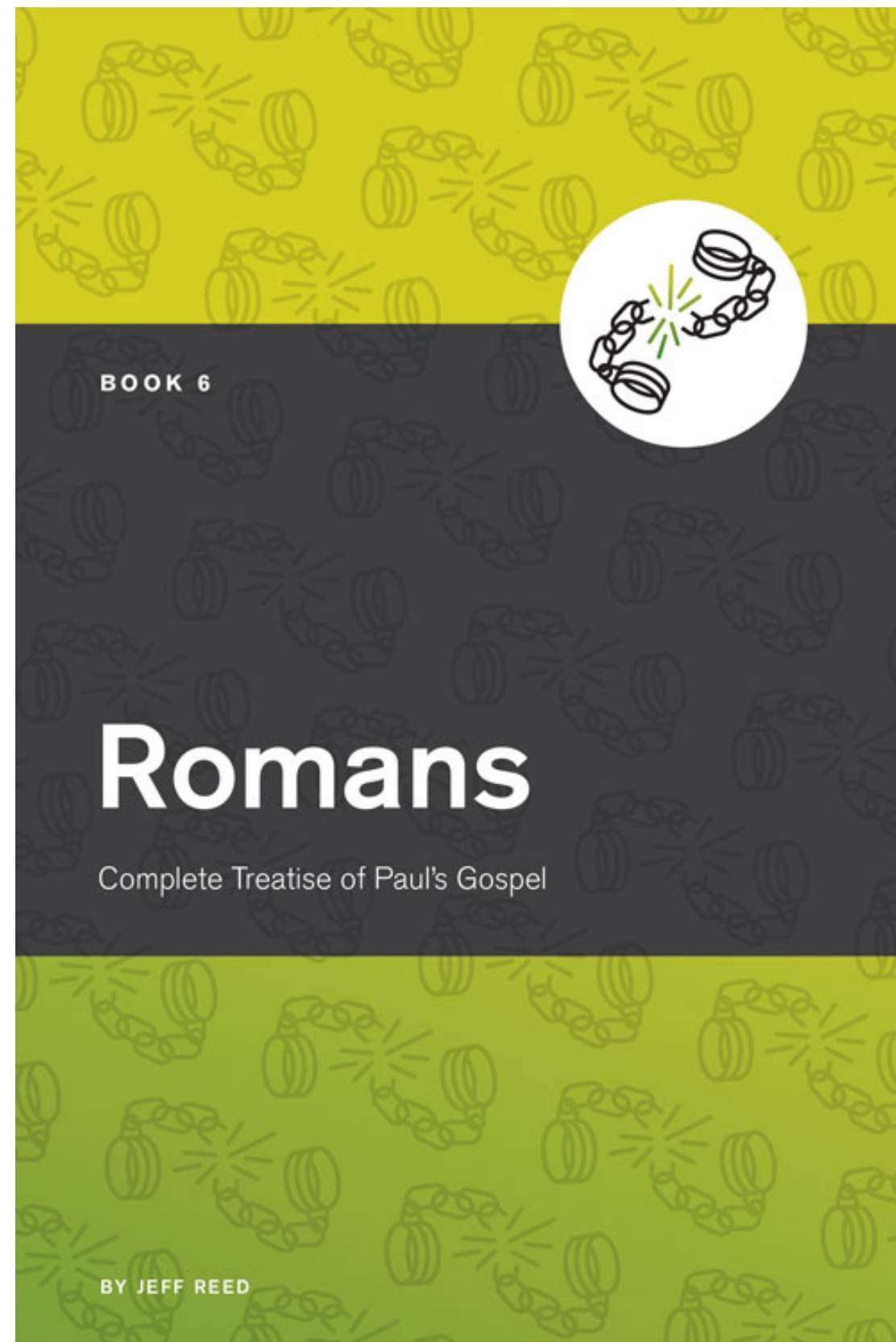
and the “pattern of teaching” (12:1–15:13), which allows the Holy Spirit to transform us and fully participate in the plan and purposes of God, both locally and with the progress of the gospel as led by apostolic leaders in our generation

Discussion Questions

What is the biblical definition of establishment?

1. What does Paul mean across his letters by the word “established”? What other words does he use?
2. What does it mean to be fully established vs. established? Can a person be established but not yet fully established, is anyone fully established? How are we to think about establishment? Why can't we just focus on being saved from hell? What does being saved have to do with a person's establishment?
3. Are there different levels of “being established”? Is being established synonymous with maturity? If we say, we are not yet fully established are we then not established and thus immature?
4. How does a person/church know if they are becoming established? Is there a way to measure all of this?
5. In light of our “work” are we called to be “more established” compared to other churches? What are the implications of our stewardship?

Are we specifically called to be more established compared to other churches?

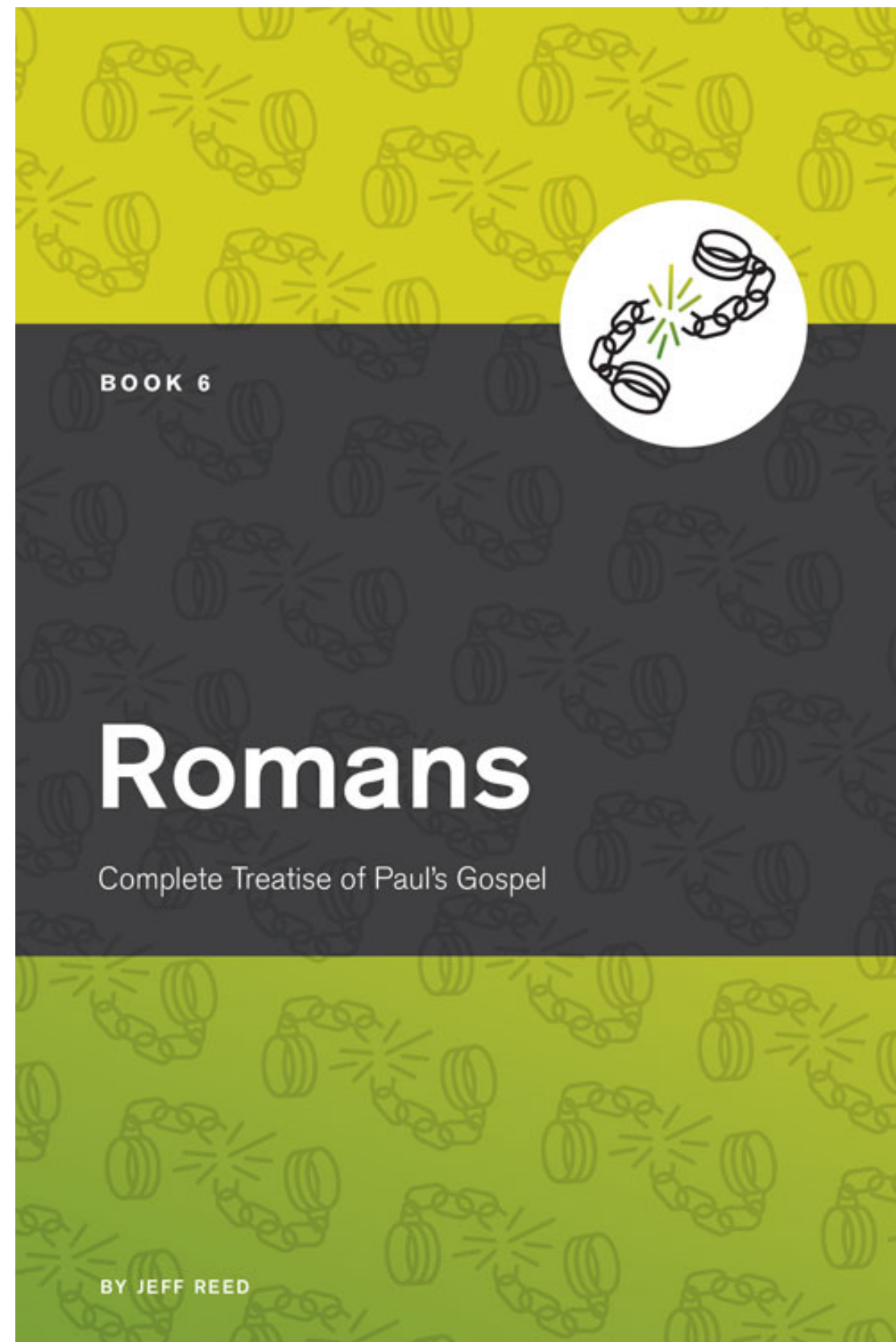


Reviewing the Intention of Romans

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I **may reap some harvest** among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish, hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Romans 1:13–15

- Paul wanted to “gather some crop”, he wanted to secure a bountiful crop, he wanted to establish them completely.

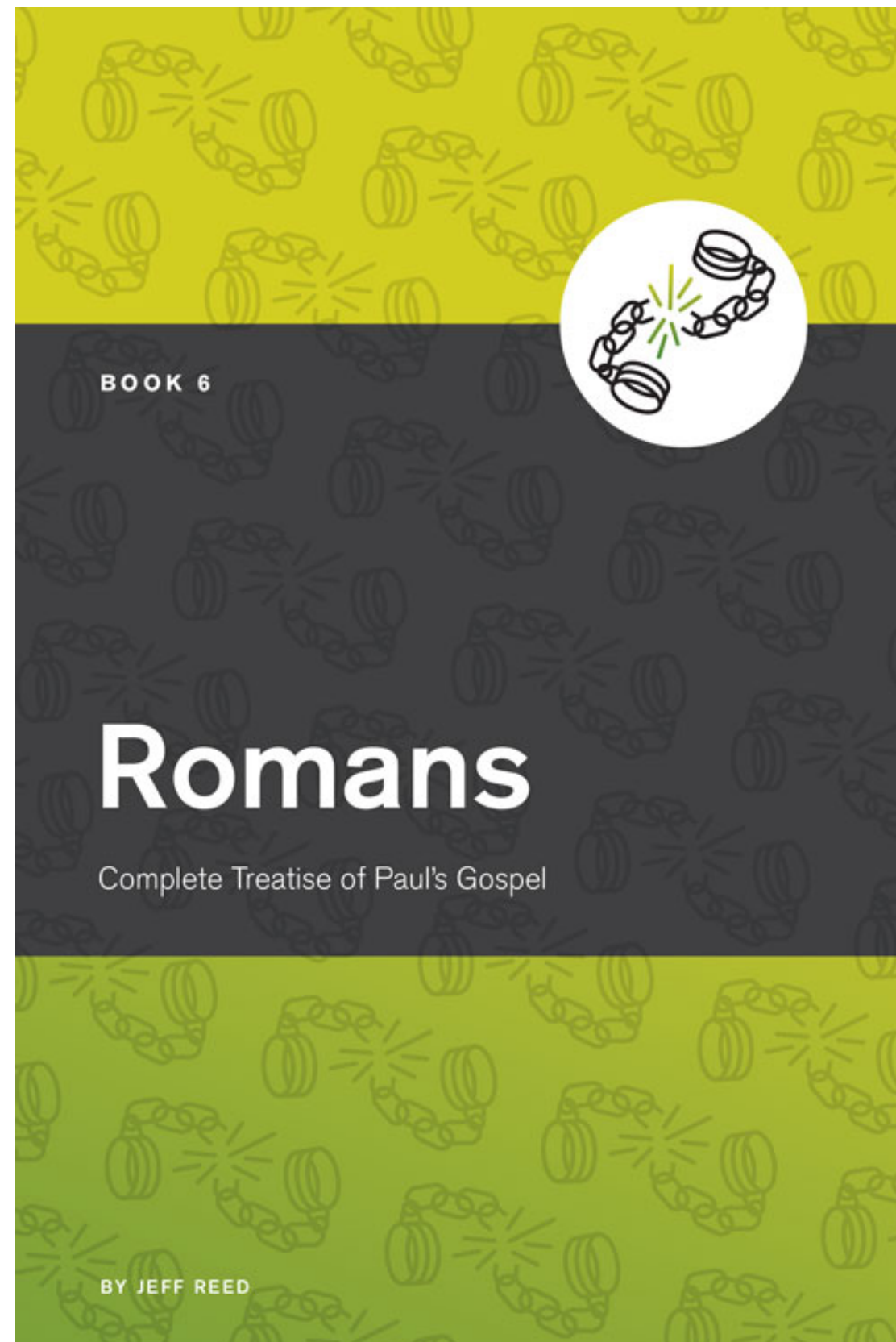


Reviewing the Intention of Romans

Now to him who is able **to strengthen you according** to my gospel, the proclamation of Jesus the Messiah, in accordance with the unveiling of the mystery kept hidden for long ages, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, for the obedience of faith among all the nations, to the only wise God, through Jesus the Messiah, to whom be the glory to the coming ages! Amen.

Romans 16:25-27

- Paul wanted to establish them in his gospel, and this entire letter was all about what Jesus was unfolding in the new kingdom, the time we live in now, the kingdom not yet fully realized.



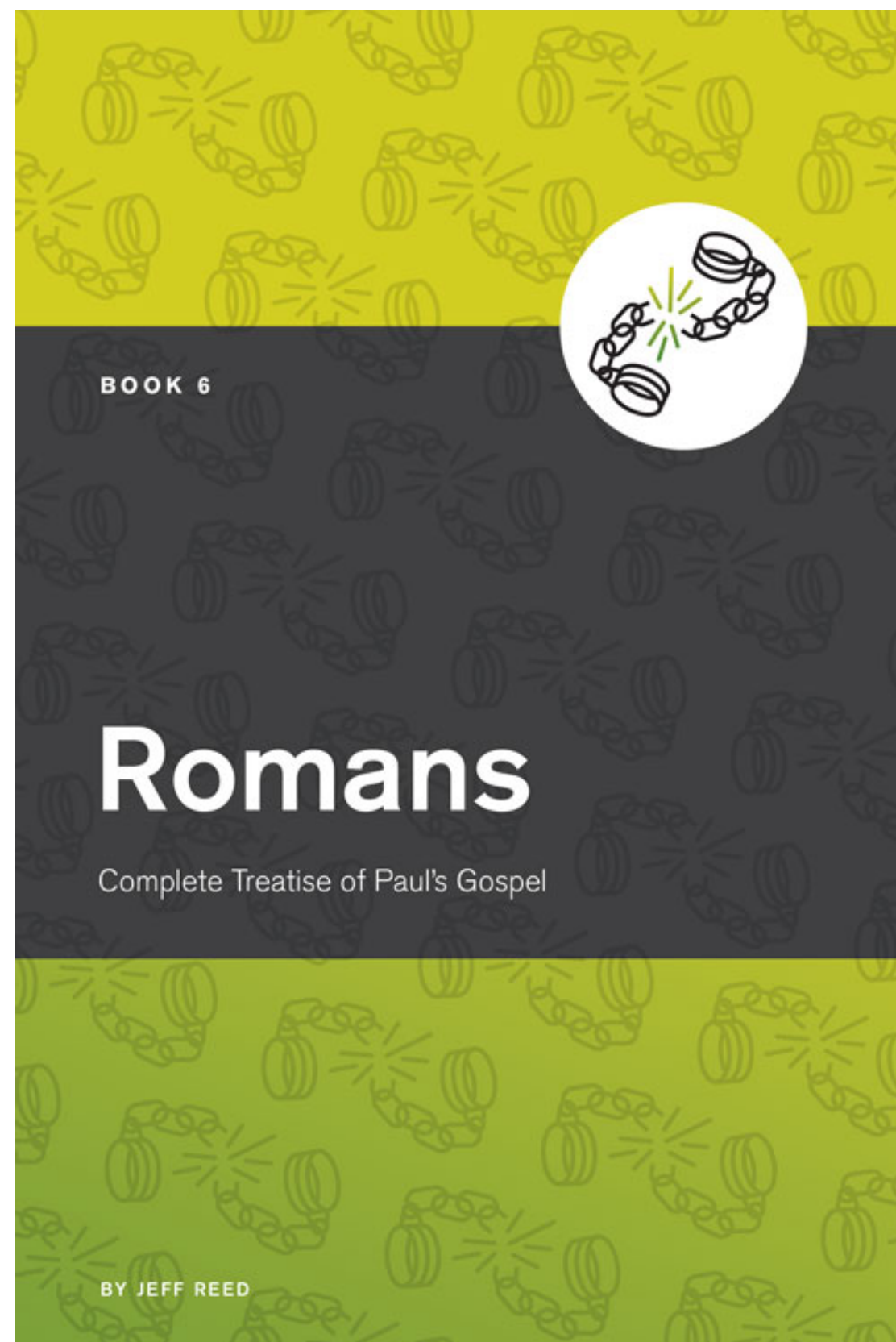
Paul's Concept of Establishment

Romans 1:13 - "to reap some harvest"

- to have, to reap, to obtain, to work
- some gain, fruit, harvest, produce, crop, advantage, hundredfold, profit

Romans 16:25 - "to strengthen you according to my gospel"

- sterizo
- to support, establish, steadfastness
- Louw-Nida: to cause someone to become stronger in the sense of more firm and unchanging in attitude or belief



Paul's Concept of Establishment

1991 ἐπιστηρίζω (epistērízō) – 4 times in NT, all in Acts 14:22, 15:32, 15:41, and 18:23 – translated as establish each time

4741 στηρίζω (stērízō) – 14 times in NT - LU 9:51, LU 16:26, LU 22:32, AC 18:23, RO 1:11, RO 16:25, 1TH 3:2, 1TH 3:13, 2TH 2:17, 2TH 3:3, JAS 5:8, 1PE 5:10, 2PE 1:12, RE 3:2 – translated as strengthen, establish and confirm

2675 καταρτίζω (katartízō) - to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust – 13 times in NT - MT 4:21, MT 21:16, MR 1:19, LU 6:40, RO 9:22, 1CO 1:10, 2CO 13:11, GA 6:1, 1TH 3:10, HEB 10:5, HEB 11:3, HEB 13:21, 1PE 5:10

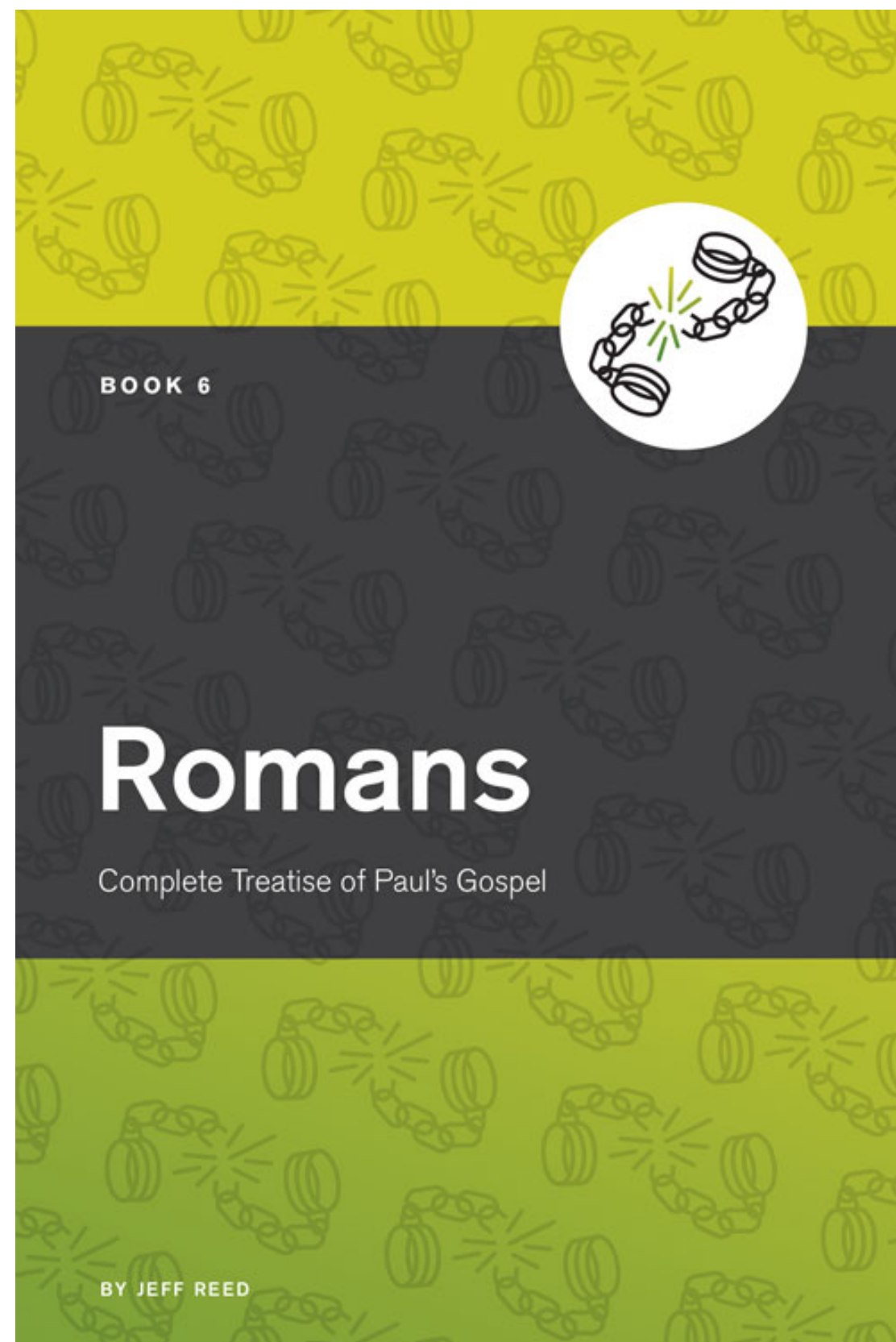
4599 σθενόω (sthenóō) - to strengthen, i.e. (figuratively) confirm (in spiritual knowledge and power) – 1 time in NT - 1 Pet 5:10

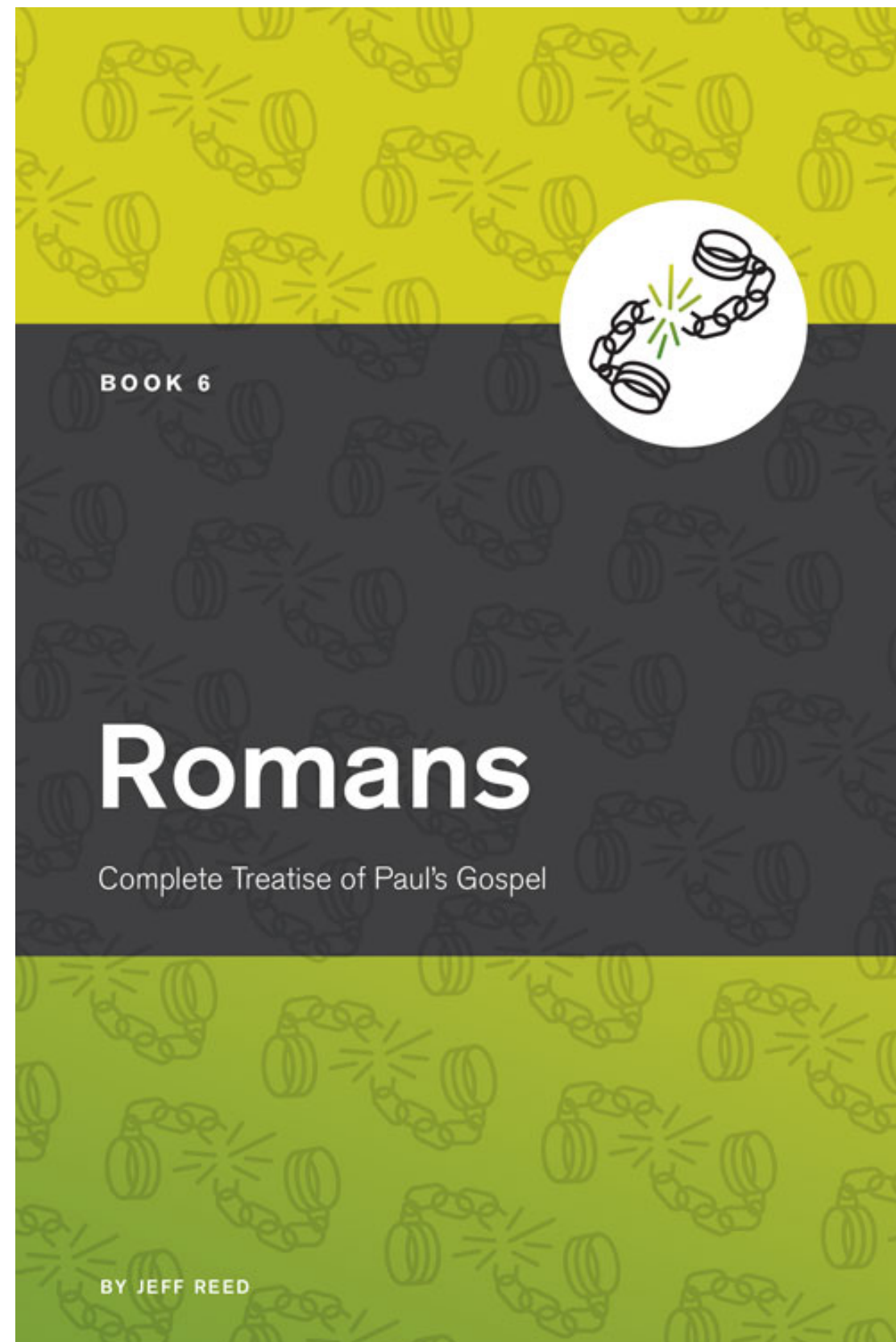
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Paul's concept of establishing the churches can also be found in Acts 14:21-23. ... Paul understood that preaching the gospel of Christ was not the only job God have given him.

In fact in his letter to the Ephesians (3:9) Paul states the second part of his job was to make plain the administration of the mystery, which is the church. The word administration is transliterated as *oikonomía*, which is defined as the management of a household. Paul understands his job is to manage the household of God. The management of the **household entails the strengthening or teaching of the believers** the truths of Christ.

- leadership training is always a matter of establishing churches
- missionary activity is always a matter of establishing churches...we are calling for a church based leadership development program because we believe it is intrinsic in the establishing of churches

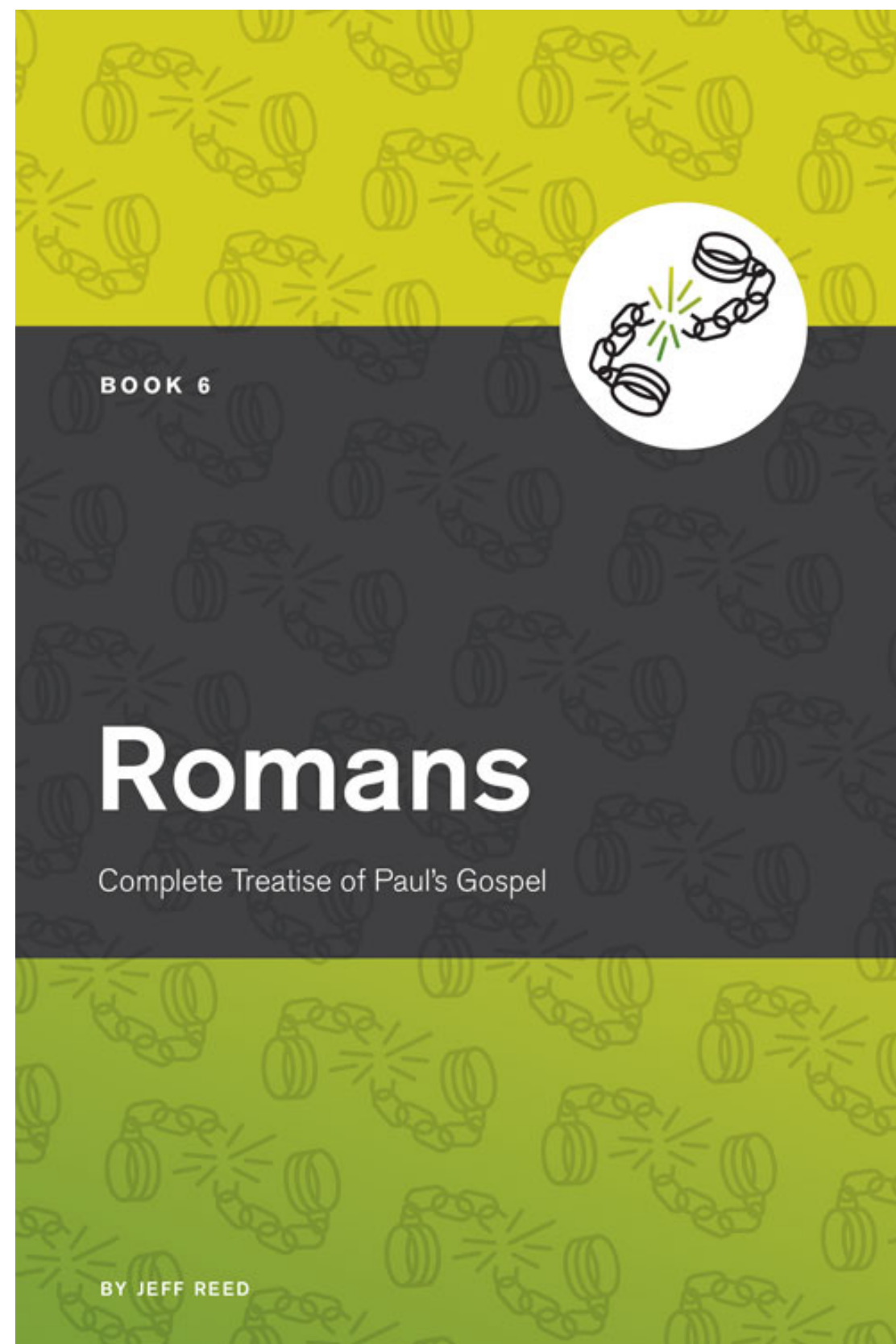




What does being saved have to do with our establishment?

“Salvation...is individual, but not individualistic. People cannot become Christians except one at a time, and yet our salvation is not solitary. God’s people are called together in community. Hence at Antioch individual Christians are not now acting individualistically; they are acting as a unit.”

Schaeffer, Francis. From and Freedom in the Church. 1970. Pg 60.



Paul wanted to establish the churches

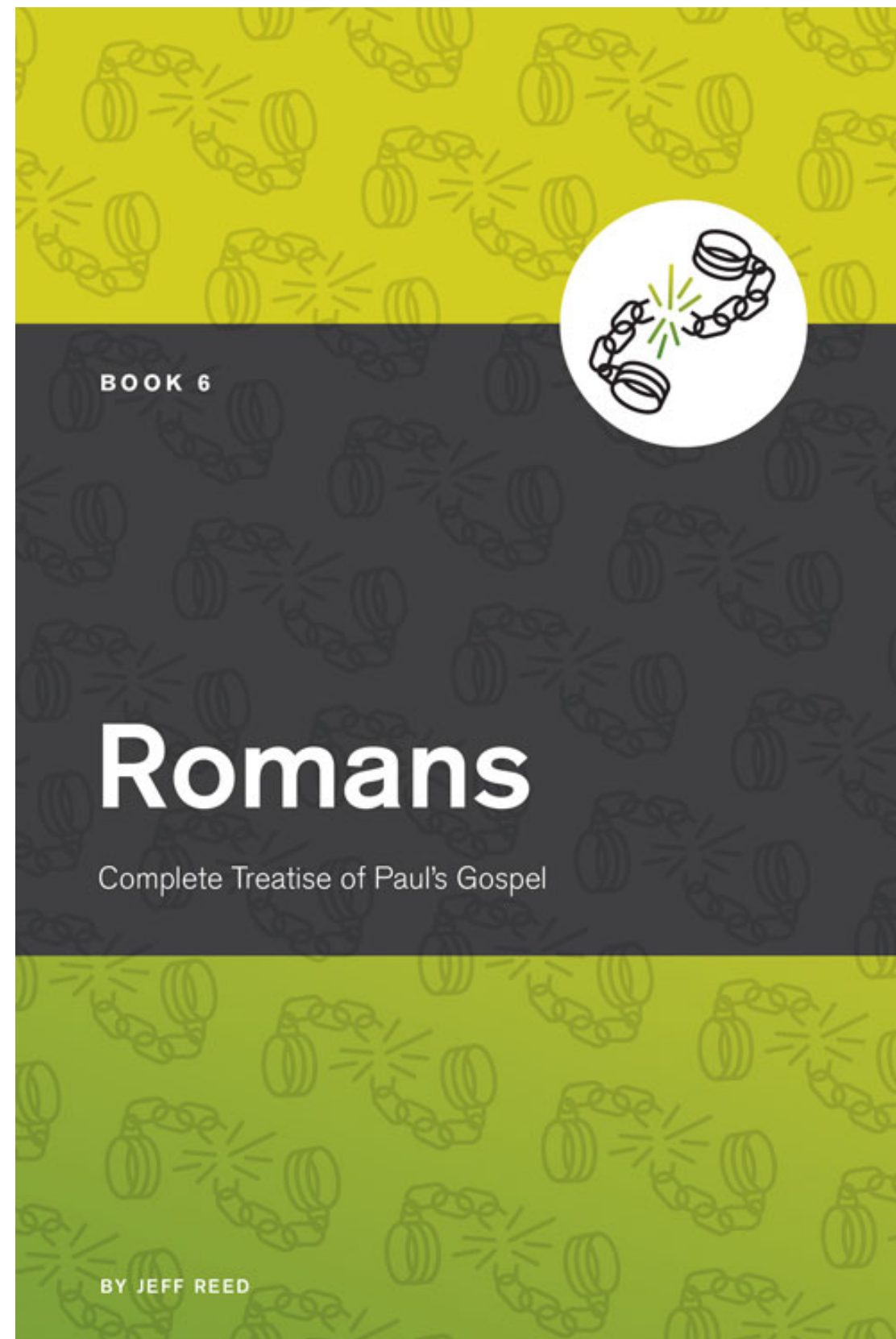
The holiness, unity and one mindedness of the church is the center of Paul's worldview and arguments.

Yet how does a group of people get to a place of one-mindedness, get to a place of being established?

The only way you get at one-mindedness, is through Christian theology, and that is what is Paul presents/invents to the world.

Unless the church is continually growing up, becoming established in the teachings of Christ, unity and holiness will be lost.

Just look at the Western churches of today, wherever churches give up the regularly practice of studying theology, we will lose unity across the churches.

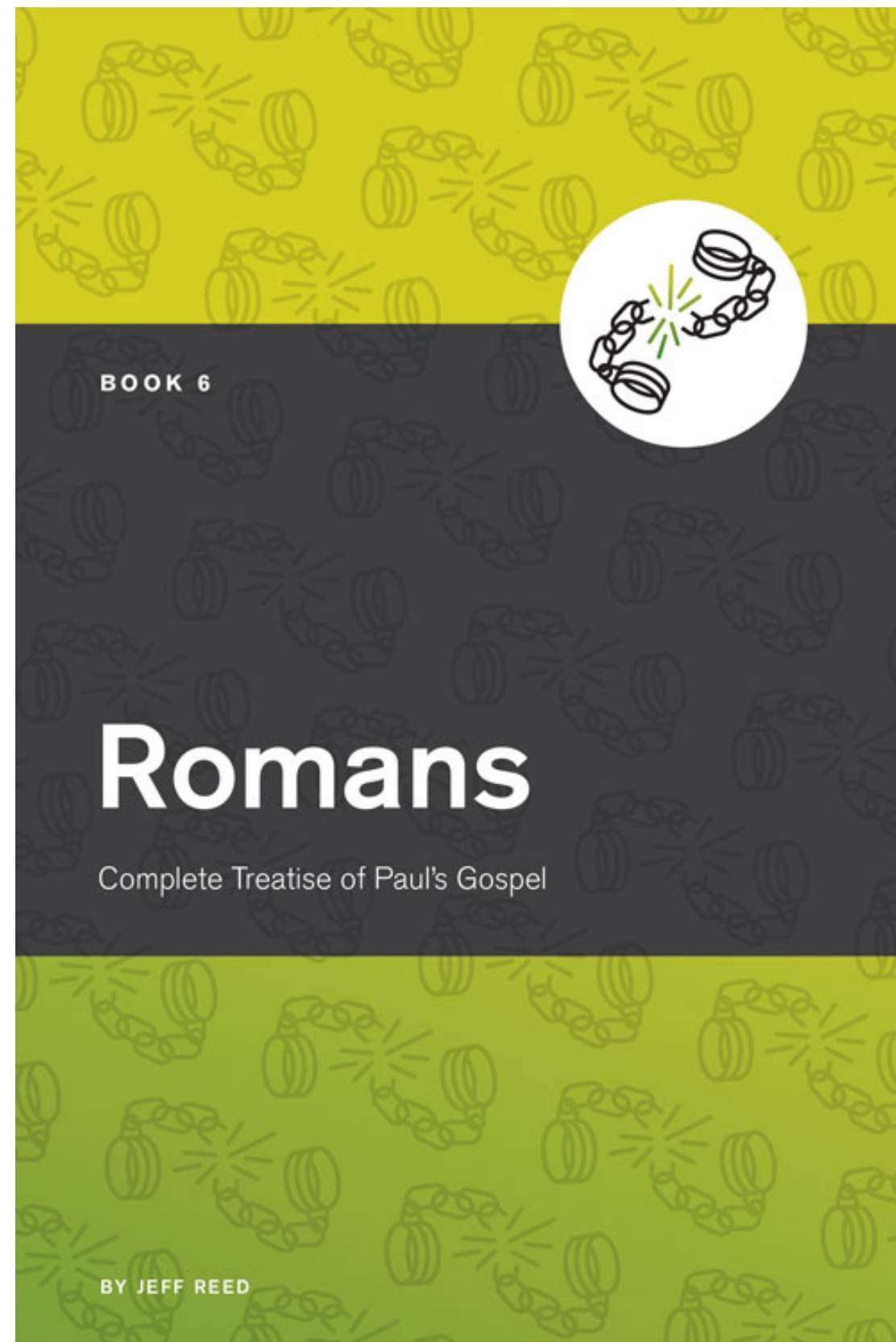


Is there a way to measure our establishment?

Yes, we need to focus on outcomes and disciplining our lives, making priorities for our biblical worldview.

The objective is not to get people through booklets, not to fill out all the spaces, and not to get leaders to read everything and do every thing in a leadership course.

The objective is to get all people, old and new, firmly and fully established in the faith, with everyone maturing to a point at which they think with a biblical worldview, making their life choices based on the first principles of the faith.



Is there a way to measure our establishment?

For All People

- Becoming Establishment Assessment guide. See next slide.
- Are you regularly engaged in lifelong learning in your church and/or clusters? See next slides.
- How do you decide how to spend your 168hrs in a week? Are you aligning God's priorities with our life priorities - thus putting our church and church network in a higher priority than:
 - Your sports team affiliation
 - Your nationality
 - Your race and ethnicity
 - Your political affiliation
 - Your job and boss, including where and what job you pursue
 - Your nuclear and extended family
 - Your home, including the location and type of your home



Becoming Established Assessment

Doing Well A Slight Problem A Major Problem

An early set of letters:

Is he/she sound in his/her understanding of the gospel, or is there evidence that he/she is drifting in any way toward a distorted or different gospel? Is he/she in danger, after "having begun by the Spirit" of now being "perfected by the flesh?" (Galatians)

Is he/she standing firm in the gospel, unshaken by those who might draw his/her attention away from his/her basic focus on the furtherance of the gospel with alarming teaching on future events accompanied by irresponsible living? (1 and 2 Thessalonians)

- Is there evidence of his/her conversion being solid, with a clear and confident turning to God and the gospel? (1 Thess. 1-2)

- Did he/she receive the Bible as the very words of God, grasping it firmly, without any hint of wanting to mix it with his/her old philosophy of life? (1 Thess. 1-2)

- Is he/she living responsibly in his/her new life as a Christian, faithfully providing for himself/herself and his/her family? (1 Thess. 4:9-11; 2 Thess. 3:6-15)

Are there divisions and conflicts in his/her life that are characteristic of an immature believer not fully established in the gospel? (1 Corinthians)

- divisions relating to comparing and elevating teachers? (1:10-4:21)

- divisions relating to conflicts, disputes, and open sin?

Comments

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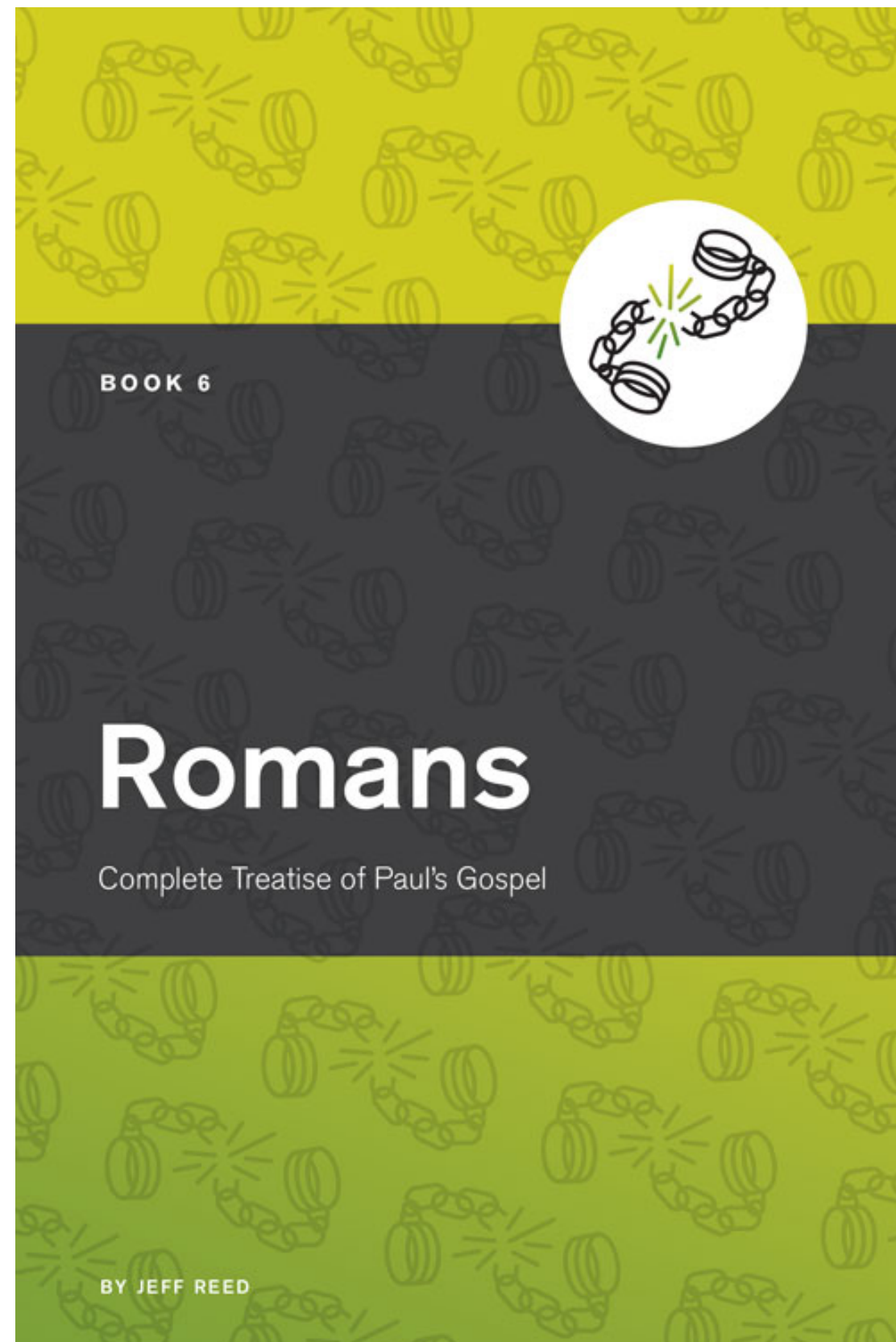
Michael has surrounded himself with good mentors, academically, professionally, spiritually and theologically. The issue Michael is dealing with at this time is resolving the different "pulls" each exerts on his life. He is getting differing directions and is working on accepting the leading of the Holy Spirit through this process.

Assessing our Development

	Name of People	When they meet? Day and Time	Is Group open to others?
Currently Involved in First Principles - Series 1			
Currently Involved in First Principles - Series 2			
Currently Involved in First Principles - Series 3			
Currently Involved in The Story			
Currently Involved in SIMA-MAP			
Currently Involved in Life to the Nth			
Currently Involved in Seek the Welfare of the City			
*Currently Involved in Leadership Mastery II			
*Currently Involved in Leadership Mastery III			
*Certificate of Ministry			
**Bachelors of Ministry/Theology Degree Program			
**Masters of Ministry/Theology Degree Program			
**Doctorate of Ministry Degree Program			

*These are people that are intentionally being trained in all the resources for Leadership Mastery II & III

**These should be leaders that are enrolled in the Antioch School and are loading projects to the BILD Cloud



Is there a way to measure our establishment?



















For Leaders

- Are you mastering the C-BTE system that has been developed as a path to mastering the scriptures?
- Are you officially enrolled into the system? Are you regularly getting the competency work accomplished?
 - Are you constructing a life development portfolio? A body of work, by which you can naturally respond to circumstance that arise in your daily life?
- Are you shepherding your churches? See next slide

Core Training Modules (Leadership Series I Courses)

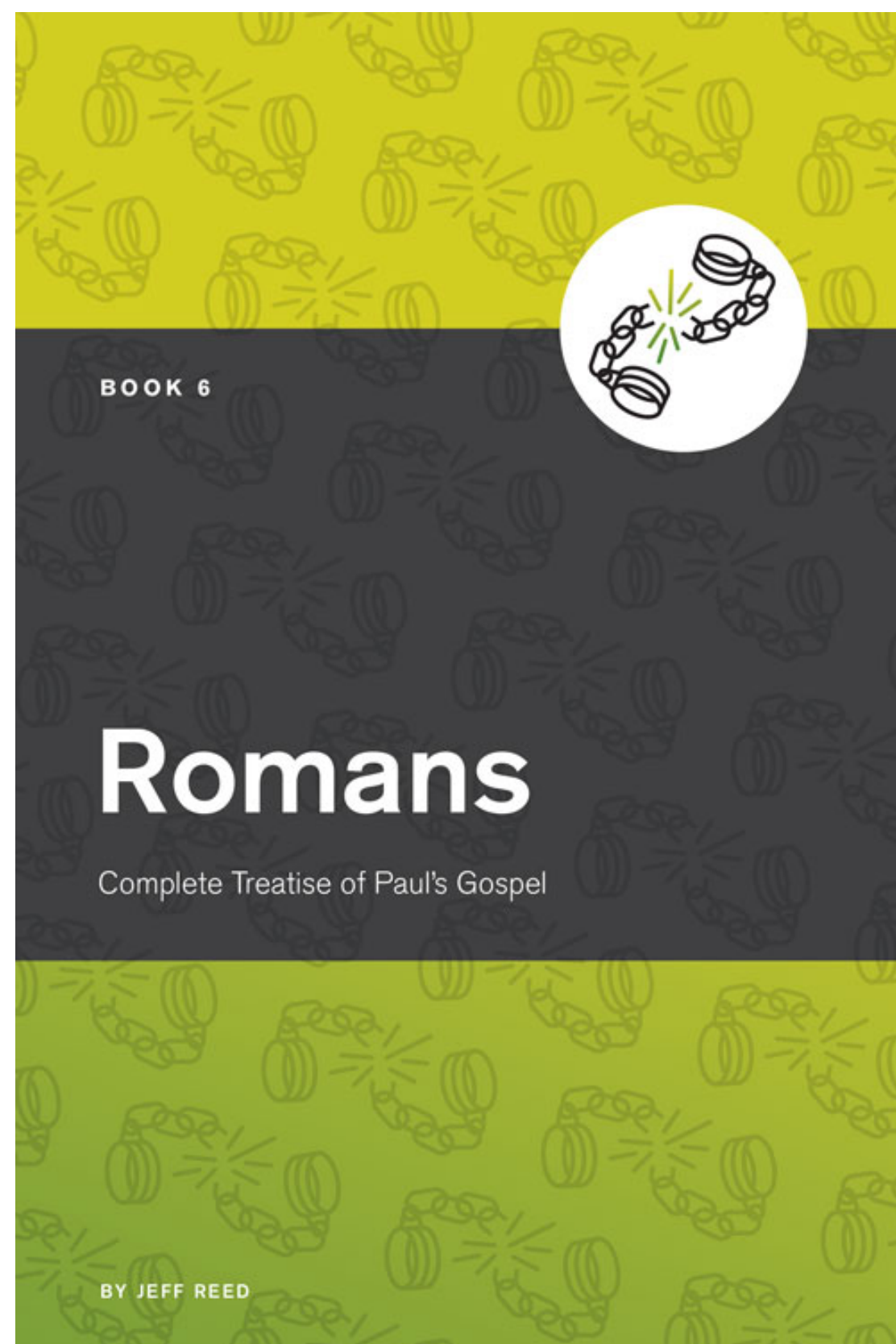
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Assessing the Maturity of our Churches

	Leaders Assessment
All members currently engaged in understanding the teachings - First Principles - Acts 2:42-46	Doing Well
Are you currently developing potetial leaders in your church - Acts 20:17-38	Slight Problem
Are the people striving to be of one mind for the progress of the gospel - Phillippians	Slight Problem
Are the people grasping their significance in the plan of God - Ephesians, Colossians	Major Problem
Regular Local Invovlement	
Are members regularly attending Sunday evening gathering, not giving up on meeting together - Heb 10:25	Doing Well
Do members prepare to participate by bringing a song, teaching, or share from their week - Eph 5:19-20	Major Problem
*Are member regularly giving finaicially to the church?	Slight Problem
Involvement in the Network - Philippians	
Do they attend and participate in the network love feast?	Doing Well
Do they participate in the annual BILD Summit? By hosting, driving, serving, etc.	Doing Well
Do they financially give to the annual BILD Summit and apostolic work?	Slight Problem



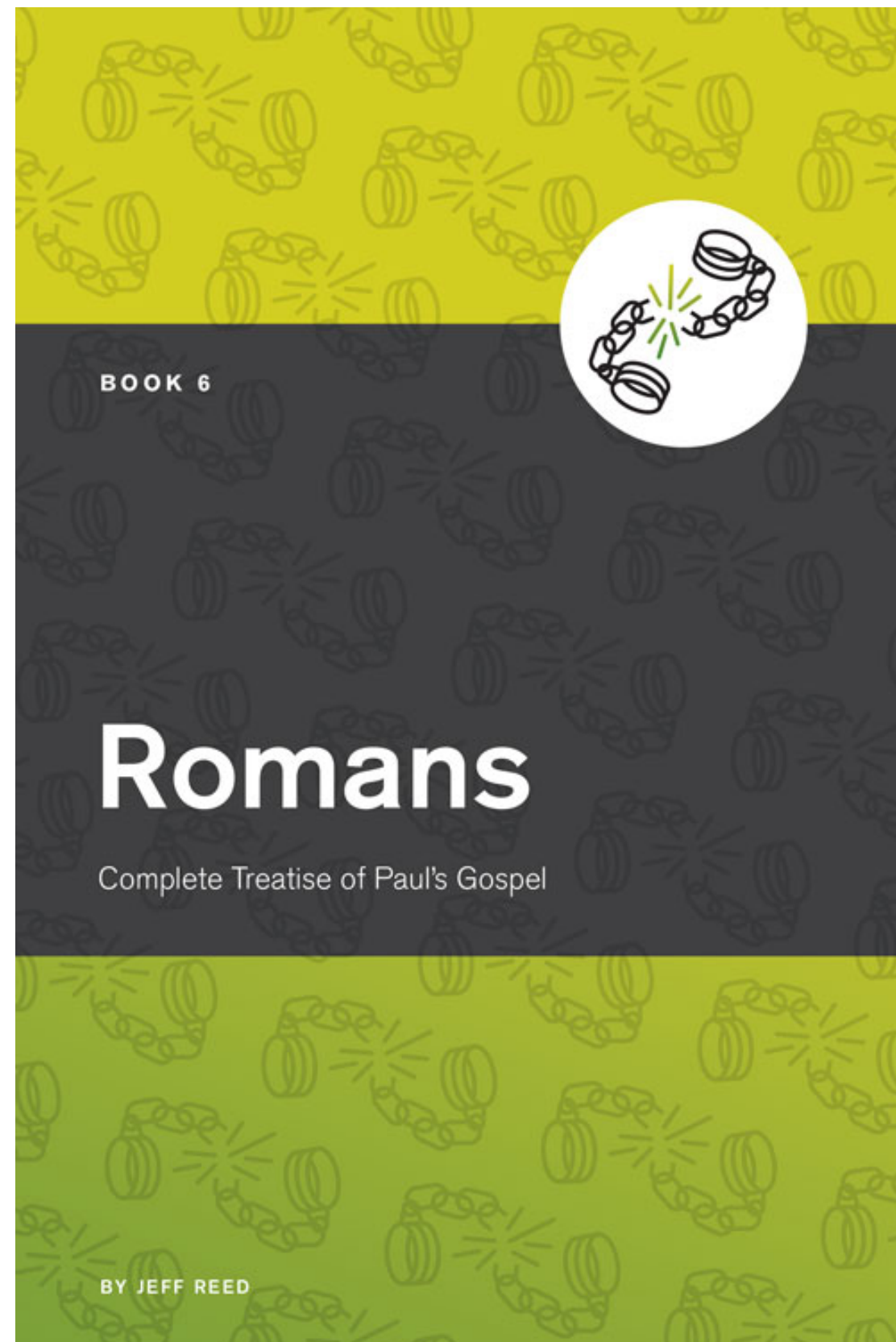
Romans 12:1-2

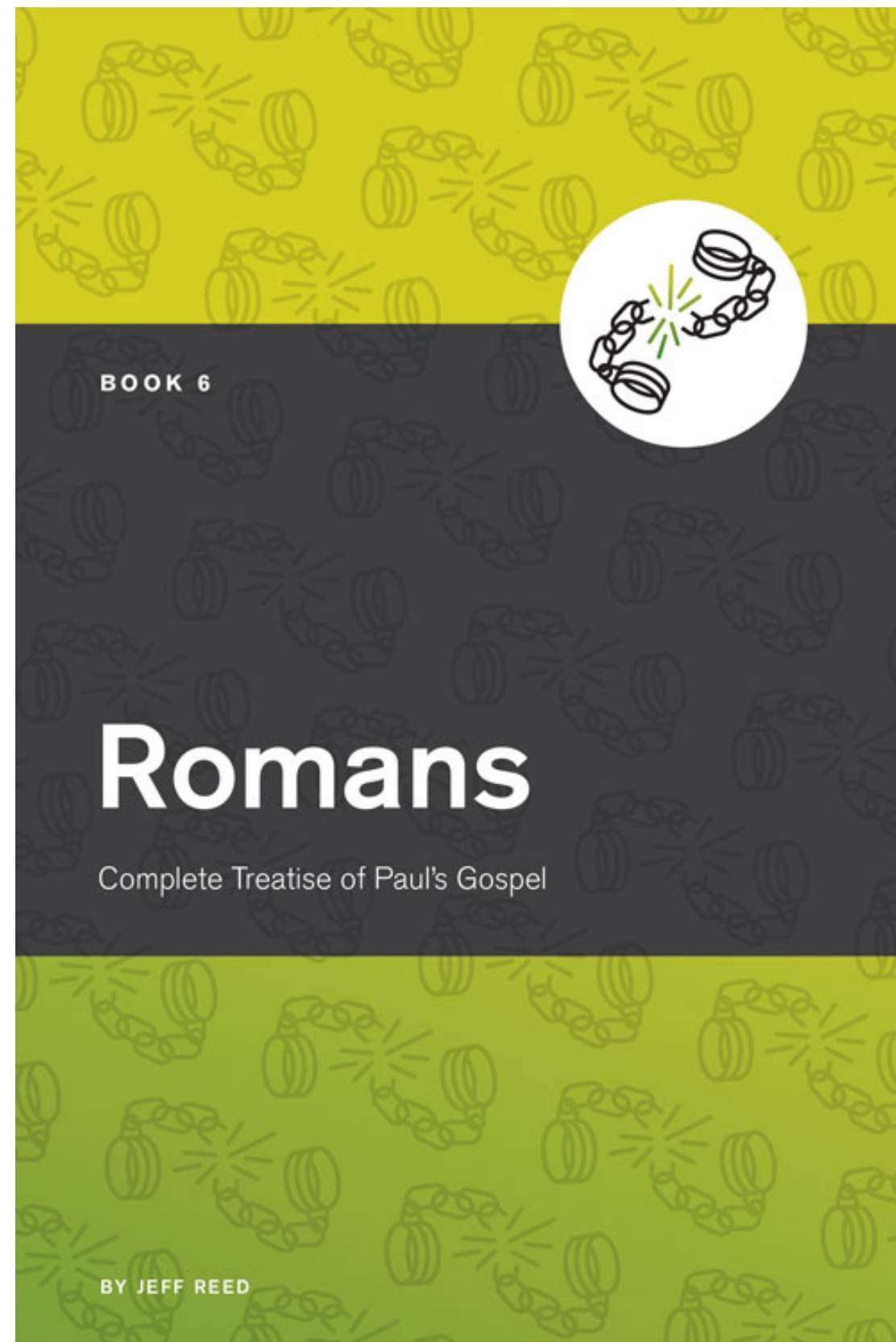
So, my dear family, this is my appeal to you by the mercies of God: offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Worship like this brings your mind into line with God's. What's more, don't let yourselves be squeezed into the shape dictated by the present age. Instead, be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you can work out what God's will is—what is good, acceptable, and complete.

Romans 12:1-2

What does it mean to renew your minds?

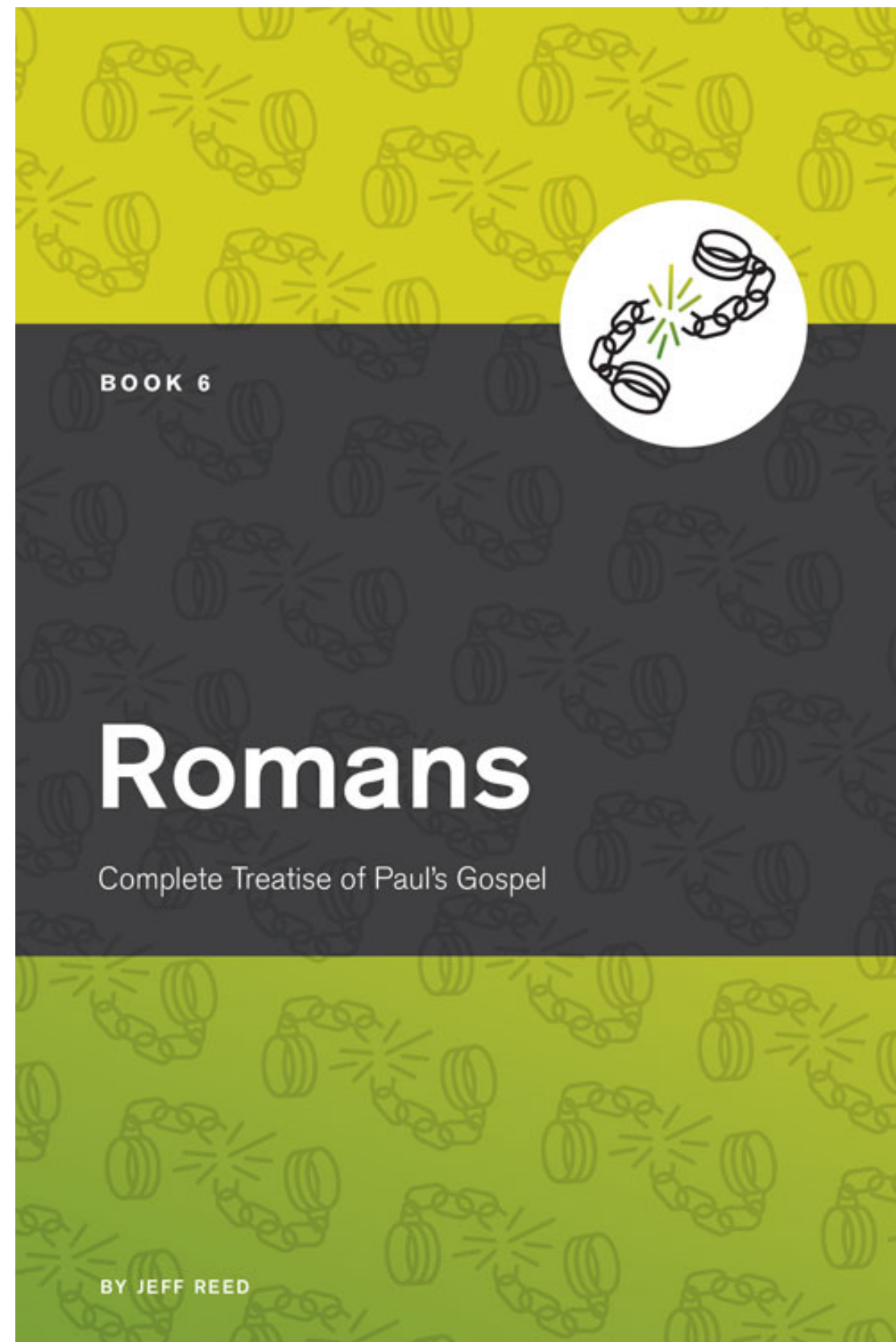
- Renew your minds (Romans 1–11) in the full gospel that shapes your worldview—the kerygma.
- Renew your minds (Romans 12–15) in the new pattern of teaching (lifestyle), your new life in Christ—the didache.
- Be transformed is in the passive tense. As we renew our minds, the Spirit transforms us. This enables us to work out what God's will is for us.





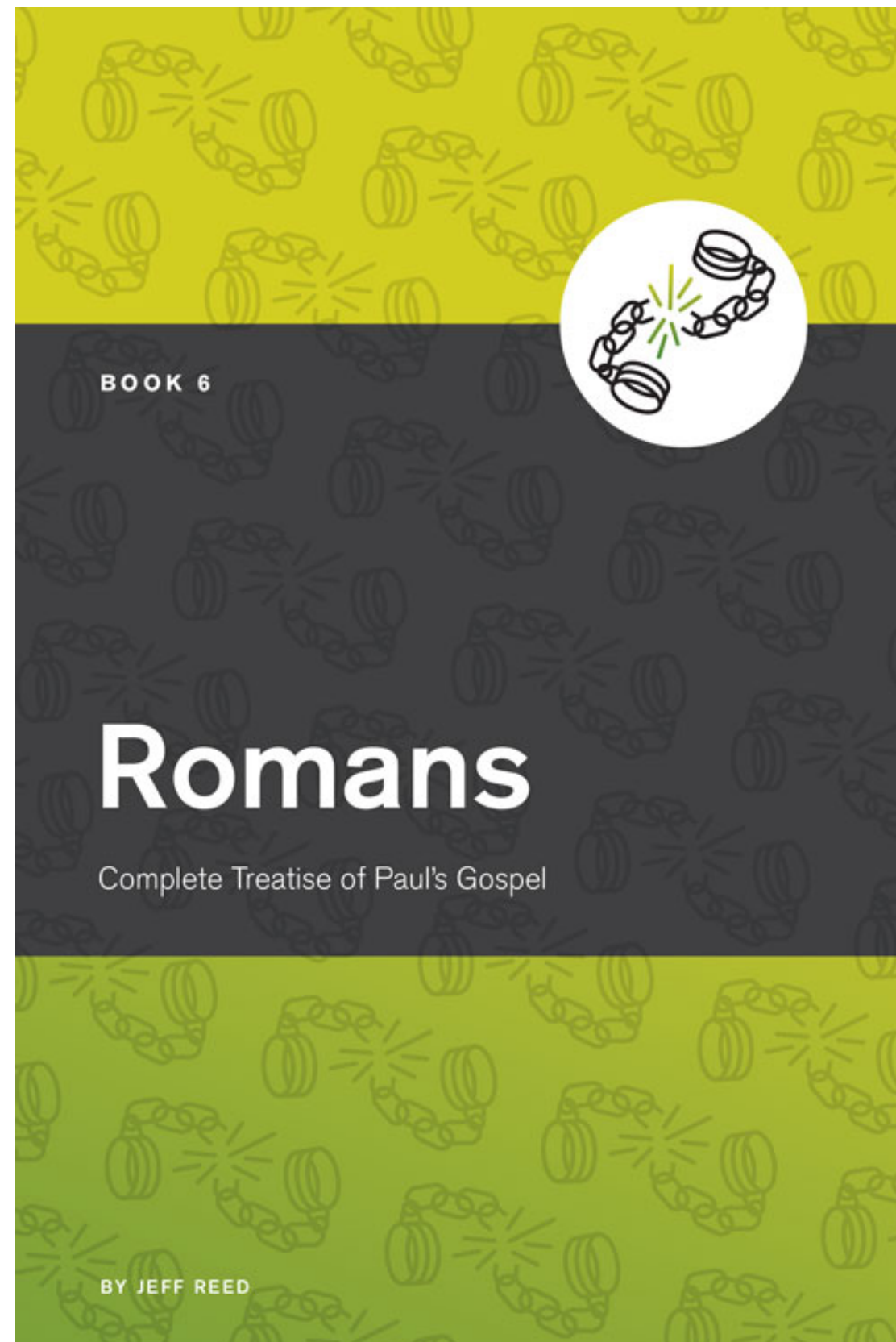
Romans 12-16

Once we have begun shaping our lives around this kerygma and didache, we need to fully participate in the mission of the church, which includes active participation in the progress of that gospel with the apostolic leaders of our churches in our generation.



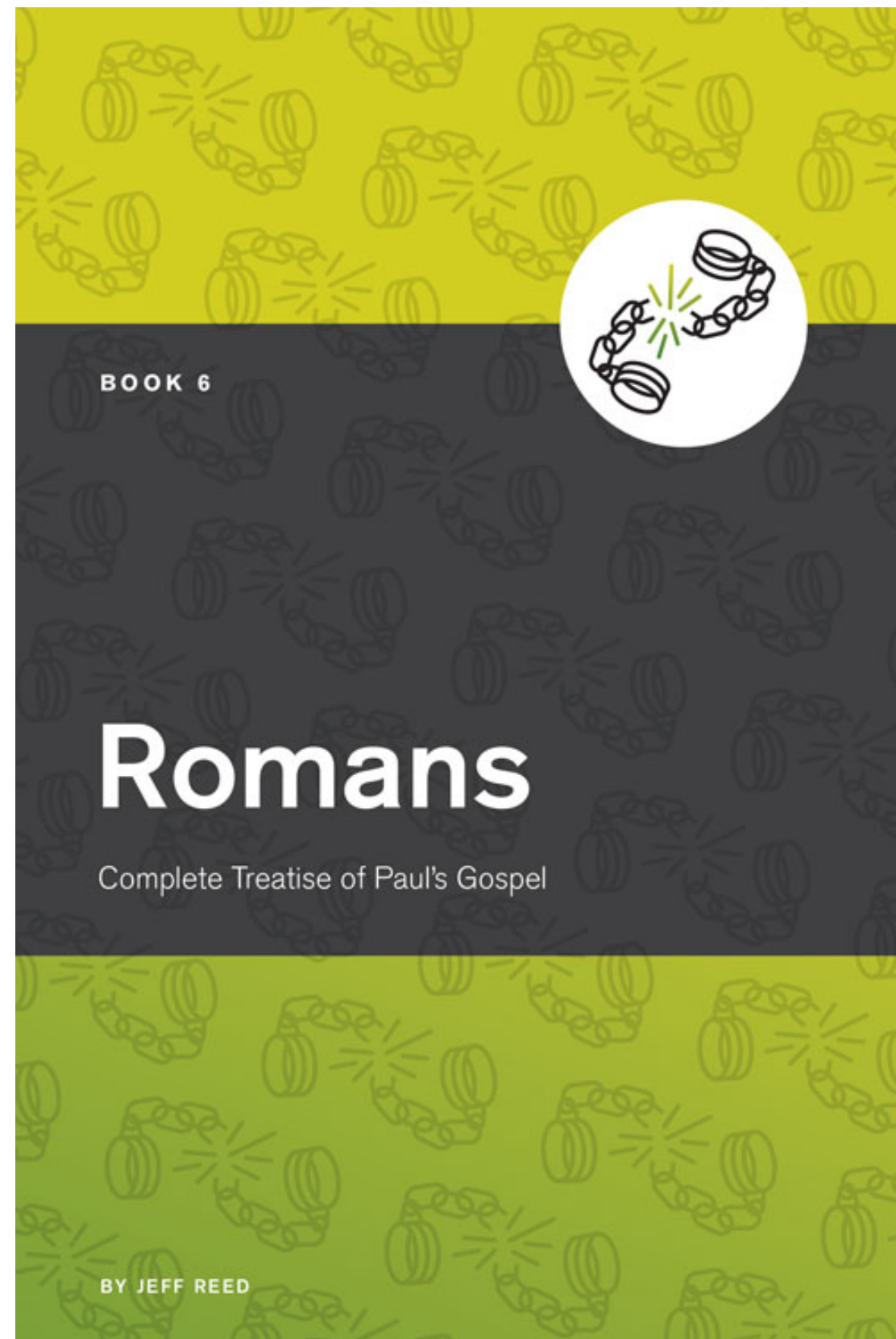
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19b I have completed announcing the good news of the Messiah from Jerusalem around as far as Illyricum.... 23 But now, finding myself with no more room in these regions, I have a great longing to come to you now at last after so many years, 24 and so to make my way to Spain. You see, I'm hoping to see you as I pass through, and to be sent on my way there by you, once I have been refreshed by you for a while...



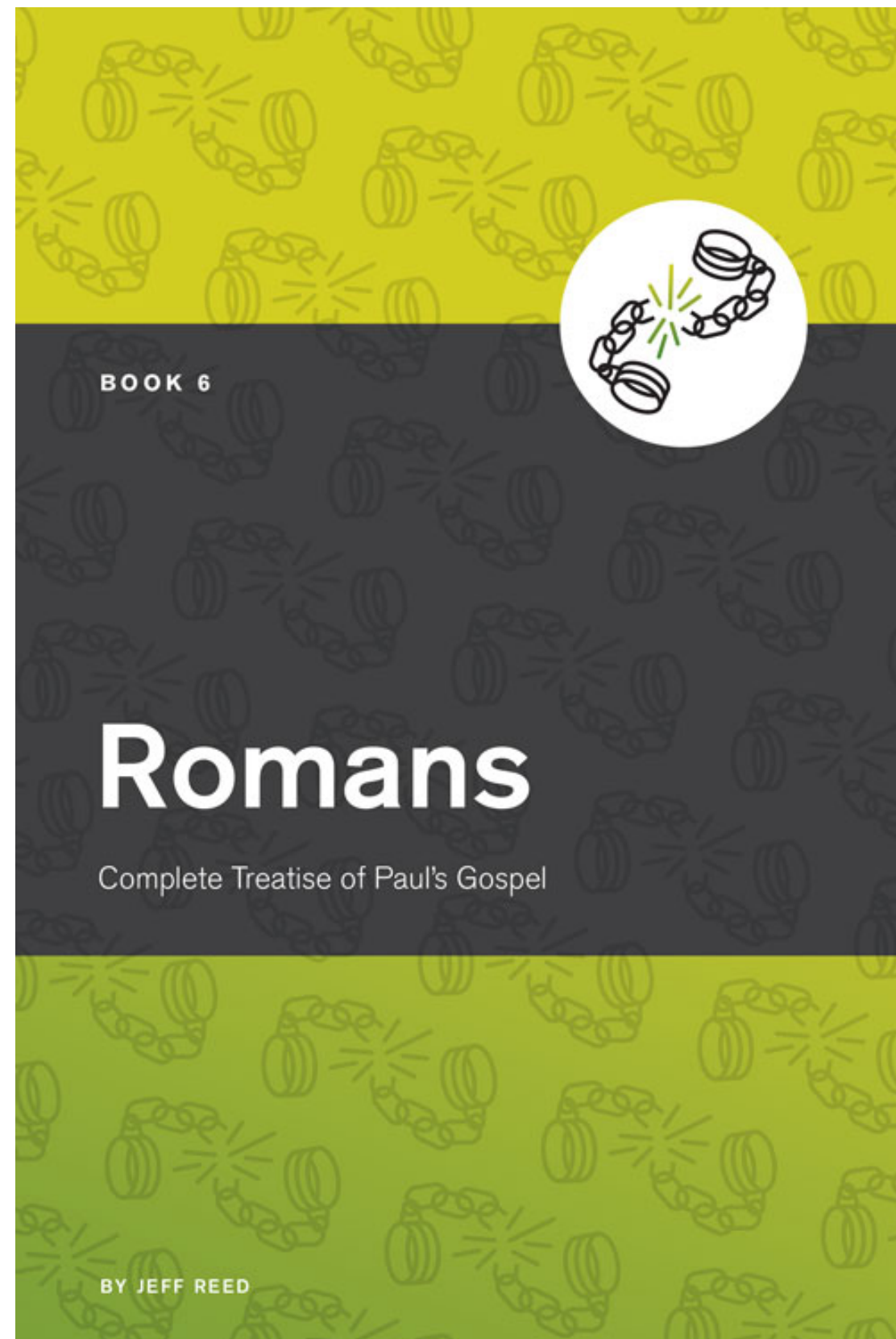
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16:1 Let me introduce to you our sister Phoebe. She is a deacon in the church at Cenchreae. 2 I want you to welcome her in the Lord, as is proper for one of God's people. Please give her whatever practical assistance she may need from you. She has been a benefactor to many people, myself included. 3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in King Jesus. 4 They put their lives on the line for me. It isn't only me, but all the Gentile churches, that owe them a debt of gratitude. 5 Greet the church in their house as well.



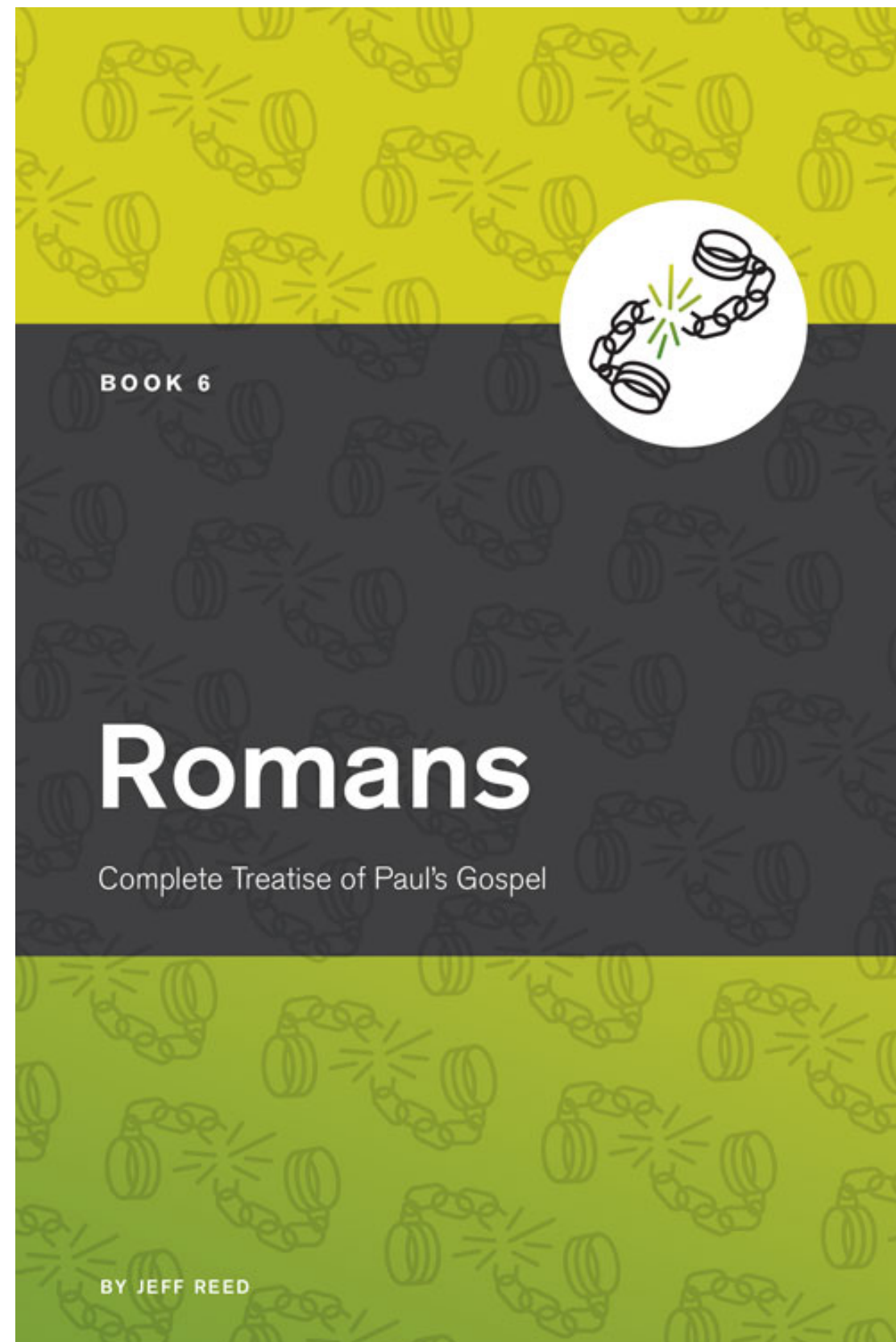
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1. Strategic cities/churches were part of his expansion strategy, the progress of the gospel (Antioch, then Ephesus, now Rome - 3 bases for Paul).
2. He was clearly building a network, see all the greetings. There were likely 6-7 churches he was greeting in Rome. All the churches greet you.
3. He built a core team to assist him - Phoebe, Timothy, and Prisca and Aquila. (All the churches owe them a debt, the church in their house).
4. Paul also built a network of key people (33 people listed): several times relatives were mentioned.
 - leading men and women
 - Phoebe - benefactor
 - Erastus - city treasurer
 - Gaius - host for the whole church



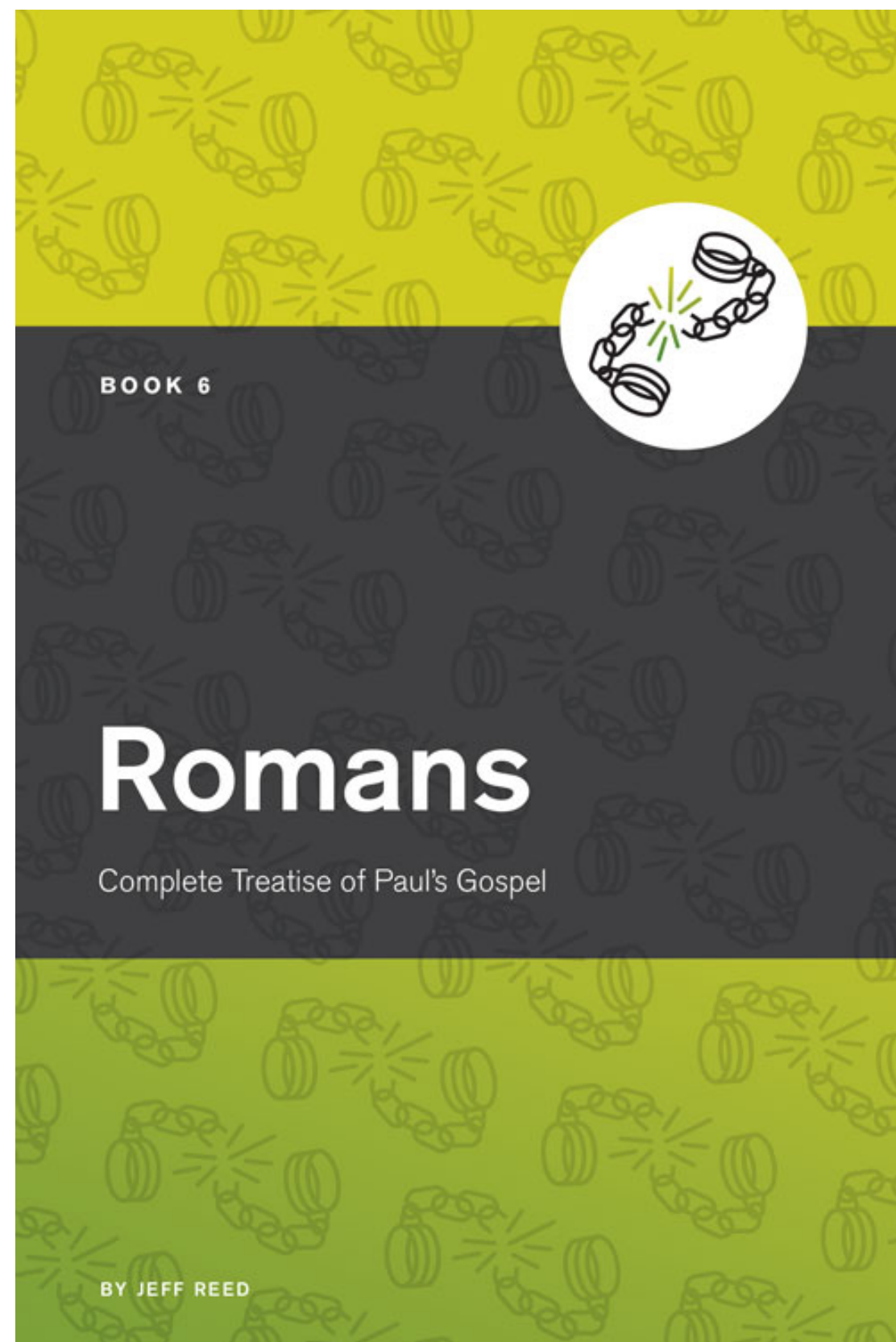
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5. A big part of Paul's team can be seen here: Phoebe was a benefactor and sent ahead to prepare for his trip to them and then to Spain: Prisca and Aquila moved their business to Rome: Timothy was key
6. **Paul expected the churches to participate with him in his network and in the progress of the gospel. This logically grew out of his whole argument in Romans 1:11; the gospel was to shape their whole worldview - replacing the Roman, Greek, and/or Jewish worldview - making Christ and His plan central to their lives**
7. Paul had a grant strategy, he was building a network of churches across the empire. He was "free" (no more room in those regions), so he was going on to Spain to expand the network.
8. His network was made up of networks of churches. (He was on his way to Jerusalem with the gift). It was time to expand more, he had key hubs, networks of churches and many key people, the list assumes an extensive list of social and modal leaders.



Are we called to be more established than any other churches?

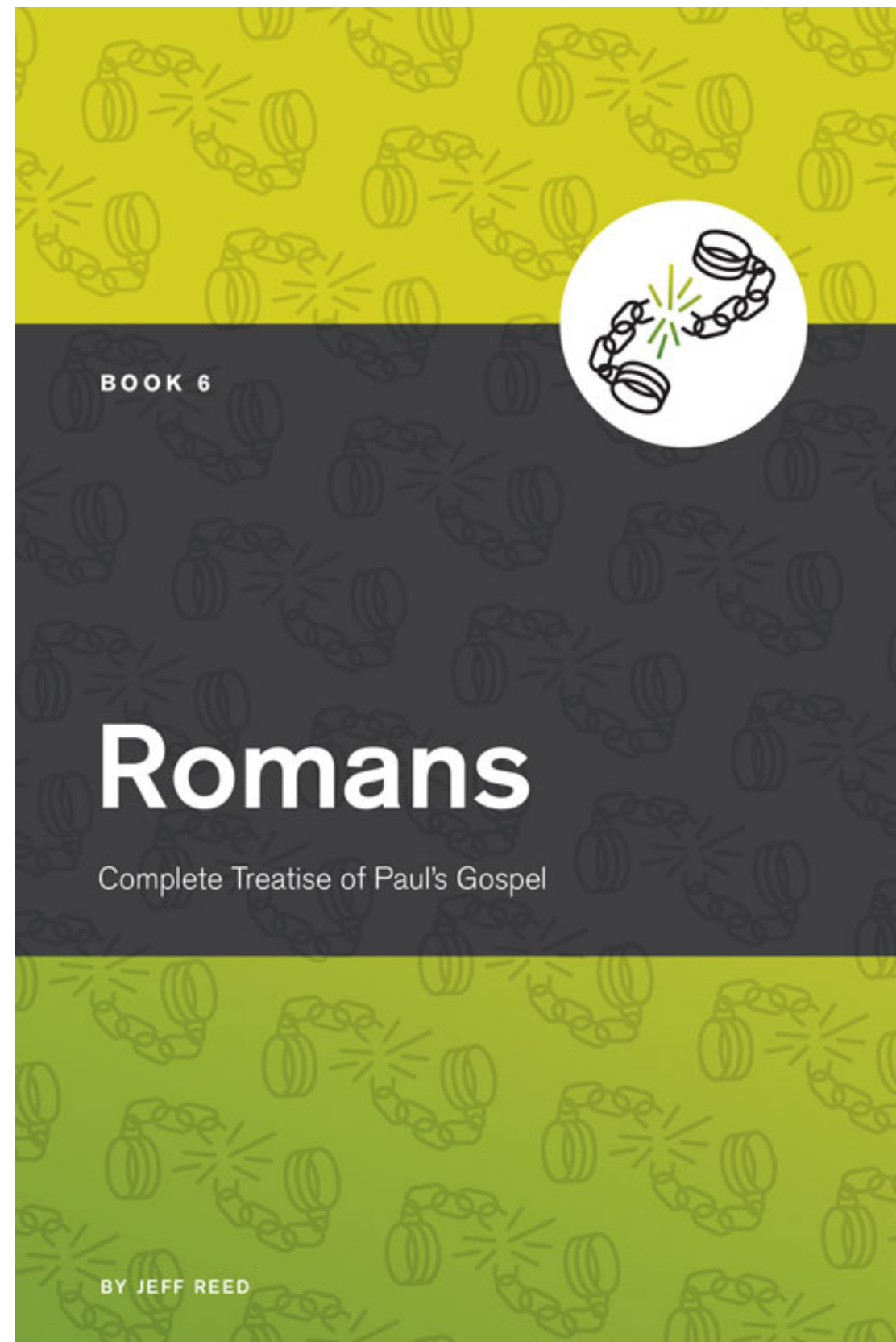
In a sense no, all churches are to be following the plans provided to expand and establish the gospel through the multiplication and establishment of church, to all nations.



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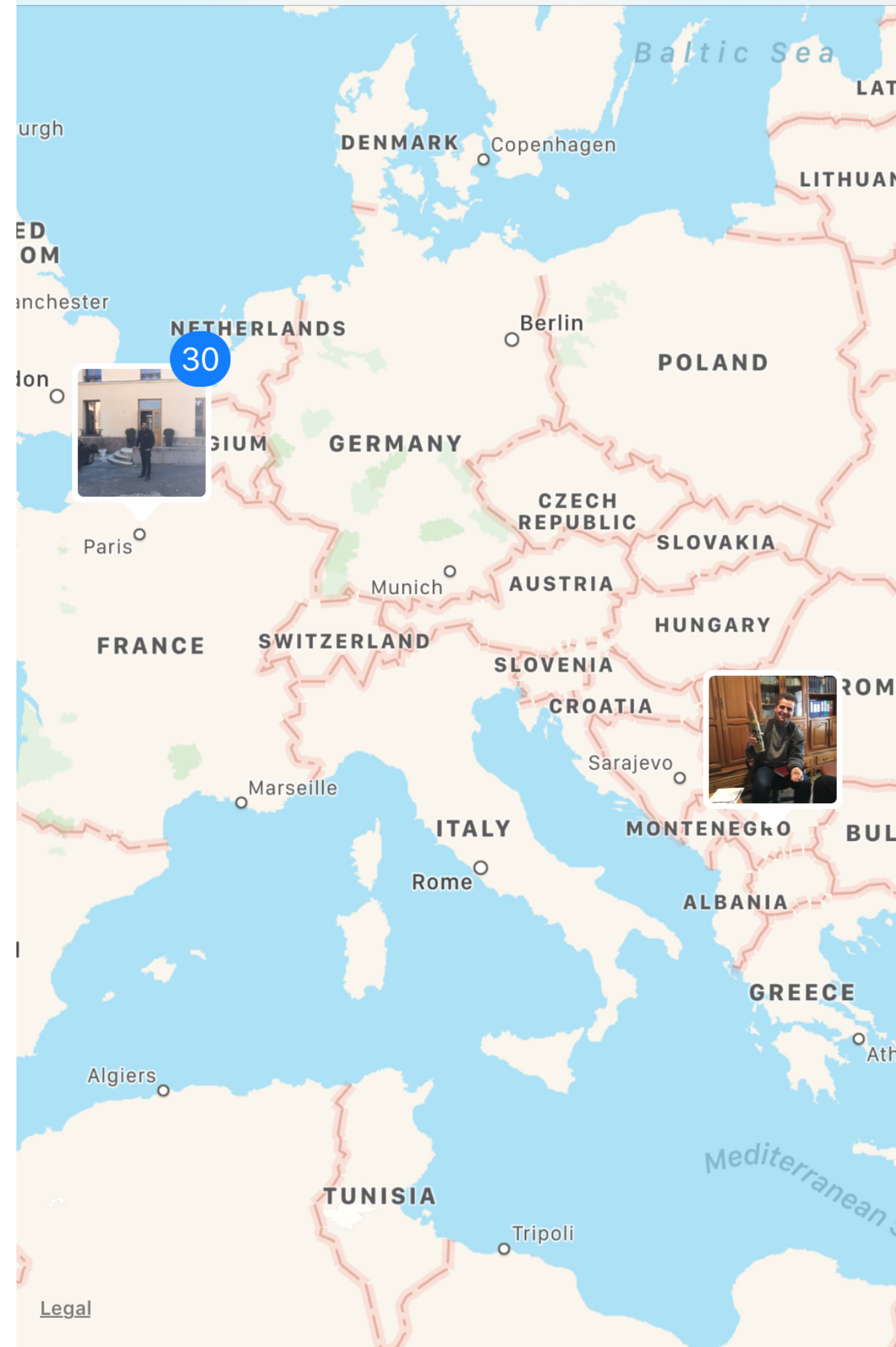
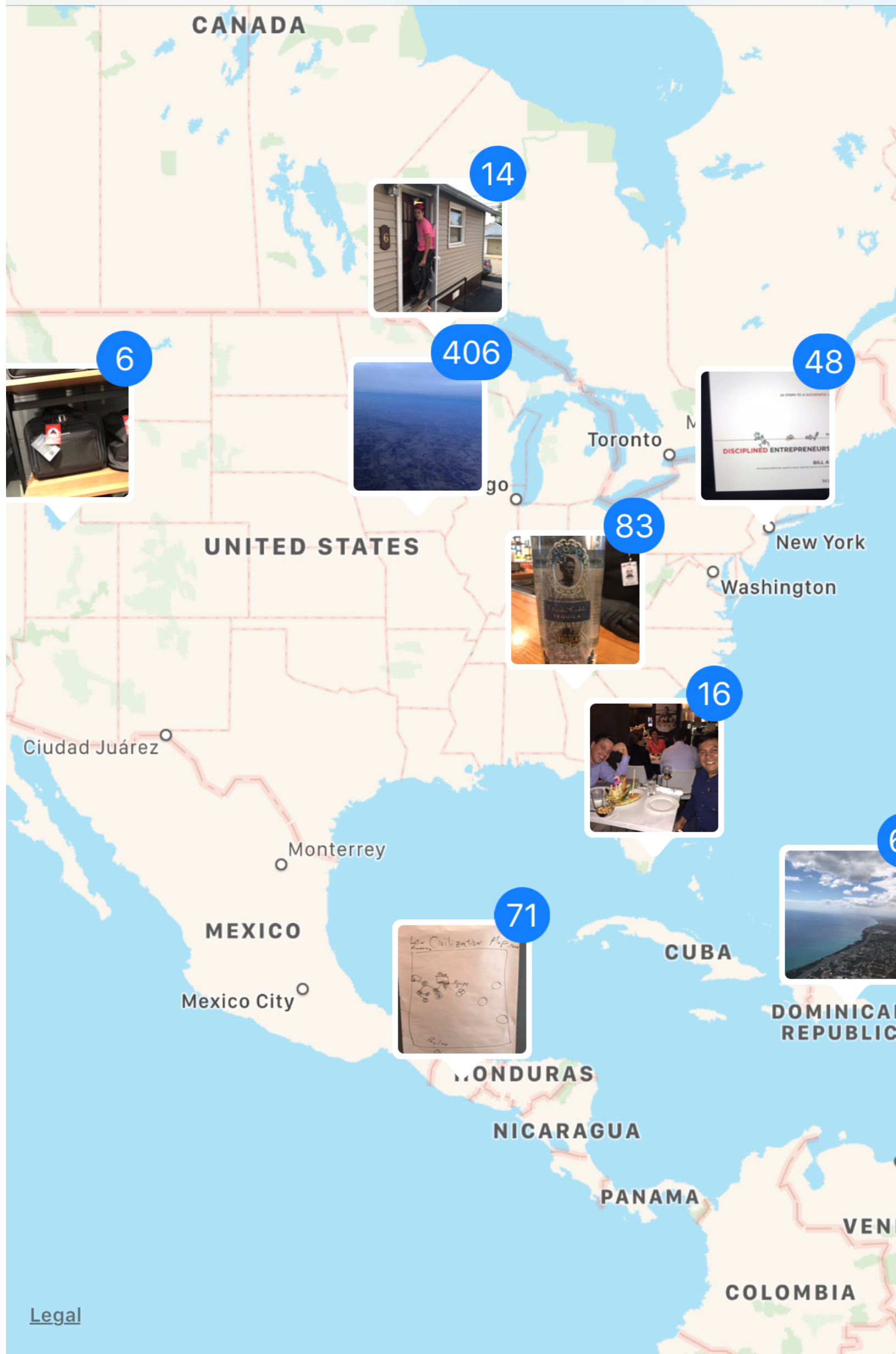
In another sense, yes we are called to be more established than any other churches because we have a calling and stewardship that we have been assigned:

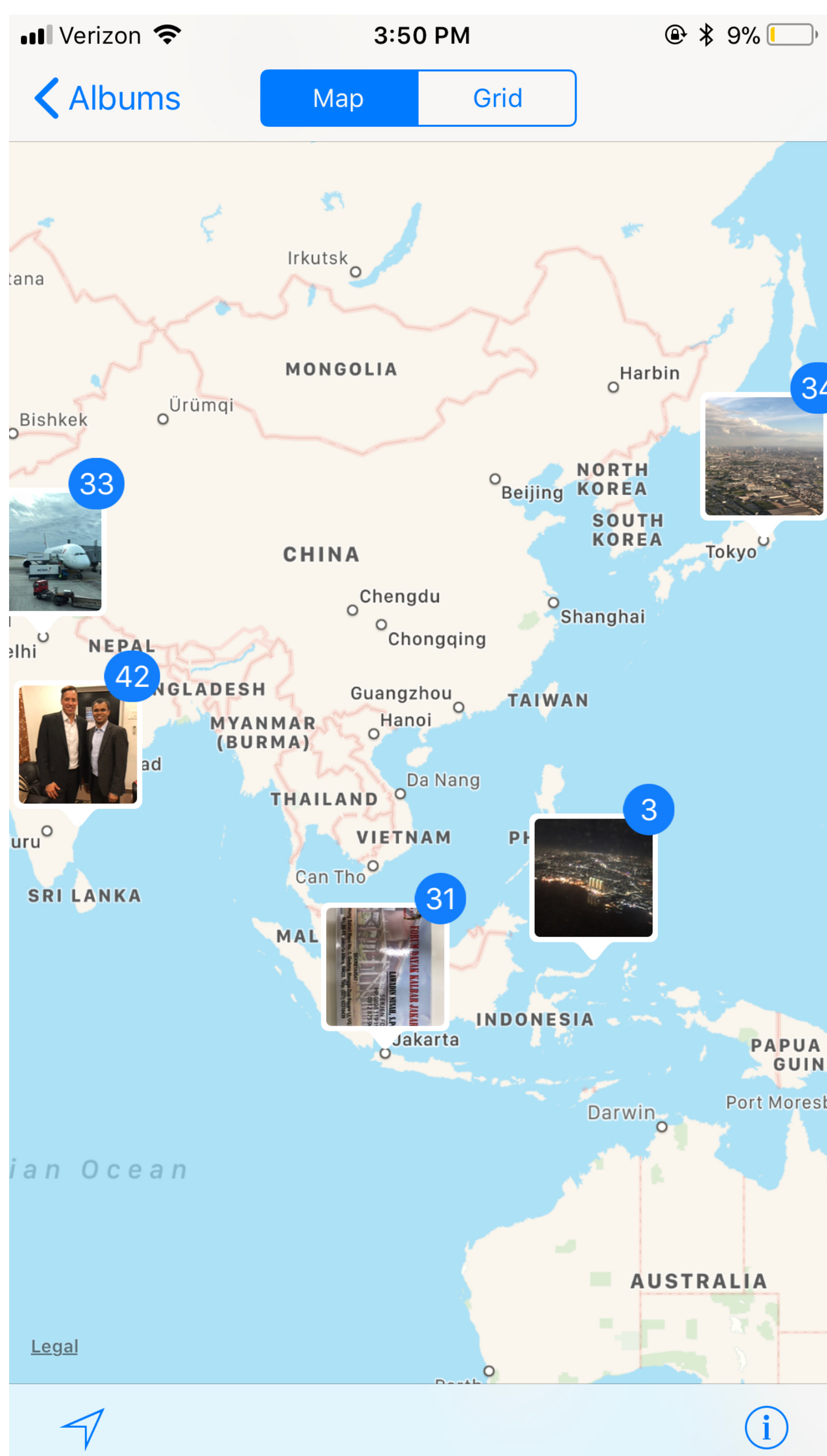
- we live in the time (years, decades) when the paradigm of western church is waning
- we sense a calling to introduce a new, but old, paradigm that fully returns back to the plans laid out in the New Testament
- we have the ability to create tools to help people to return to understand and build their lives and churches on the New Testament paradigm, The Way of Christ and His Apostles
- we have been able to get an audience with 100s of church networks across the world
- we are the center, the communication core, the main hub, the model, the prototype for the creation of the resources and the model for living out TWCA paradigm, we are the modern day Antioch or Ephesus or Rome.



Reflections and Implications

We want to fully root you, to fully establish you in the kerygma and didache and have you fully participate with us in the global network that is being built.





**Our Work: Globally Recover
The Way of Christ and His Apostles**

**Can we truly realize
The Way of Christ and His Apostles
in all of our fields?**