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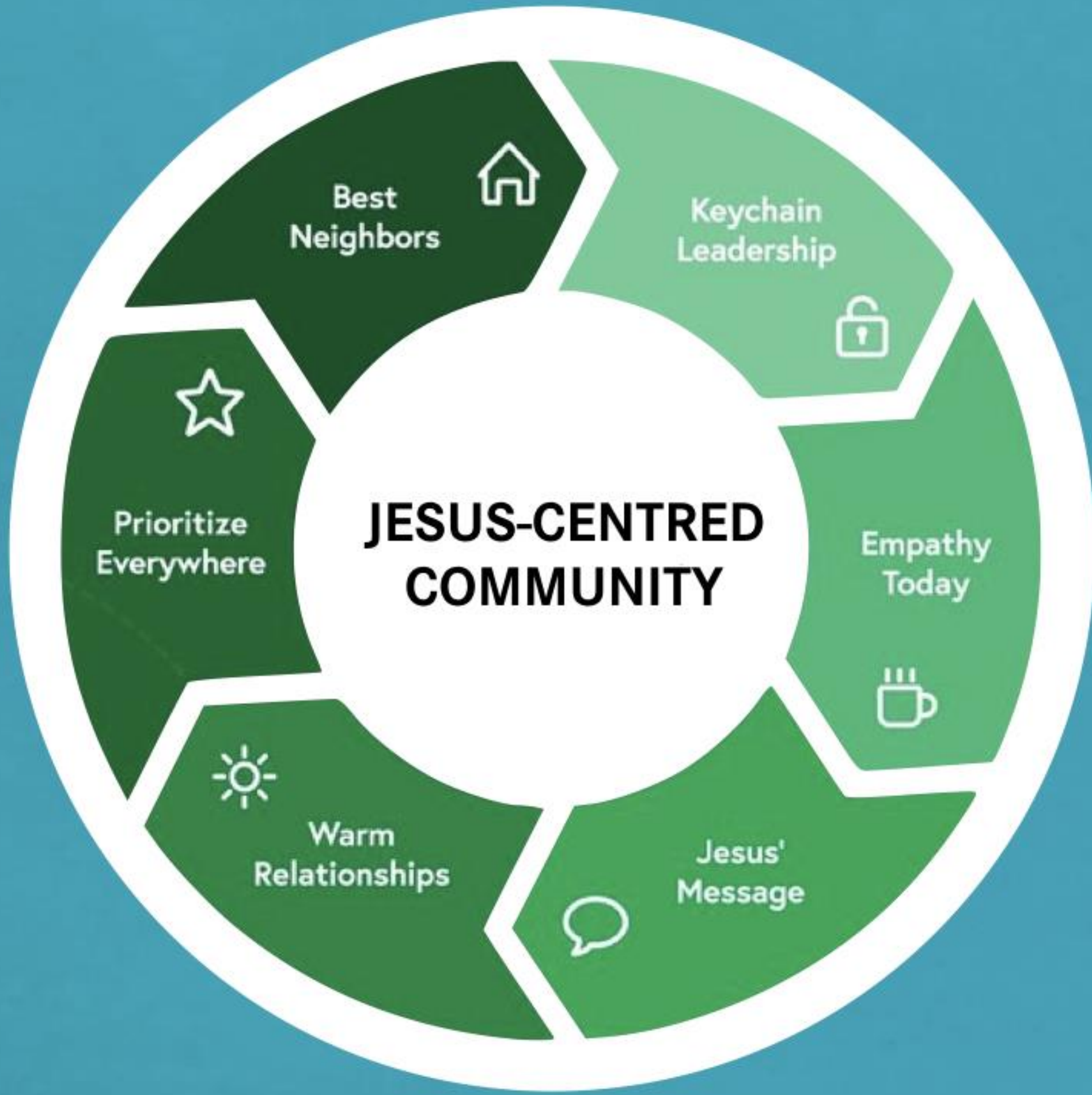
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KEYCHAIN LEADERSHIP: Instead of centralising authority, empower others; especially young people.



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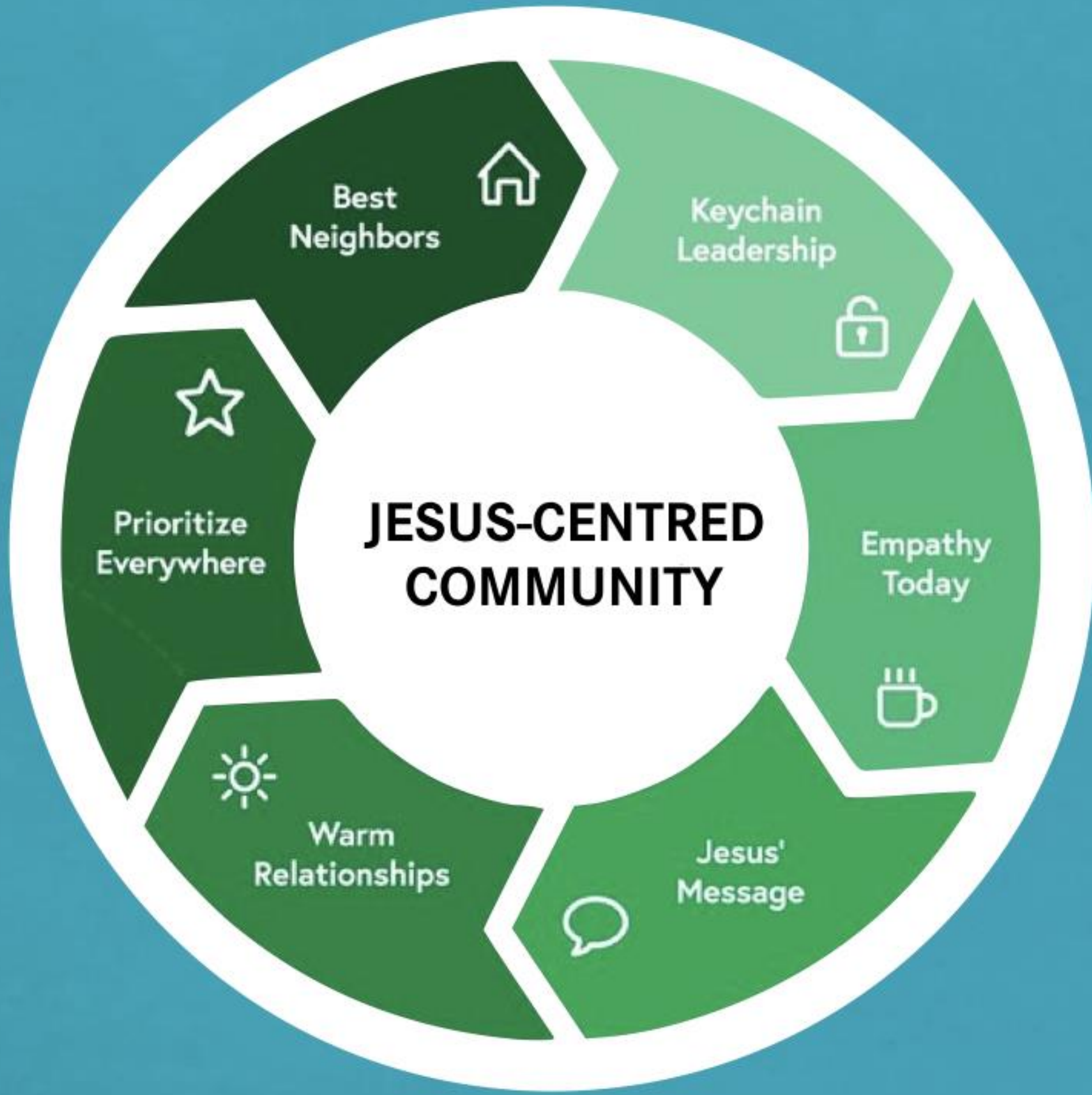
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EMPATHY TODAY: Instead of judging or criticising, step into the shoes of this generation.

“...teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17 are the biggest internet users, with 99 per cent of the people in that age group using the web. Teenagers between 15 and 17 years old were also spending the most amount of time on the internet, reaching 18 hours a week usage. Overwhelmingly, the amount of time Australian teens are on the internet is spent on social media.”

ABS - Household use of Information Technology, Aust, 2016-17

“...The happiest teens, according to the study, are those who are above average in face-to-face social interaction time and below average in social media use.”

Tara Bahrampour, SMH, 23rd Jan 2018

**Decreases in Psychological Well-Being Among American Adolescents After 2012 and Links to Screen Time During the Rise of Smartphone Technology - University of Michigan, 2018*

THE LANDSCAPE (AUST)

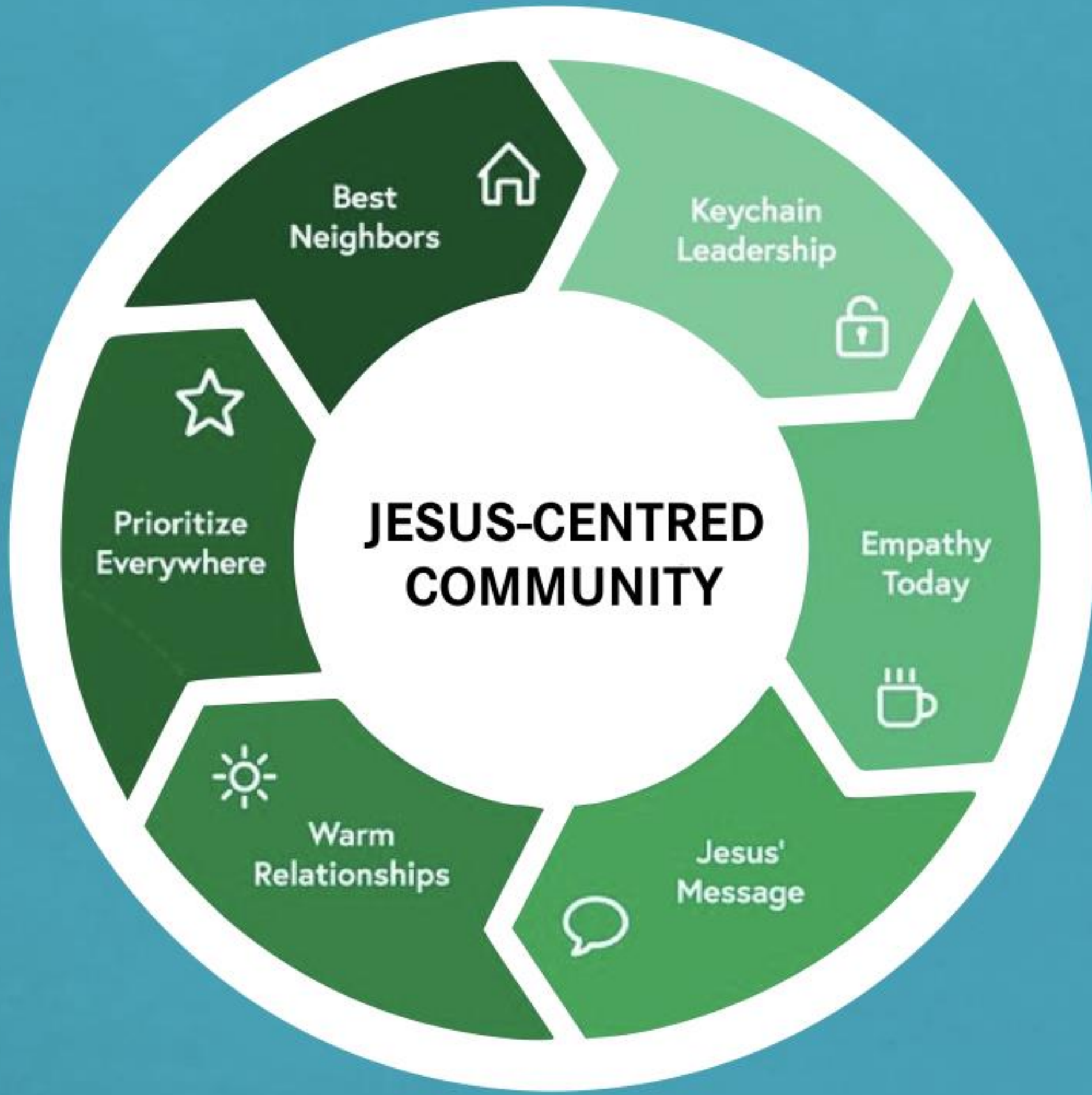
40% AUST YOUTH ARE EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT
MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS

25% PRIMARY-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ARE EXPERIENCING
SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS

49% AUST ADULTS ARE EXPERIENCING
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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, 2019

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JESUS' MESSAGE: Instead of asserting formulaic gospel claims, welcome young people into a Jesus centred way of life.

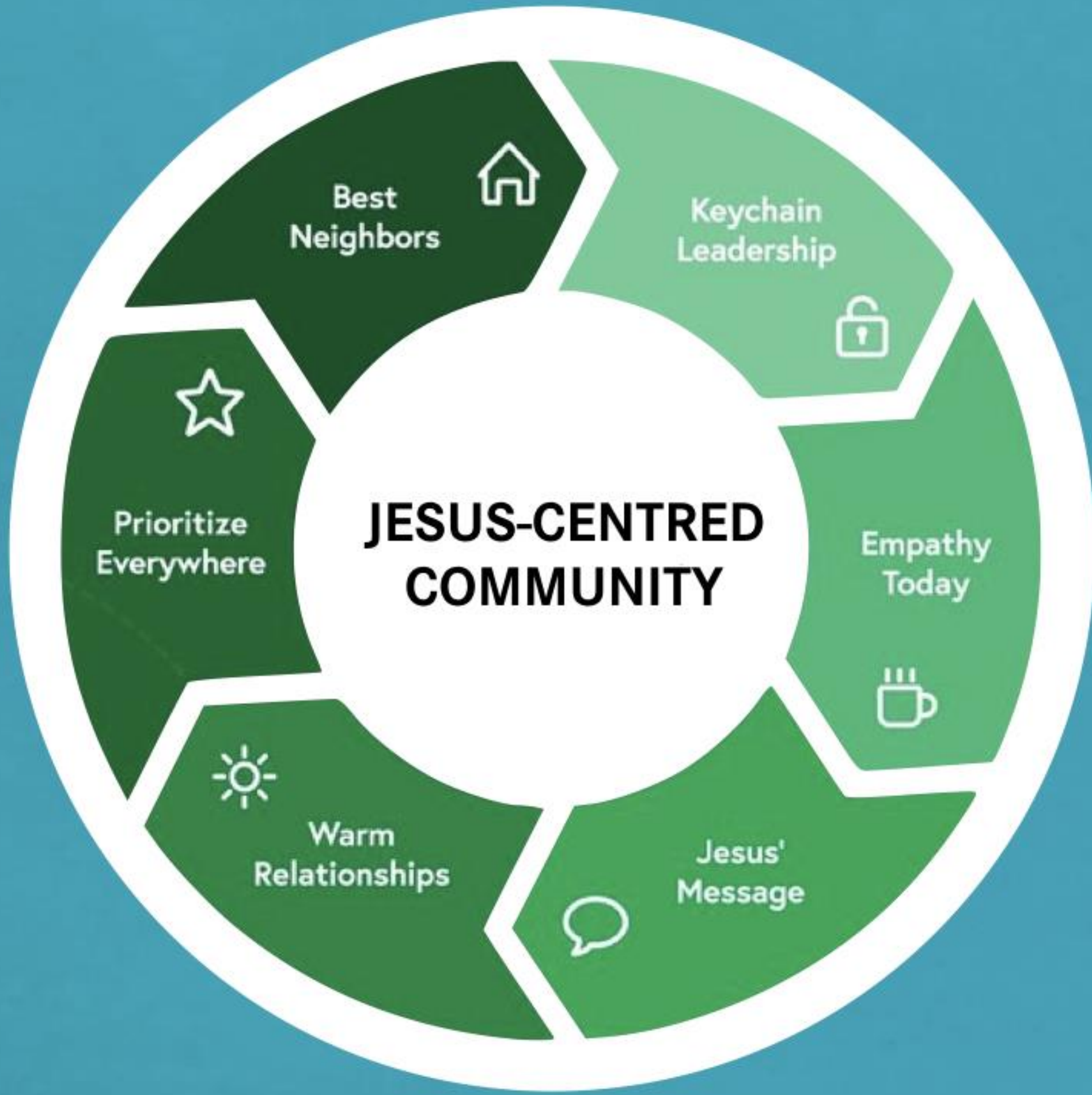
You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings – what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim 3:10-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.


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WARM RELATIONSHIPS: Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.

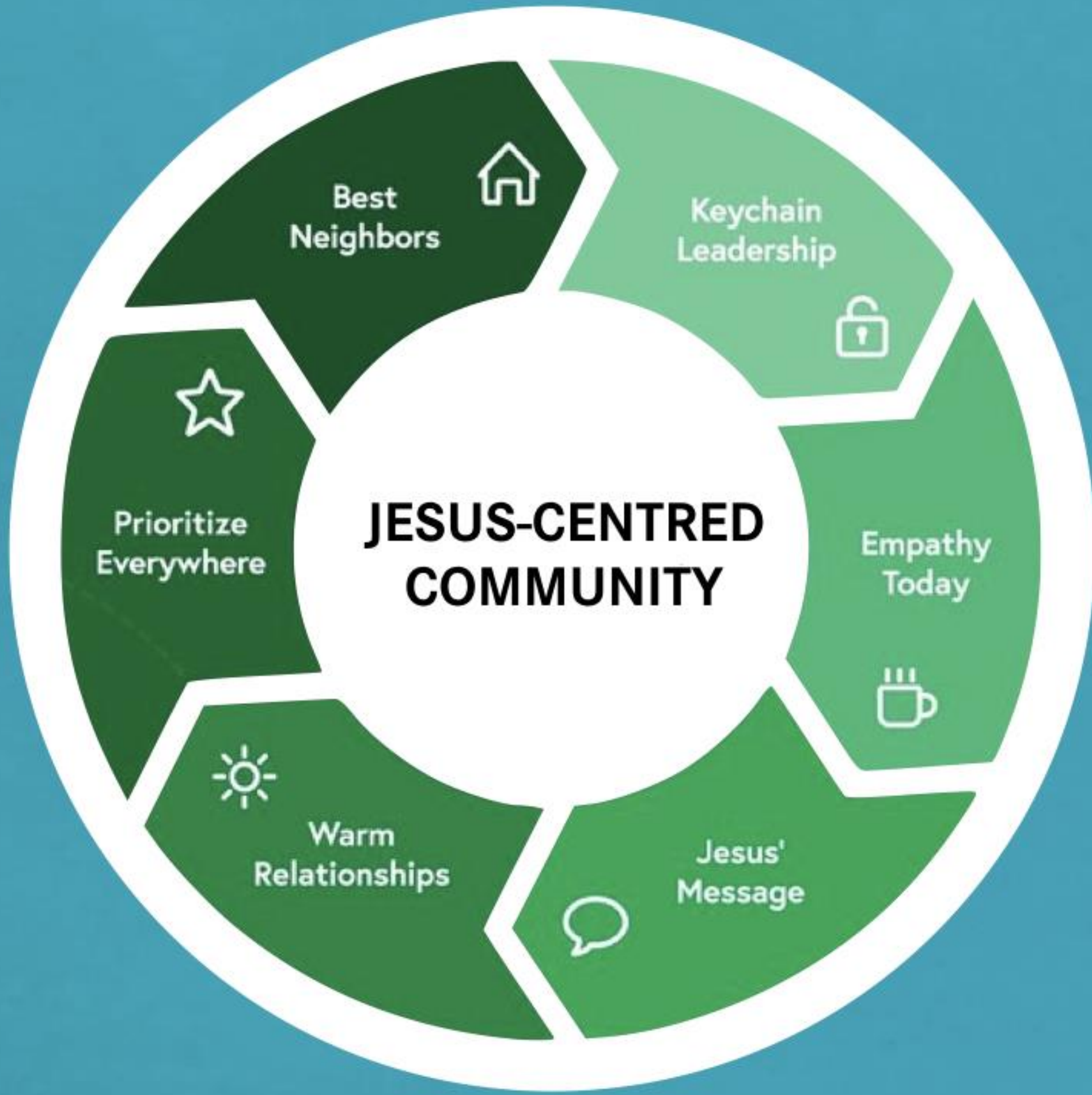
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“...people need to know these things. That you are here, that you are listening, that you understand, and that you care...”

Dr. Daniel Sweeney, George Fox University

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PRIORITIZE EVERYWHERE: Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource and involve them in all facets of your congregation.

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28,000 YOUNG PEOPLE OF FAITH PRESENT,
CONNECTED AND ENGAGED WITHIN THEIR SCHOOLS

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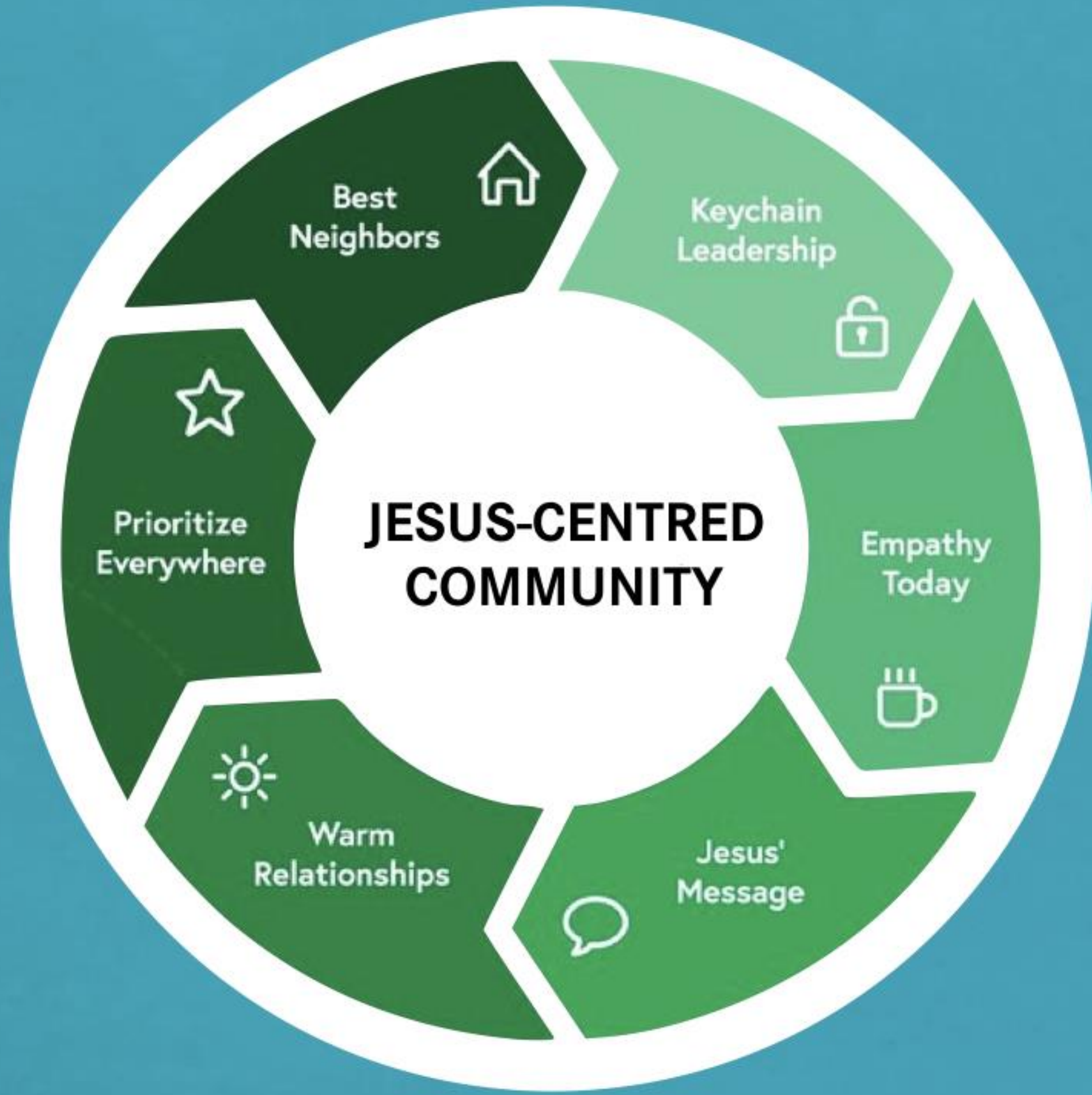
LUNCHTIME GROUPS

(across Australia!)

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BEST NEIGHBOURS: Instead of condemning the world outside your walls, enable young people to neighbour well locally and globally.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

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Na'vi greeting...
oel ngati kameie
“I see into you,
your feelings,
your love, your
total being”



Hindi greeting...

Namaste

“the divine in
me sees the
divine in you”



Zulu greeting...

Sawubona

“I see you”

Ngikhona

“I am here”



Zulu greeting...

“Until you saw
me I did not
exist”

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