

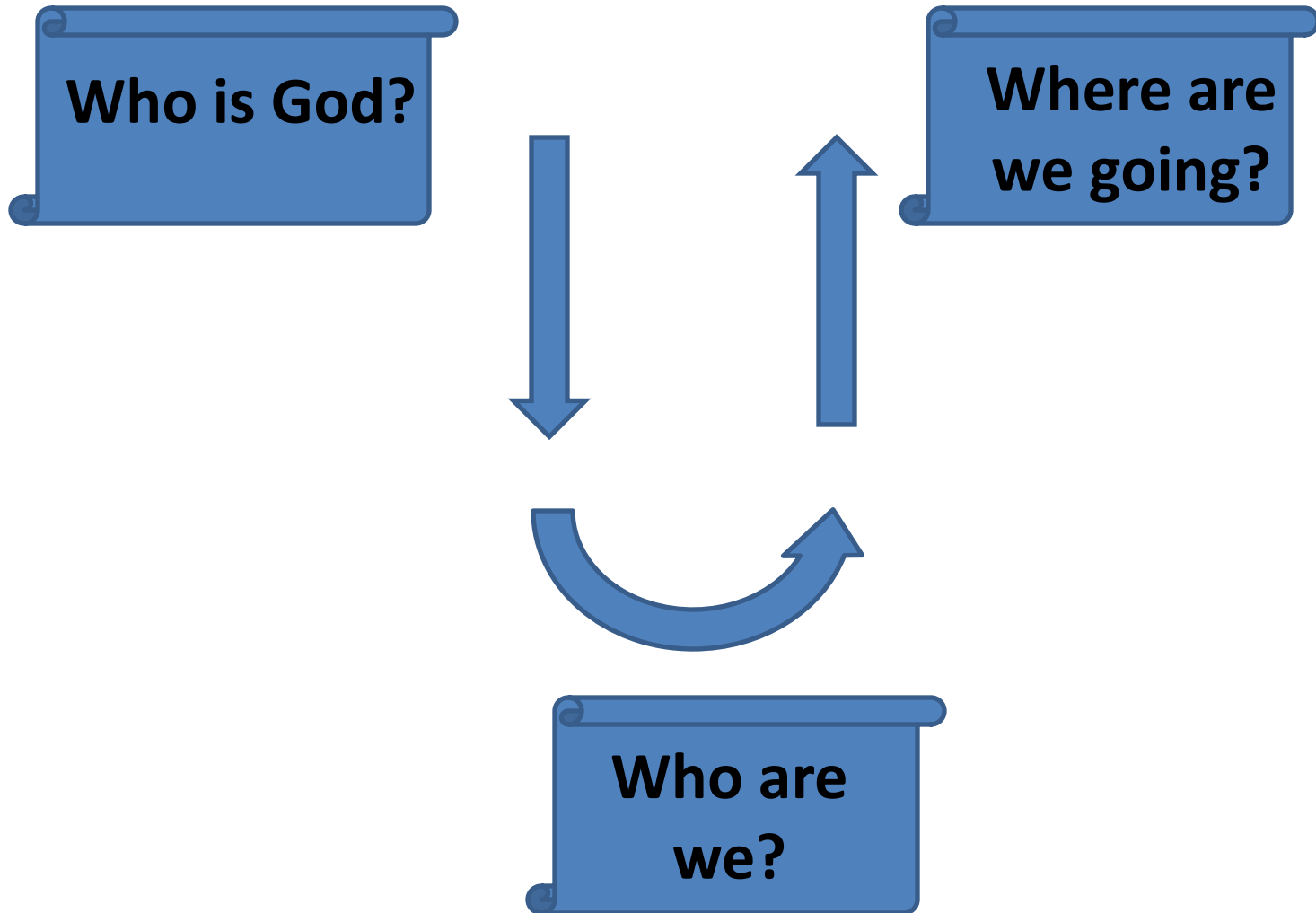


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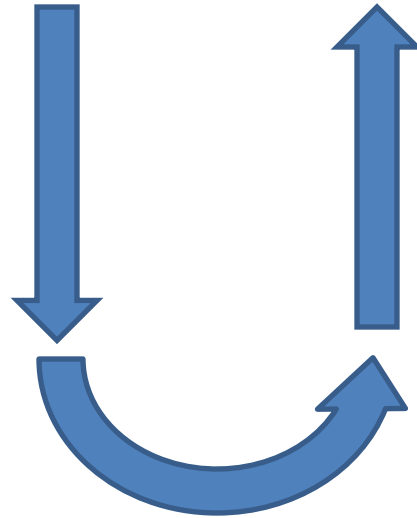
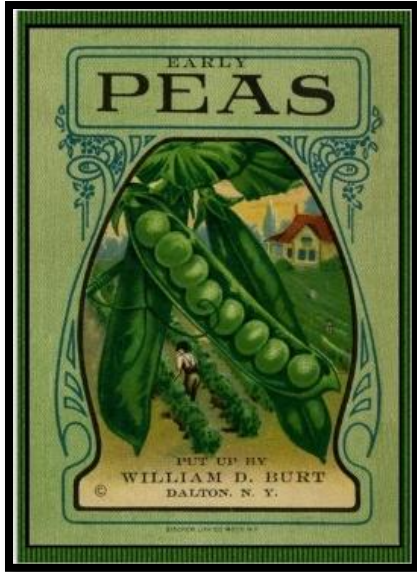
- But the angel said to them,, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Messiah, the Lord.
  - Luke 2:10-11 NIV

# A U-Shaped Story

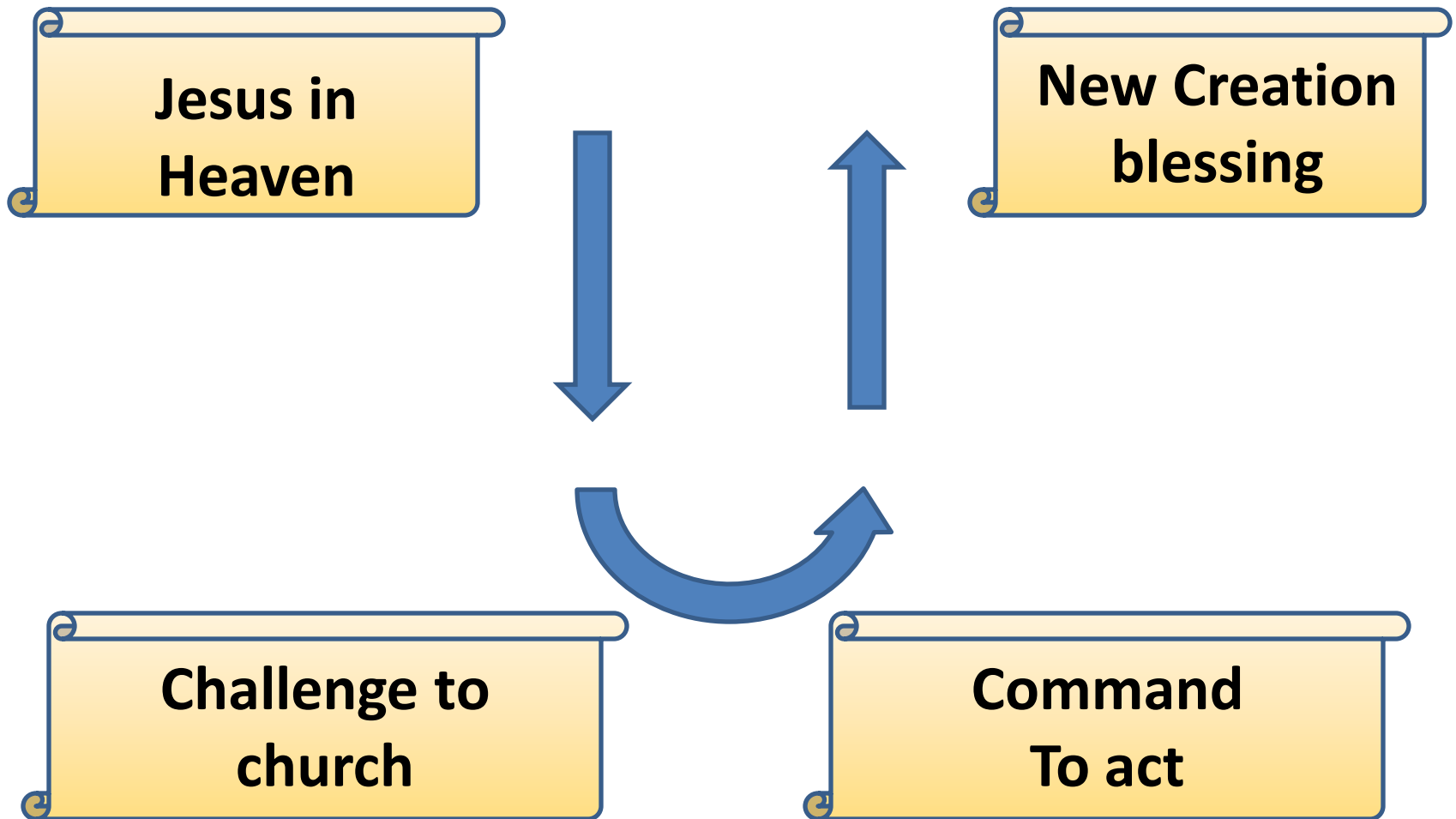




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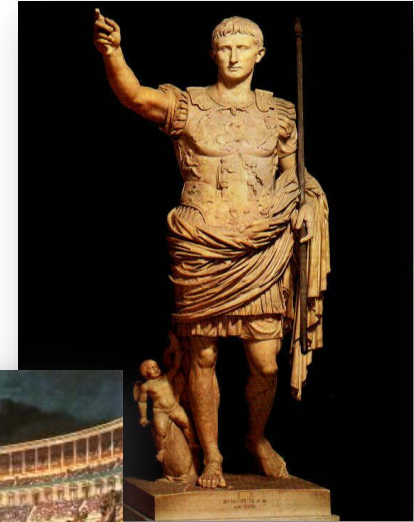


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# The Three Challenges

- Assimilation
- Persecution
- Complacency



# Top of the U: Jesus speaks from Heaven

Write to Laodicea, to the Angel of the church.  
God's Yes, the Faithful and Accurate Witness,  
the First of God's Creation, says...

# Bottom of the U: Jesus' diagnosis

“I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot – far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made. I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.”



# Bottom of the U: Jesus' command

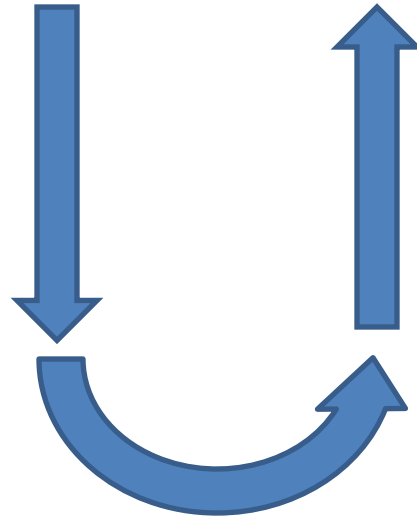
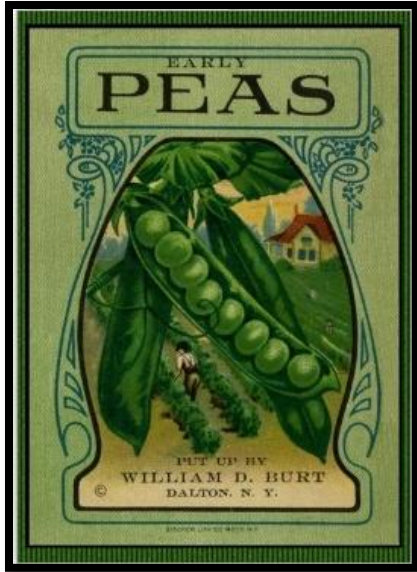
“Here’s what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that’s been through the refiner’s fire. Then you’ll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You’ve gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, really see.

“The people I love, I call to account – prod and correct and guide so that they’ll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!”

# Top of the U: Heaven's Blessings

“Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I’ll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That’s my gift to the conquerors!”

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