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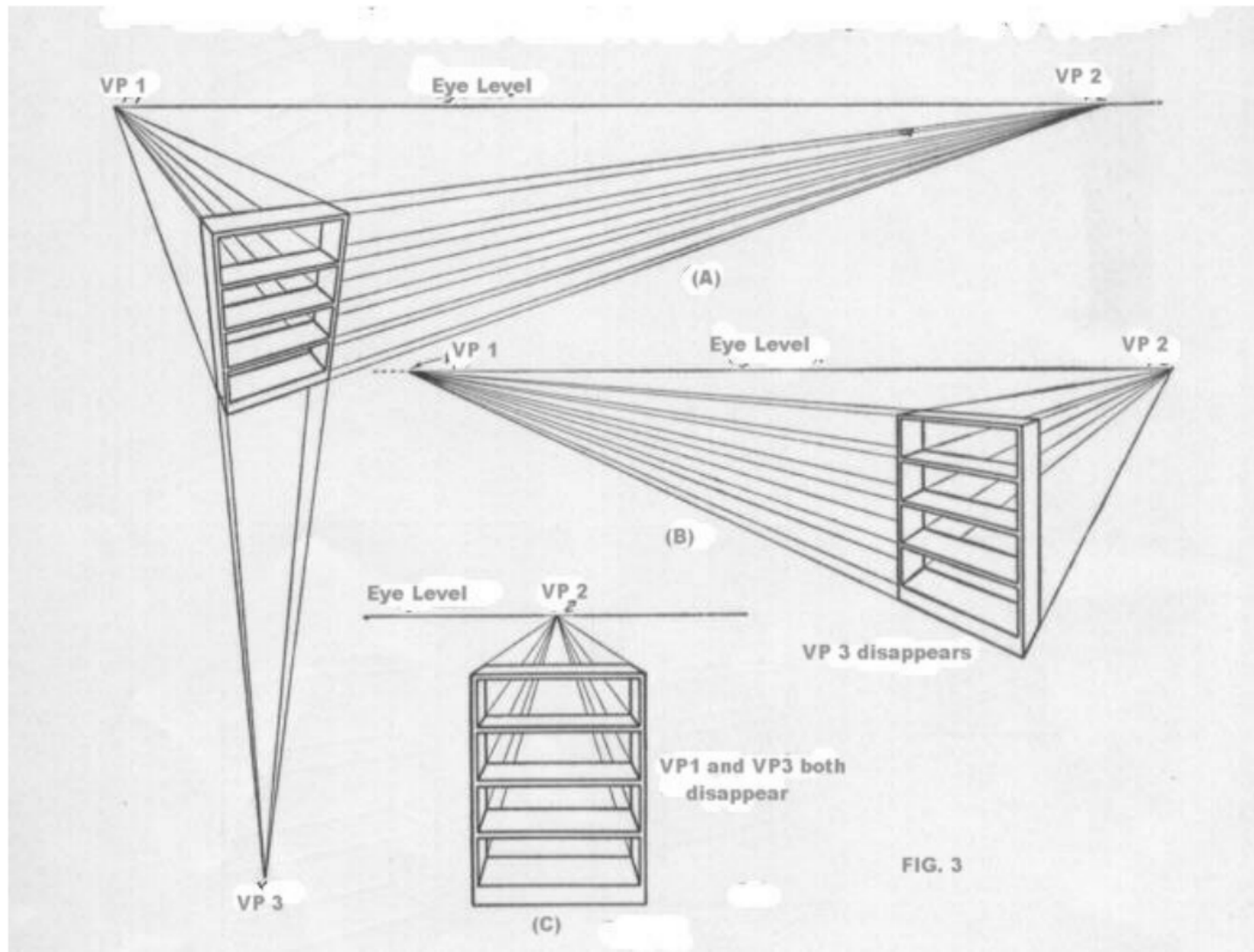


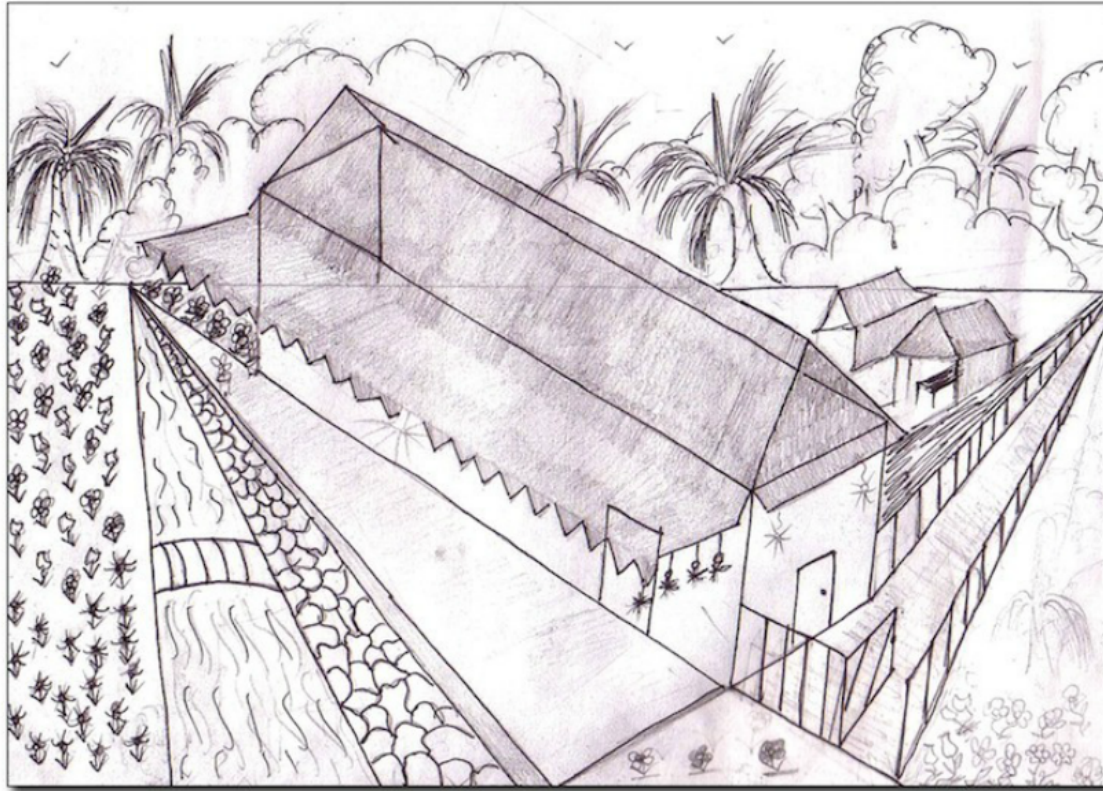
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HOW WE'RE DOING IT

OUR MINISTRY MODEL



Connect with God
Connect with Others



Understand the Gospel
Know the Bible



Serve the City
Reach the World

What do we usually miss here?

Acts 18:26-28
Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was despised and rejected. Who can speak of his disgraceful death?" For his life was taken from the earth." (Isaiah 53:7,8) The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

It wasn't random...

- He was subjected to a humiliating injustice
- That injustice cost him any descendants.
- God has seen his suffering
- And promised to vindicate him.

Isaiah 56:3-7
Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from his people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—to them I will give within my temple and its walls, a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it, and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

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"Full of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom"
 "many" miracle worker (Acts 8)
 "The Evangelist" (Acts 21)



The Point:
 Philip:
 a Spiritual Rock Star!
 He is so better than you.

(That's the point right?)

Wait. Philip's life was also...

Deacon <small>Helping out poor women</small>	Normal preacher and pastor <small>Made just one maybe 1250 of his money</small>
Evangelist <small>Looking for places to preach in the busy marketplace of Asia</small>	Normal Guy <small>Living in Caesarea, probably with a wife and kids</small>
Mr. Dad <small>Had 4 daughters, made nice</small>	

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Evangelist

Getting rejected by most people
in the dusty rural towns of Judea

Mr. Dad

Raised 4 daughters, maybe alone

Normal preacher and pastor

Miracle parts are maybe
1/150th of his ministry

Normal Guy

Living in Cesarea,
Probably with a regular job

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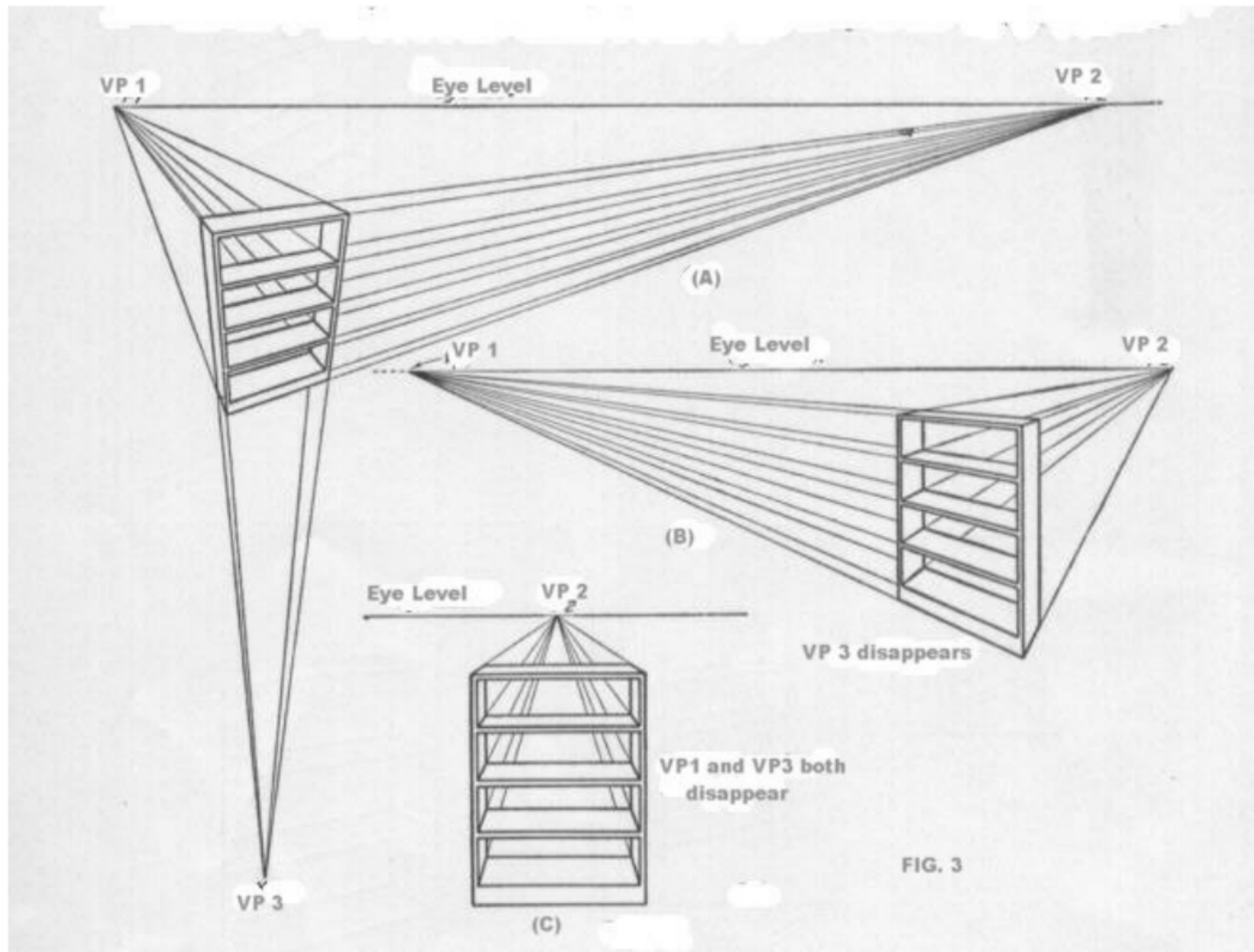
Are we really
Practical people

People concerned about
practice: "Can it be done
and how?"

or

Pragmatists

People concerned about
outcomes: "How do I get
what I want?"



A network diagram with colorful nodes and connecting lines, with the word 'ACTS' in the center. The nodes are represented by small colored circles in teal, yellow, red, green, and purple. They are interconnected by thin black lines, forming a complex web. The word 'ACTS' is written in a large, bold, teal font in the center of the image. The entire diagram is enclosed in a teal border.

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