



# DMin 303 Missional Ecclesiology: Frameworks for Functional Churches in Society

**Theme: “Church Scattered: Helping Develop  
Functional Churches for a New Normal”**

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# Community vs *Communitas* & *Liminality*

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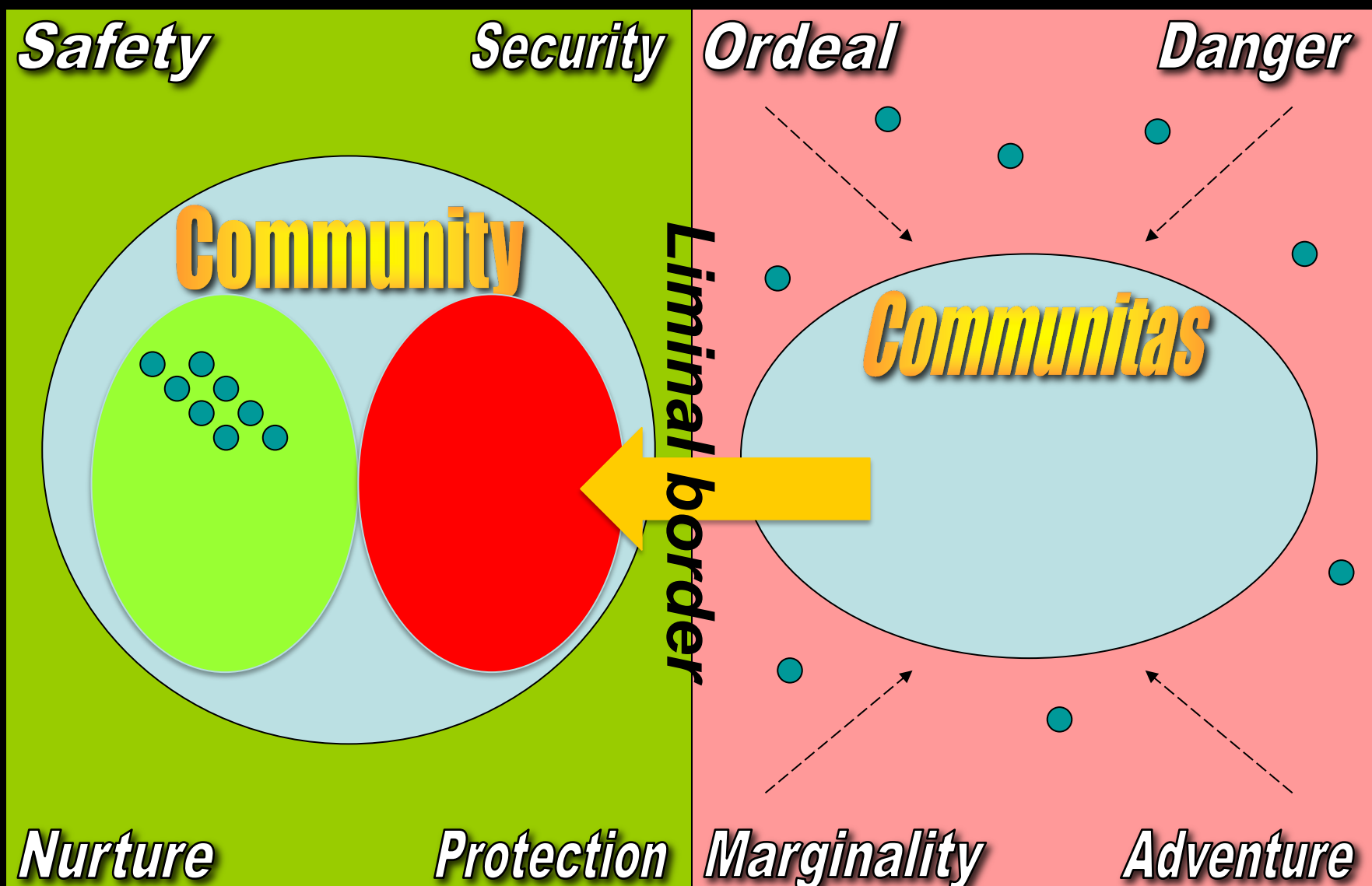
[Turner, V. (1969). Liminality and  
communitas. *The ritual process:  
Structure and anti-  
structure*, 94(113), 125-30.]



## Act 4:32-35

The whole group of believers lived in harmony. No one called any of his possessions his own. Instead, they shared everything. With great power the apostles continued to testify that the Lord Jesus had come back to life. God's abundant good will was with all of them. None of them needed anything. From time to time, people sold land or houses & brought the money to the apostles. Then the money was distributed to anyone who needed it.

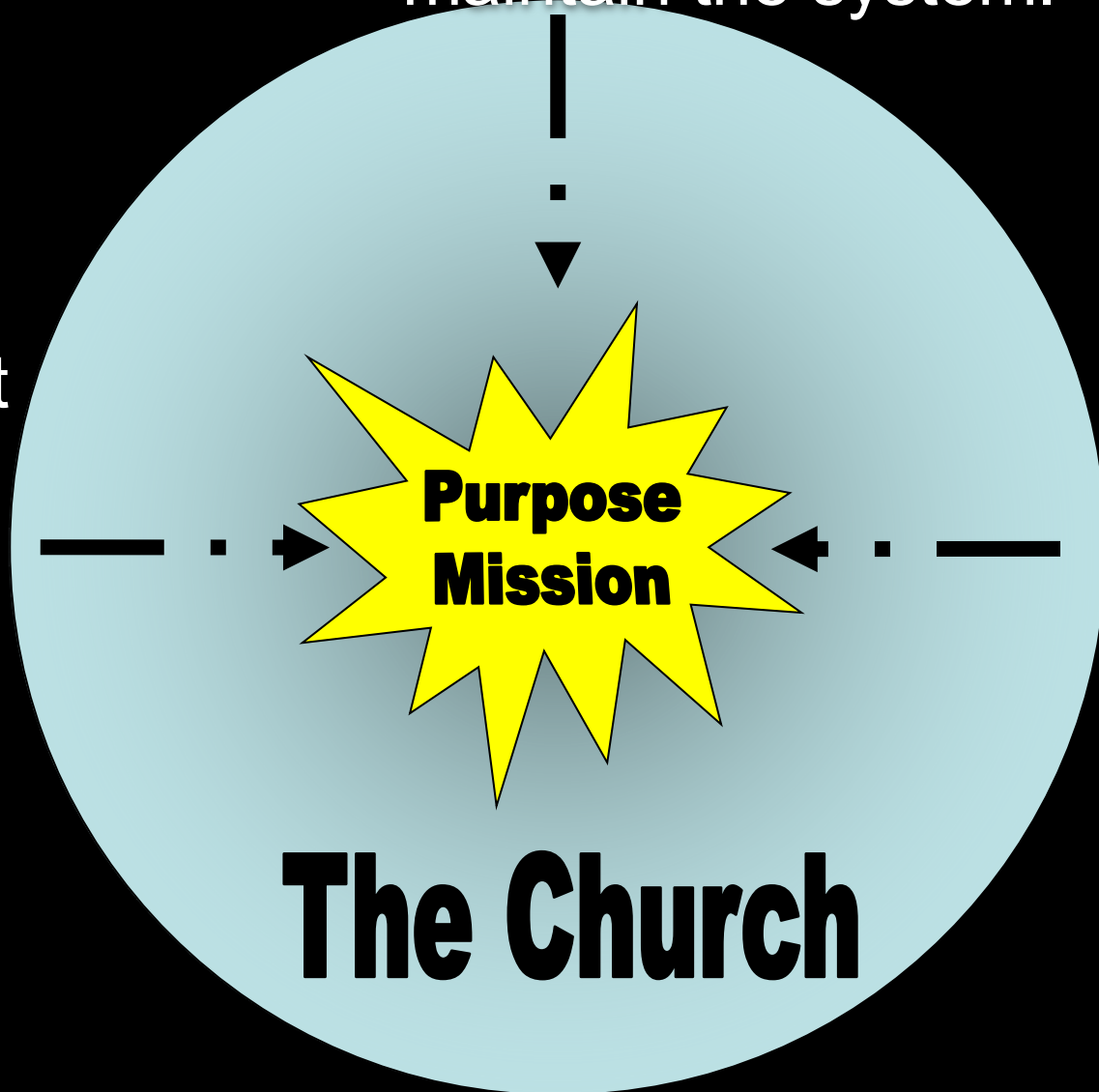




# Community

The settled experience of a group of people that exists for its own benefit & for the "insiders." Its energies are primarily directed inward.

Resources are developed to maintain the system.



"The Community for Me"



***Communitas***

Resources are developed  
to accomplish the mission.

**The Church**

**Purpose  
Mission**

The journey of a group of people that  
find each other only in a common pursuit  
of a vision & a mission that lies beyond  
itself. Its energies are primarily directed  
outward & forward.

**"Me for the Community &  
the Community for the  
World"**