

# Understanding the Seasons



Ecc 3:1-2 NLT For everything there is **a season, a time** for every activity under heaven. 2 A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

1Ch 12:32 ESV Of Issachar, men  
who had **understanding of the  
times**, to know what **Israel ought  
to do**

# *Churches listed in the New Testament*

Antioch, Pisidia

Antioch, Syria

Athens

Babylon

Berea

Caesarea

Cenchrea

**Colossae**

**Corinth**

Crete

Cyrene

Damascus

Derbe

**Ephesus**

Hierapolis

Iconium

Jerusalem

Joppa

Laodicea

Lydda

Lystra

Pergamum

Philadelphia

**Philippi**

Puteoli Italy

**Rome**

Sardis

Sharon

Smyrna

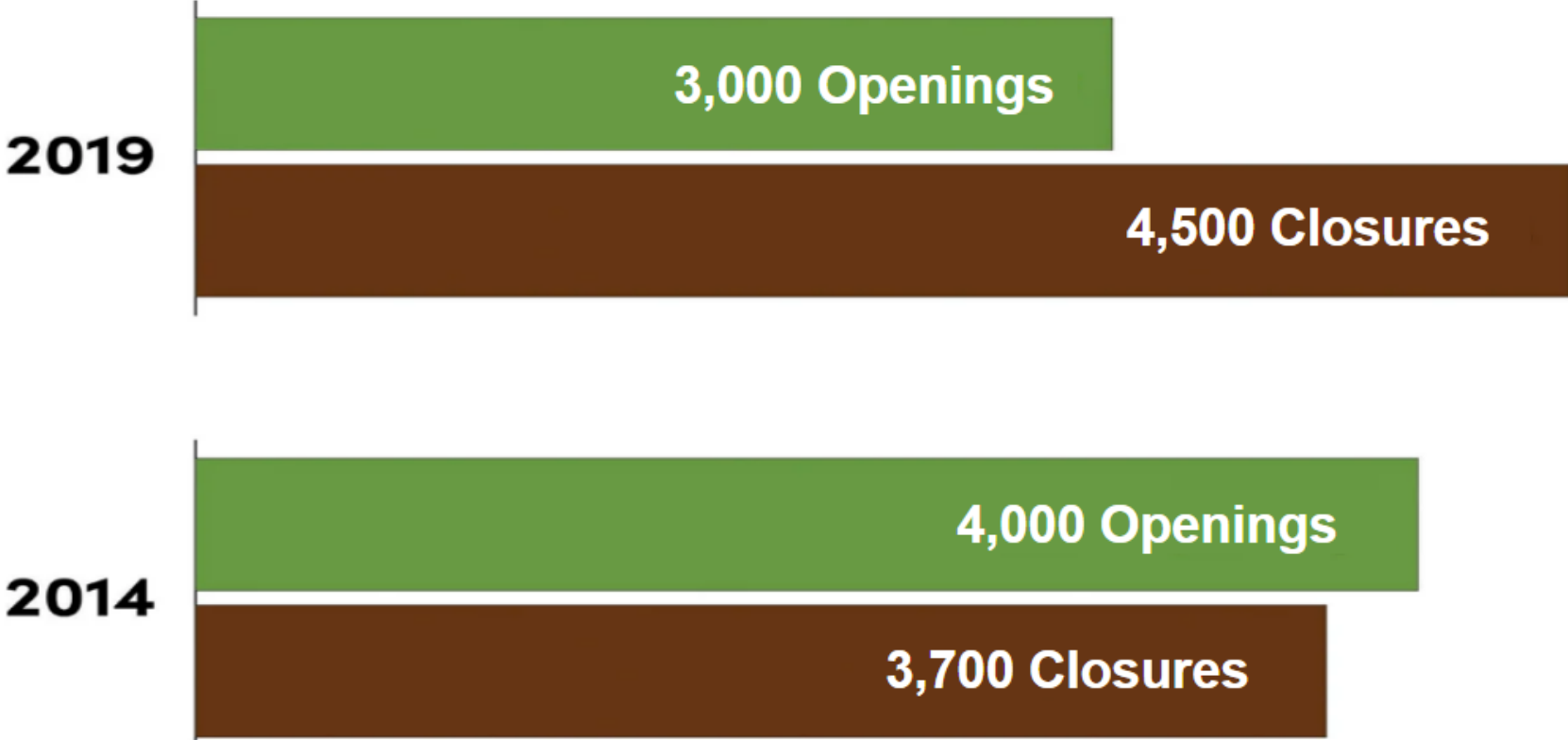
Tarsus

**Thessalonica**

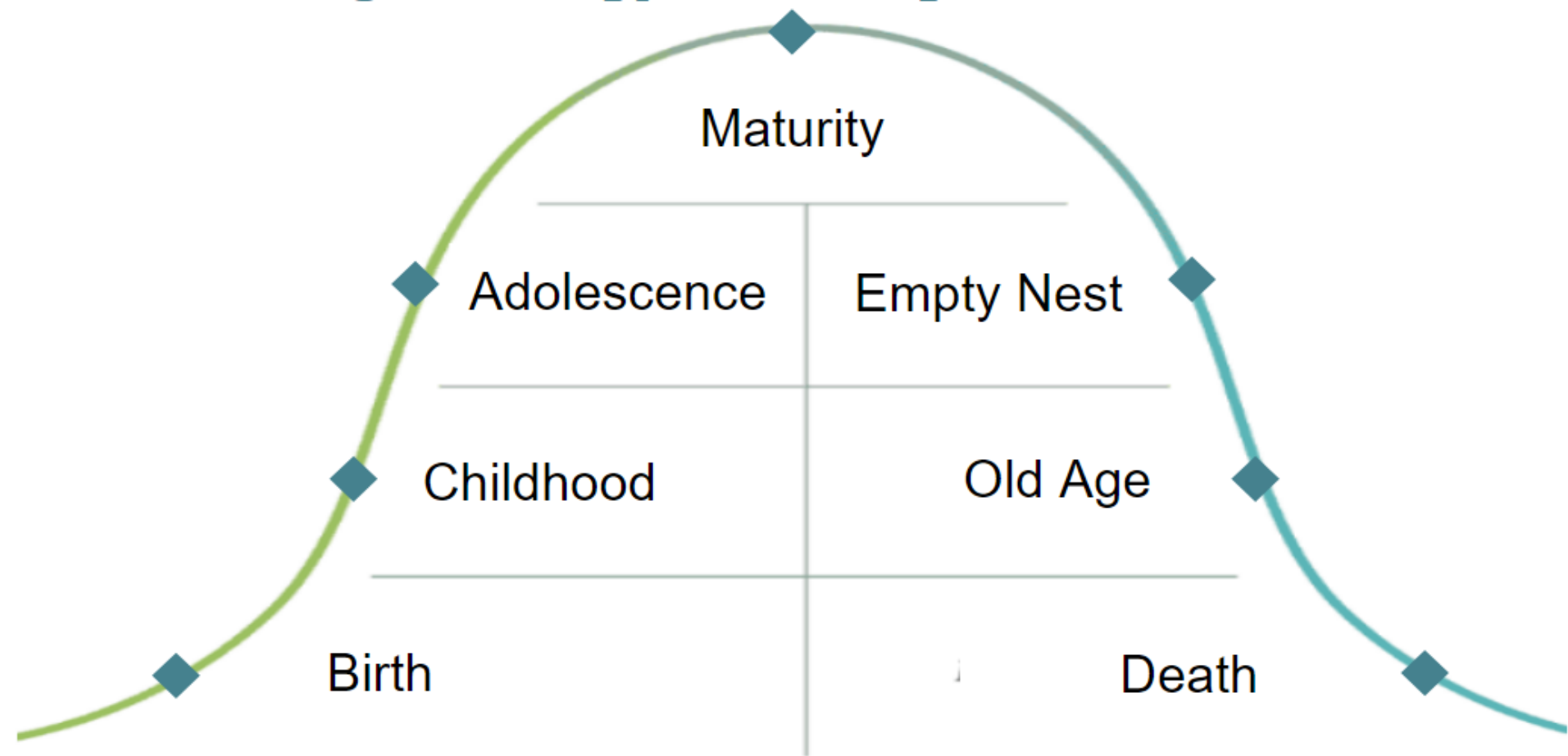
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Troas

# Churches are born and churches die every day in the US



# 7 stages of a typical life cycle of a church



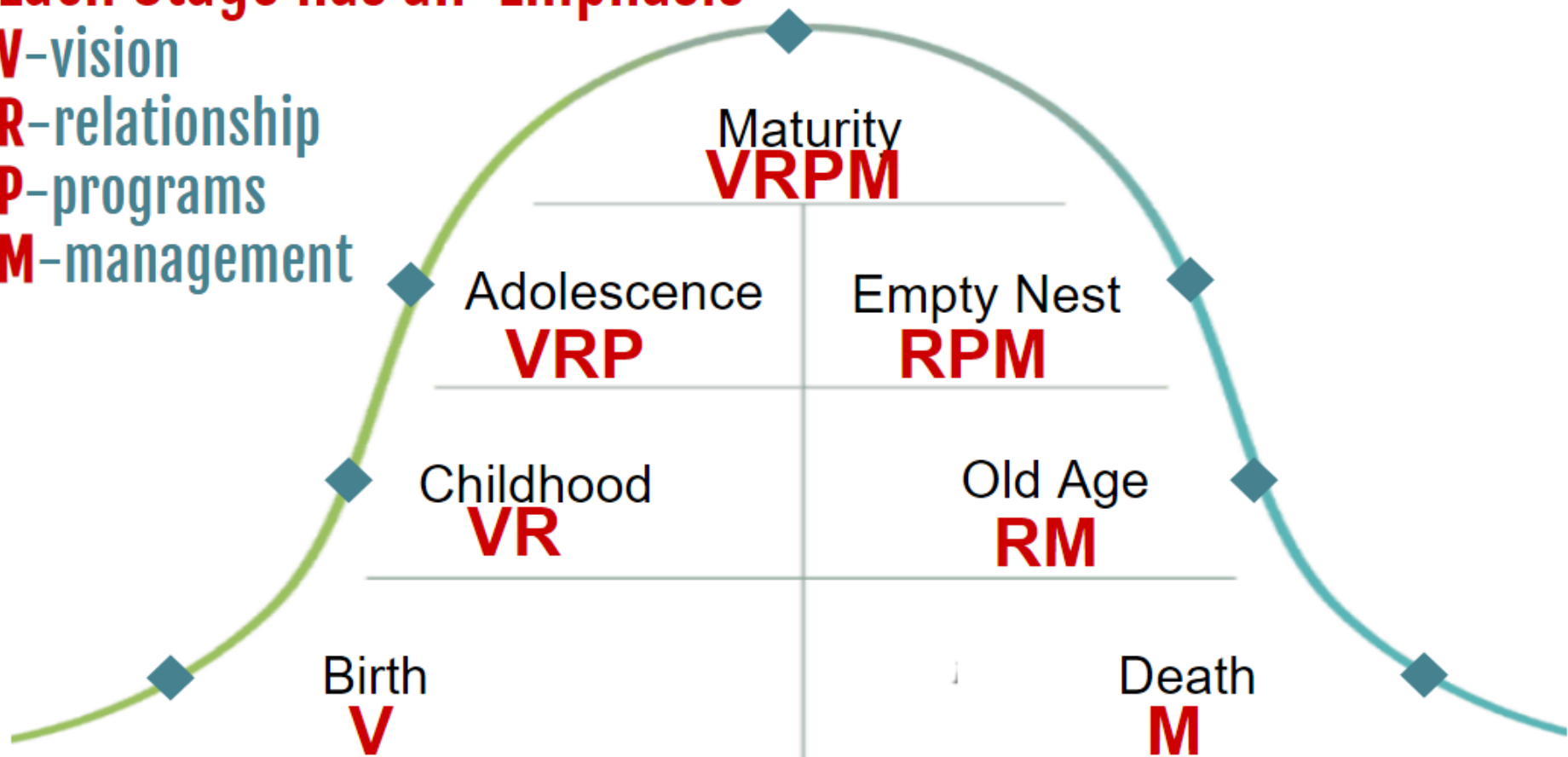
# Each Stage has an Emphasis

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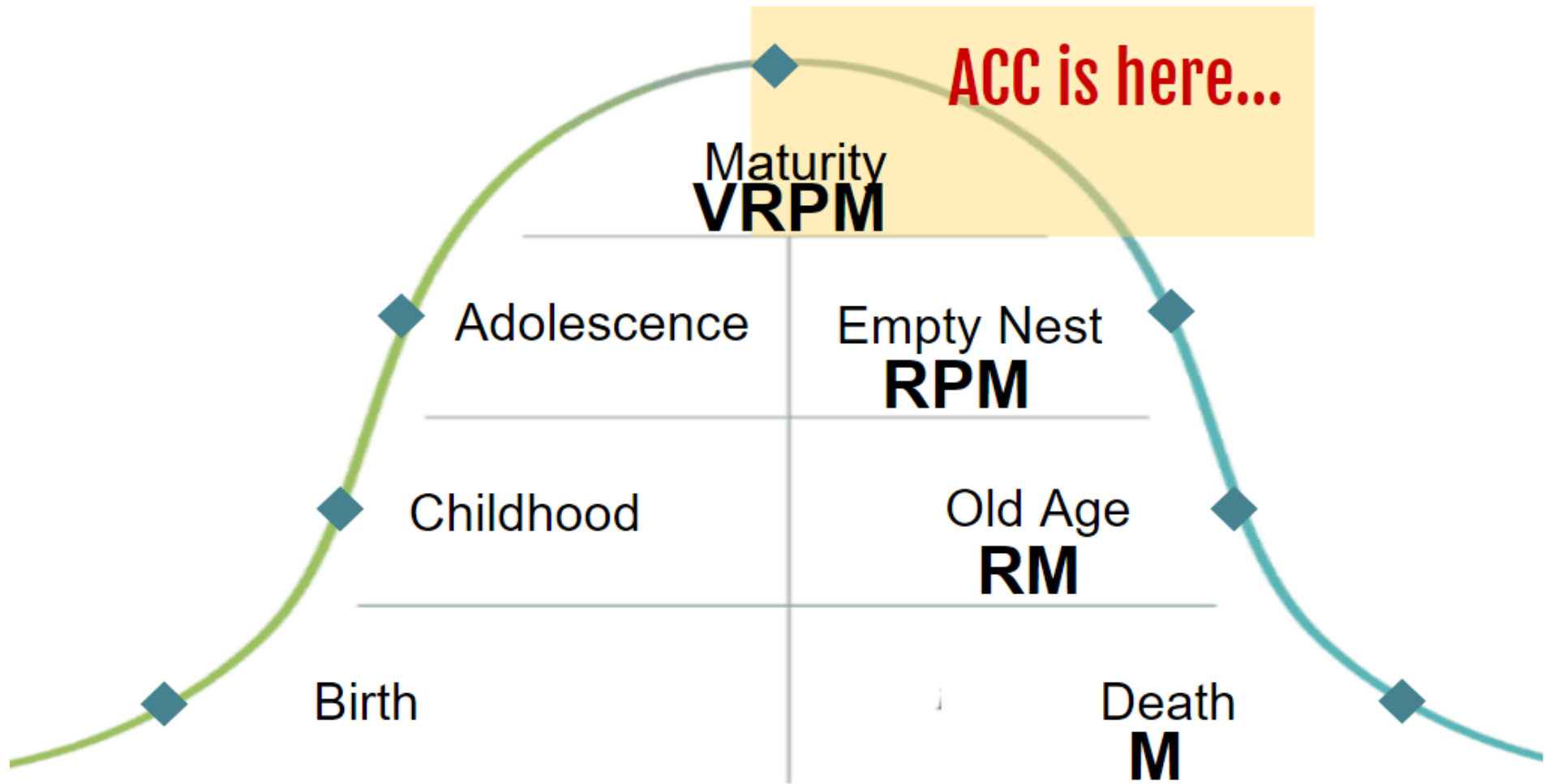
**R**-relationship

**P**-programs

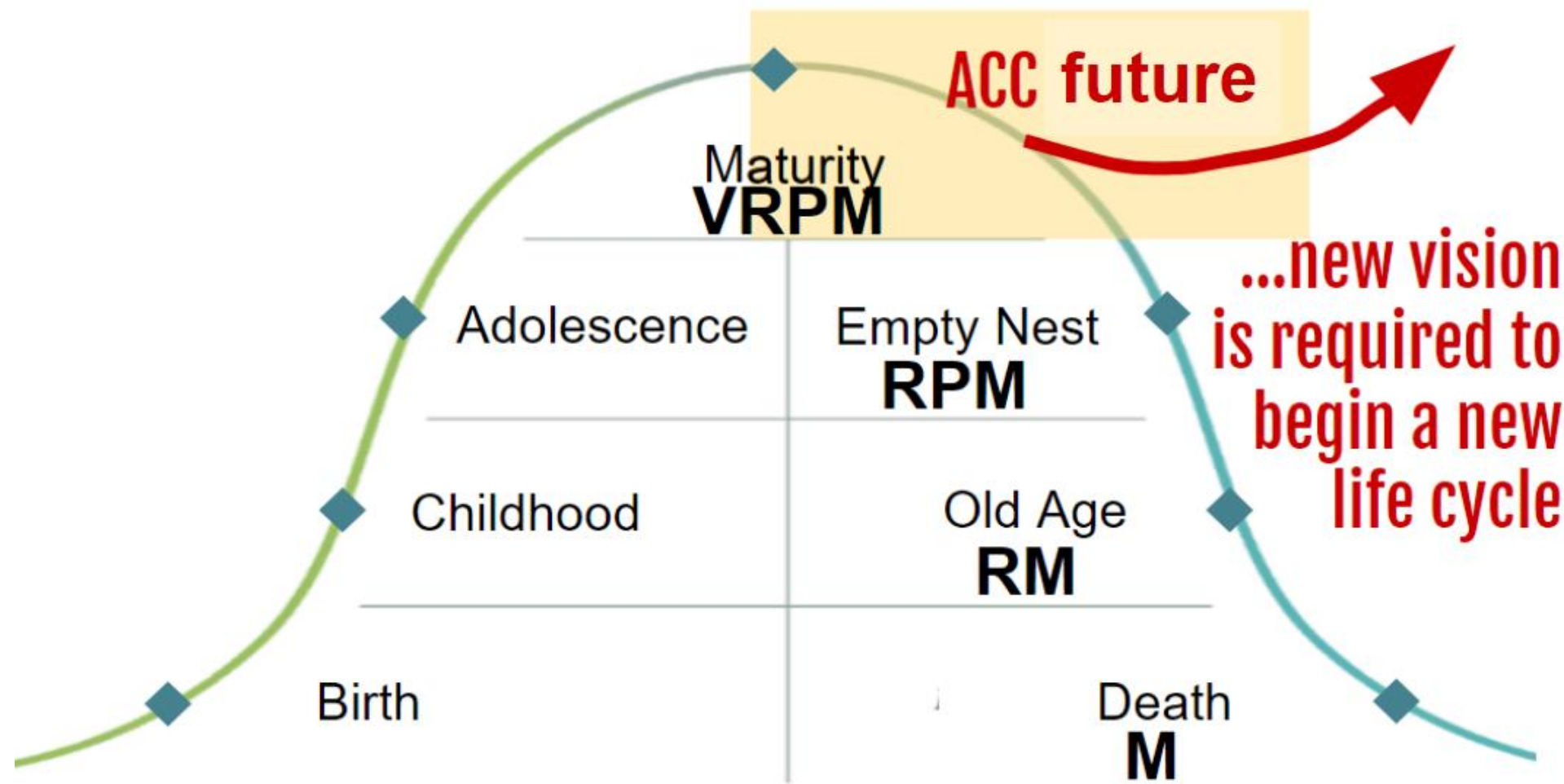
**M**-management

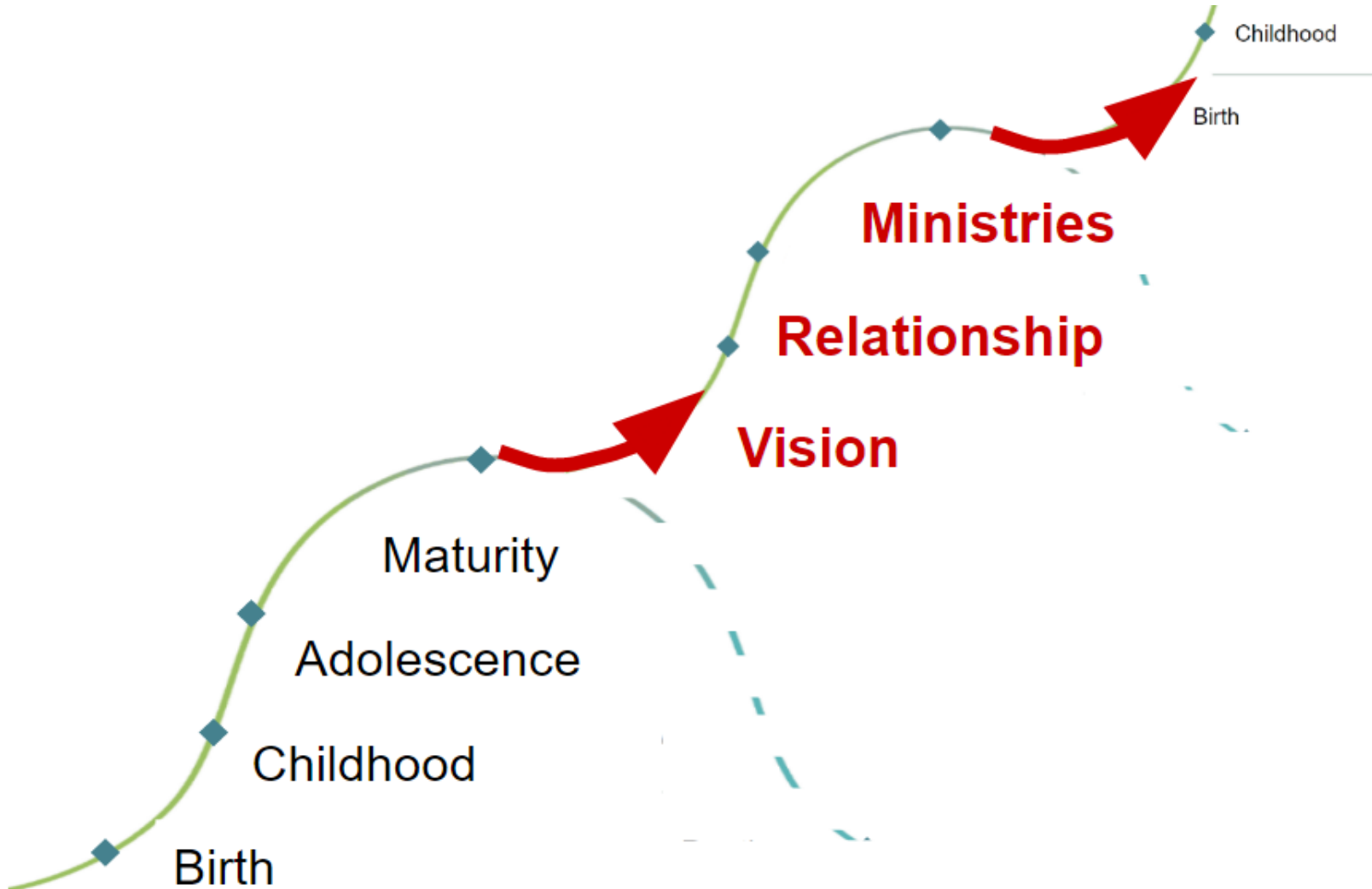












# The Mission

“The Great Commission”

Make disciples of all nations

# Core Values

“The Great Commandment”

Love God, Love Others

# The Vision

To live out the Great Commandment  
in such a way that the Great  
Commission becomes our highest  
priority

