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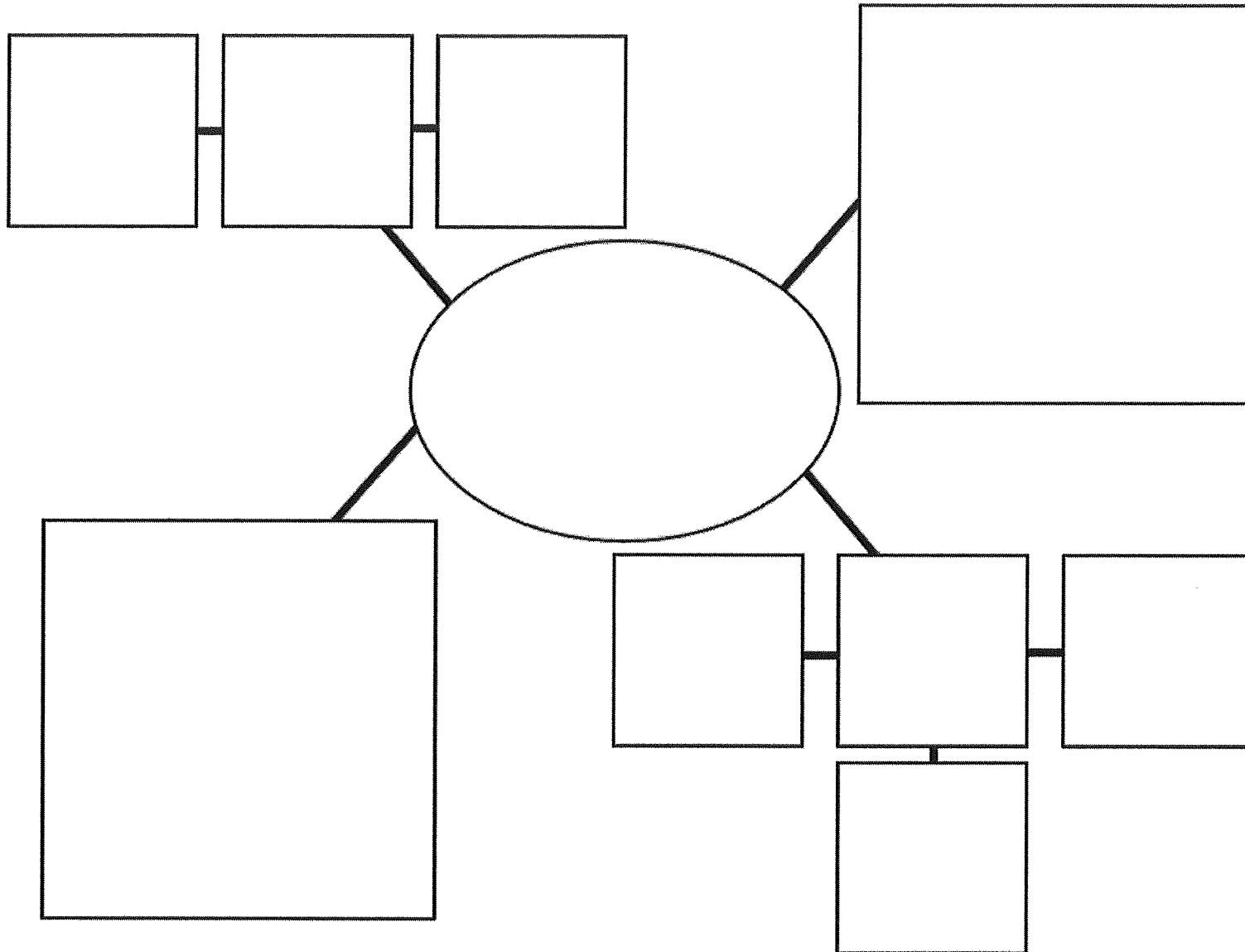
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*Our hope is that you would come to your Growth Group having worked through and written down answers to the following questions in advance. This will allow for engaged and vibrant discussion together. Since is space is limited on this sheet, we encourage you to use a separate notepad or notebook for recording your answers.*

**CONNECTING with One Another**

1. This first week, make sure you spend ample time getting to know one another. If you're a continuing group, spend time catching up.
2. If your group is new or you're adding new members, spend time getting acquainted using a couple of these questions . . .
  - Where do you live and work?
  - How long have you been coming to GraceSLO?
  - Why did you sign up for a Growth Group?
  - What do you hope to give and gain from involvement in a Growth Group?

**EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (15 -20 min)**

1. Read the whole of 2 Timothy together as a group.
2. What is 2 Timothy? Who wrote it and to whom?
3. Why was the book written?

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4. In light of these facts, what are your impressions when you read the book as a whole in one sitting?
5. What are the 2 images shared in the message to explain the way to read and hear 2 Timothy?

**APPLYING God's Word with One Another**

1. Why is 2 Timothy in our Bibles? Or to ask it another way, why might God have inspired and preserved Paul's second letter to Timothy for the people of God for all time?
2. Second Timothy strongly and urgently affirms the place and priority of the local church as God's thing. How does this contrast with our culture's and some Christian's view of the local church?
3. In today's world, everyone has an agenda for the local church. Based on your cursory reading of 2 Timothy, what is God's agenda for the church in the world?

**PRAYING for One Another**

1. Quickly share personal requests.
2. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth and your Growth Group this quarter.