

# ministry formation

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# Impact



**IMPACT**



## 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of compassion and the  
God of all comfort, who  
comforts us in all our troubles....

# Troubles



*In This World  
You Will Have  
Trouble*

- Jesus  
(John 16:33)

# Troubles

- “For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.” (Psalm 40:12)

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QUESTIONS



What is your only comfort  
in life and in death?



That I am not my own but belong  
body and soul - in life and in death -  
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.



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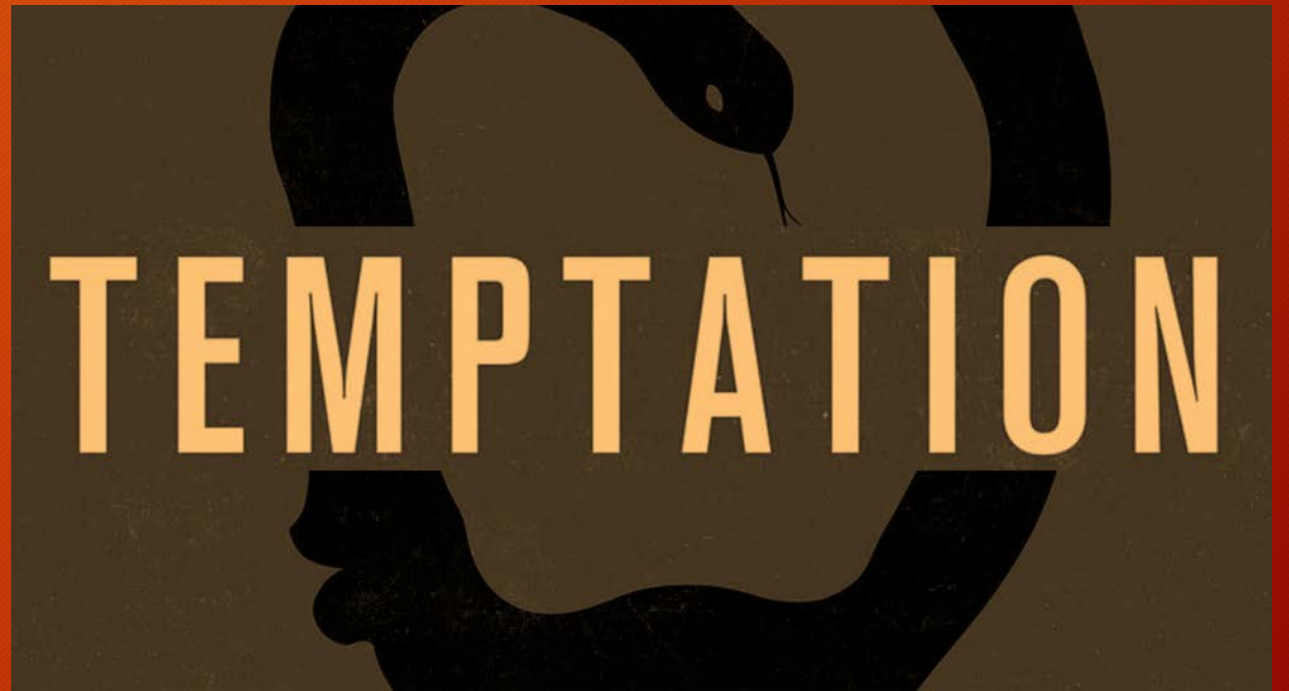
# My Sin Penalty Paid in Full



He has fully paid for all  
my sins with his  
precious blood.

# Set Free from the Power of Sin

He ... has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.



# He Watches Over Me

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.



# Assurance of Eternal Life

Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life.



Eternal Life

# The Goodness of GOD

- I belong to Jesus
- I am forgiven
- I am set free
- I am cared for
- I have eternal life



*the*  
**GOD**  
*of all* **comfort**

## 2 Corinthians 1:4

[God] comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.



# CRCA

*a church reforming to reach  
the lost for Christ*

# Australia

- Impact others with what has impacted us.



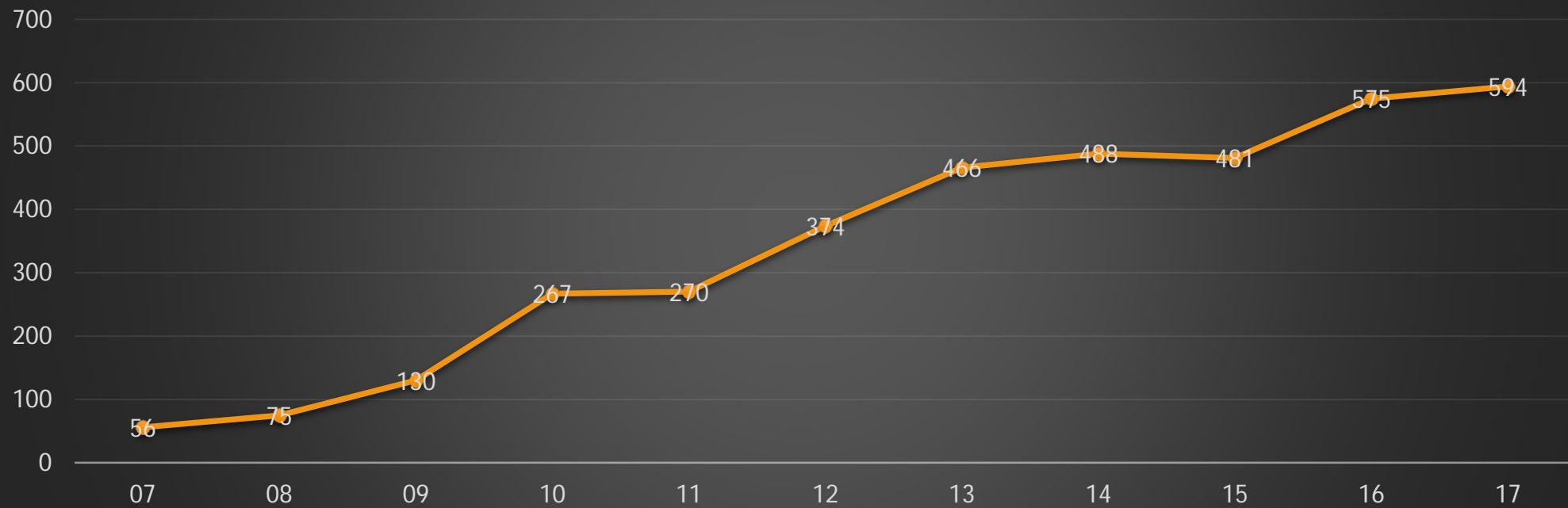
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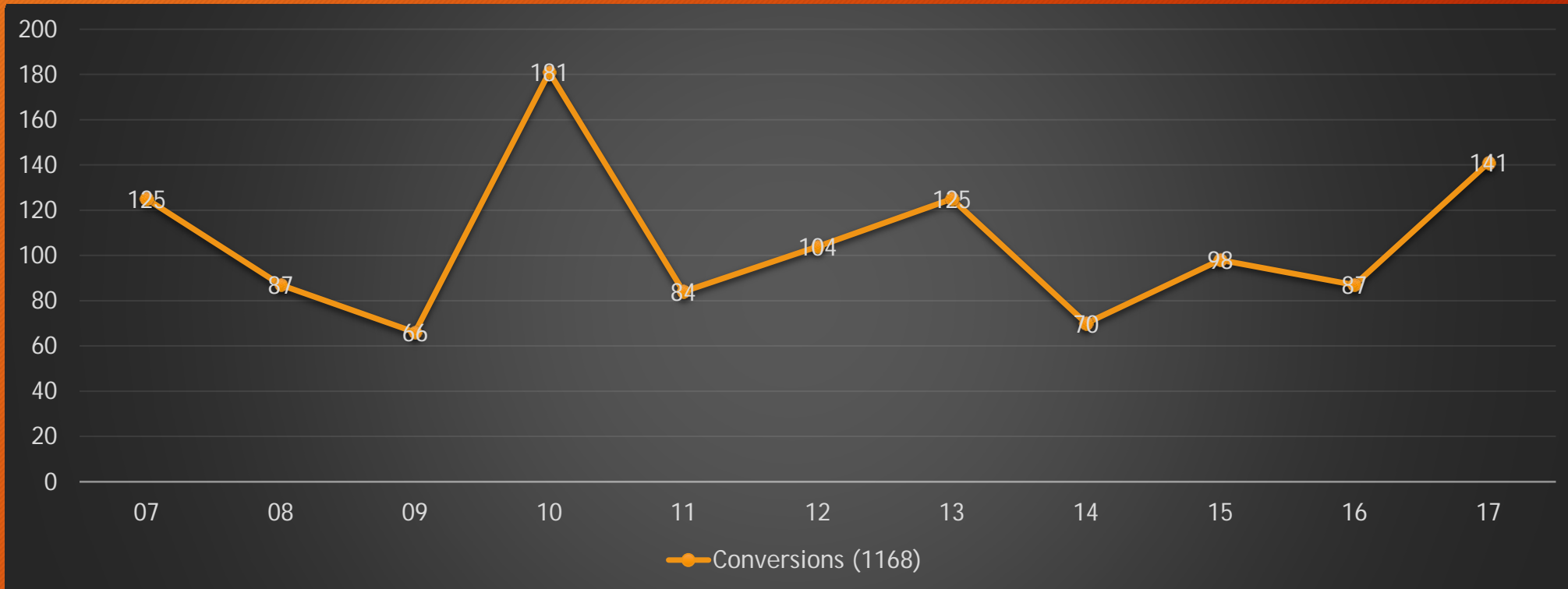
# Church Plant Growth (2007-17)



## Membership Stats for Church Plants



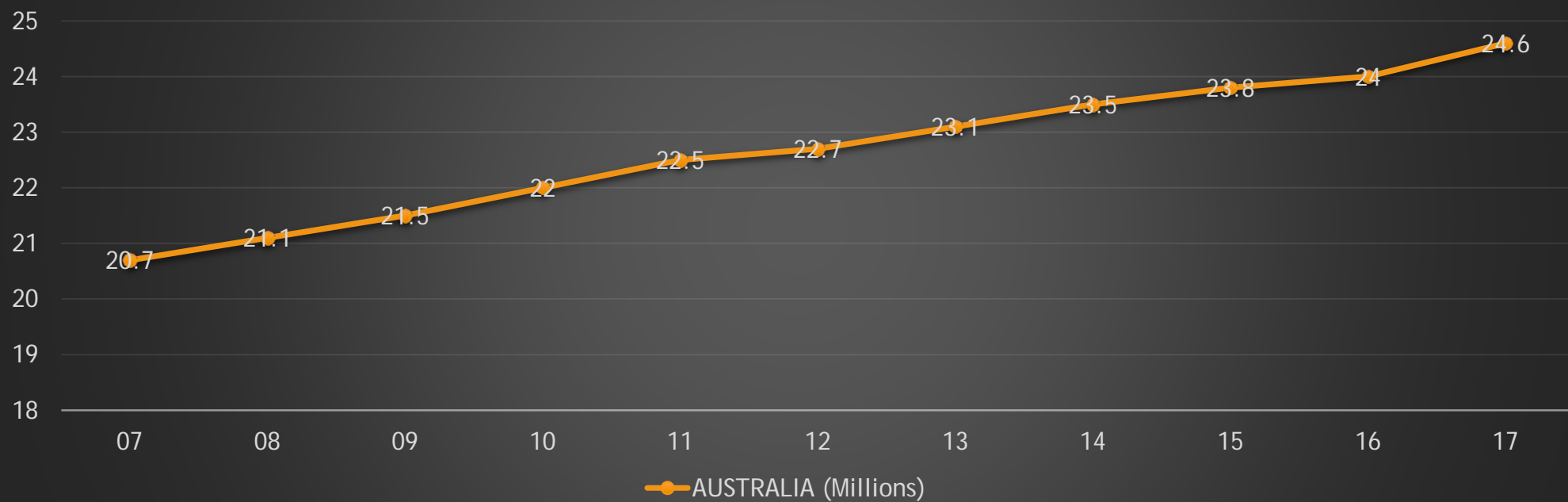
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# AUSTRALIA GROWTH



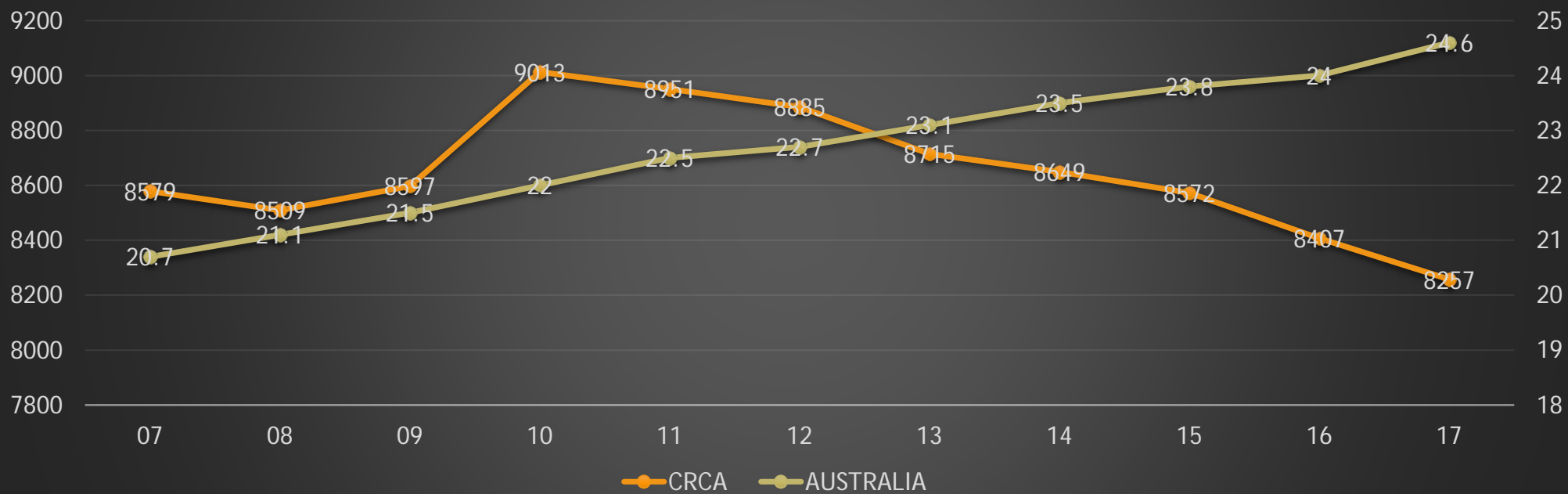
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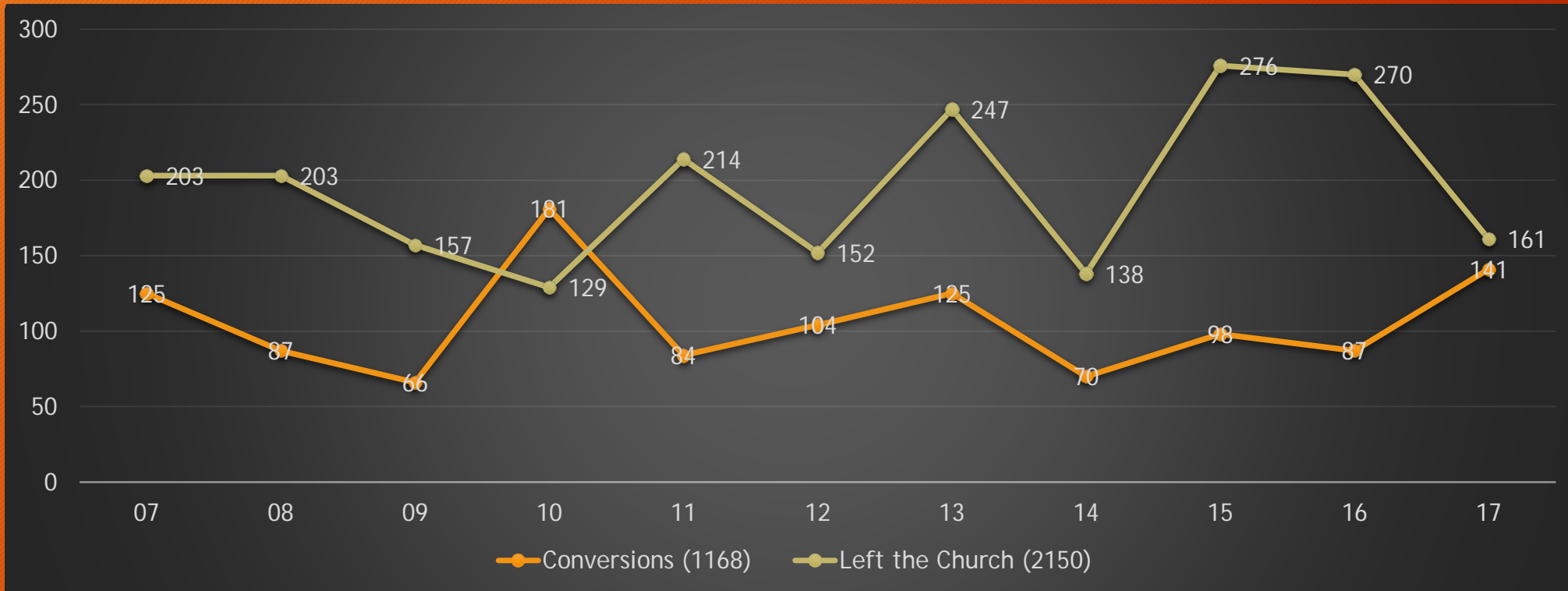
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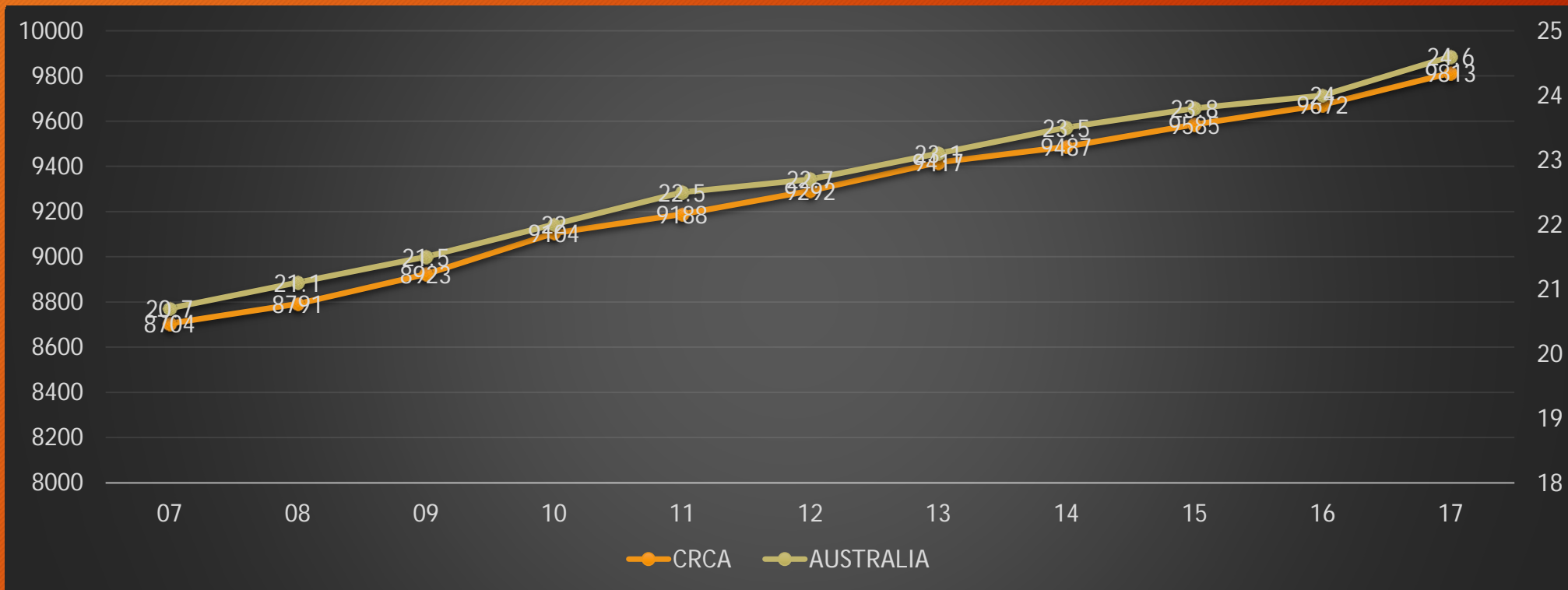
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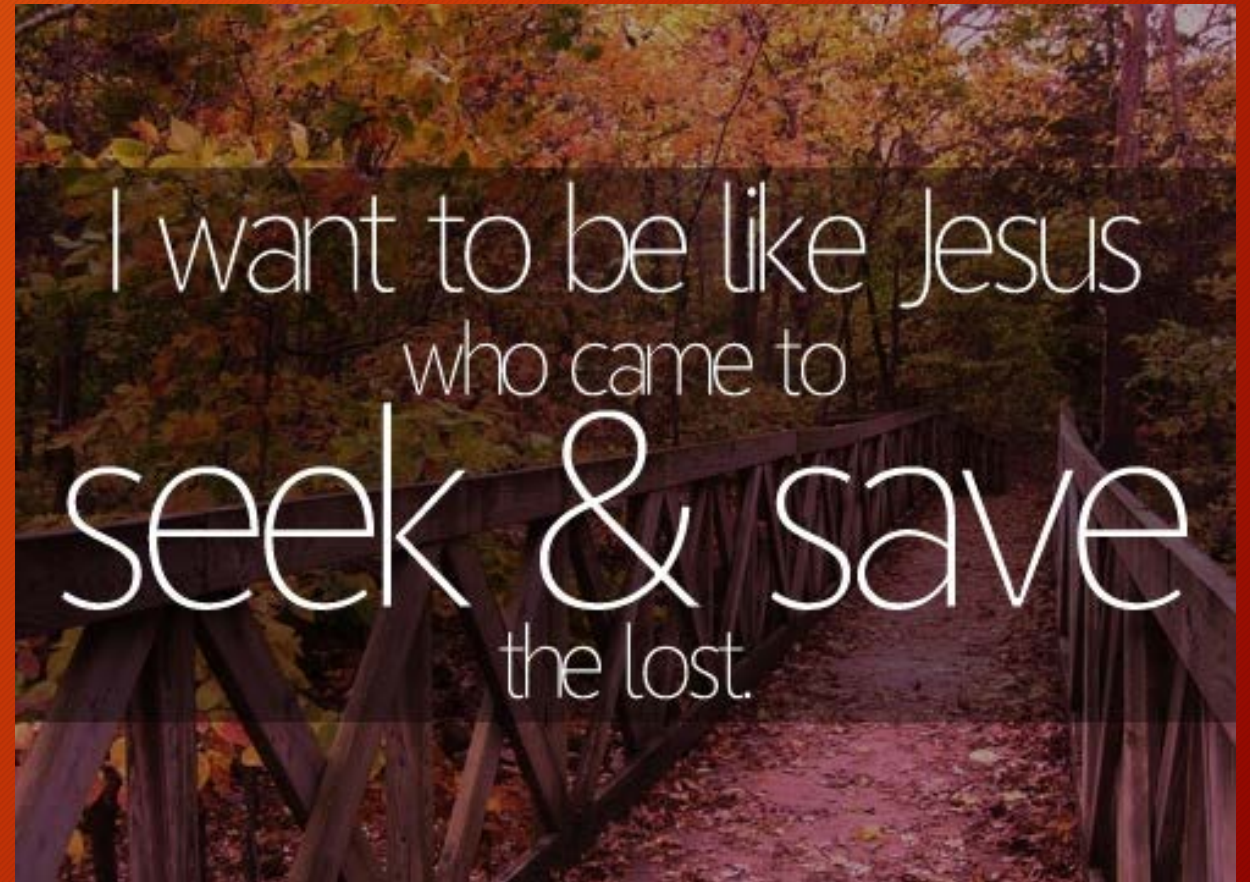


# A Different Picture!



# Better Offense: Evangelism

- “... seek and save the lost.”  
Luke 19:10



# Better Defense: Discipleship

- “...the whole body joined and held together...”

Ephesians 4:19







# GROW + TRAIN



grow



train

# 21 Million Unchurched in Australia



# Intentional Ministry Formation



- Church Health Initiatives

<b>Empowering leadership</b> <i>Are your leaders focused on equipping believers for ministry?</i>	<b>Gift-based ministry</b> <i>Are tasks in your church distributed according to the criterion of gifting?</i>	<b>Passionate spirituality</b> <i>Is the spiritual life of the church members characterized by passion?</i>	<b>Effective structures</b> <i>Do the structures of your church contribute to growth?</i>
<b>Eight quality characteristics</b>			
<b>Inspiring worship service</b> <i>Are your worship services an inspiring experience for the members?</i>	<b>Holistic small groups</b> <i>Do the small groups address the life issues of their members?</i>	<b>Need-oriented evangelism</b> <i>Are the evangelistic activities related to the needs of those you are trying to win?</i>	<b>Loving relationships</b> <i>Are the relationships of the members characterized by love?</i>



# Intentional Ministry Formation

- [www.ministryformation.com](http://www.ministryformation.com)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ministry Formation website. At the top left is the logo for the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, with the text "ministry formation" and "A Church Reforming to Reach the Lost for Christ". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "FOUR FOLD TASK", "ACTIVITIES", "RESOURCES", "BLOG", and "CONTACT". Below the navigation menu are four large, colorful buttons labeled "pray", "grow", "train", and "align". Each button has a corresponding image: hands clasped in prayer, a hand holding a heart, a brain, and a rose. Below these buttons are three sections: "FROM OUR BLOG" with two articles ("IQ - EO - 5Q" and "PRAYING WITH EYES WIDE OPEN"), "IS YOUR CHURCH HEALTHY?" with a "WATCH THIS CLIP" button and a heart rate monitor graphic, and "UPCOMING ACTIVITIES" with a list of events including "Western Australia Trip", "Classis Western Australia", and "Forrestdale Gospel Community Church".

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pray grow train align

**FROM OUR BLOG**

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READ MORE

PRAYING WITH EYES WIDE OPEN  
READ MORE

**IS YOUR CHURCH HEALTHY?**  
What are the signs of a healthy church? Do you need a church health check up?  
WATCH THIS CLIP

Order your church health survey from NCD-Australia here:

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Western Australia Trip  
14 Feb 2018 16:00 - 18 Feb 2018 20:00

Classis Western Australia  
17 Feb 2018 08:30 - 13:00

Forrestdale Gospel Community Church  
18 Feb 2018 10:00 - 12:00

# Making and Growing Disciples

- The Discipleship Matrix

## The Discipleship Matrix

The purpose of the Discipleship Matrix is to encourage you to grow, to consider what steps God might want you to take to move ahead as you follow him.



### Exploring

I am a person who is exploring the facts about Jesus and is interested in finding out more.

Yes I Am Exploring



### Believing

I am a Christian, newly committed and keen to grow. I am in the early stages of my faith.

Yes I Am Believing



### Developing

I have been a follower of Jesus for a while, and I'm keen to take the next positive steps toward growth.

Yes I Am Developing

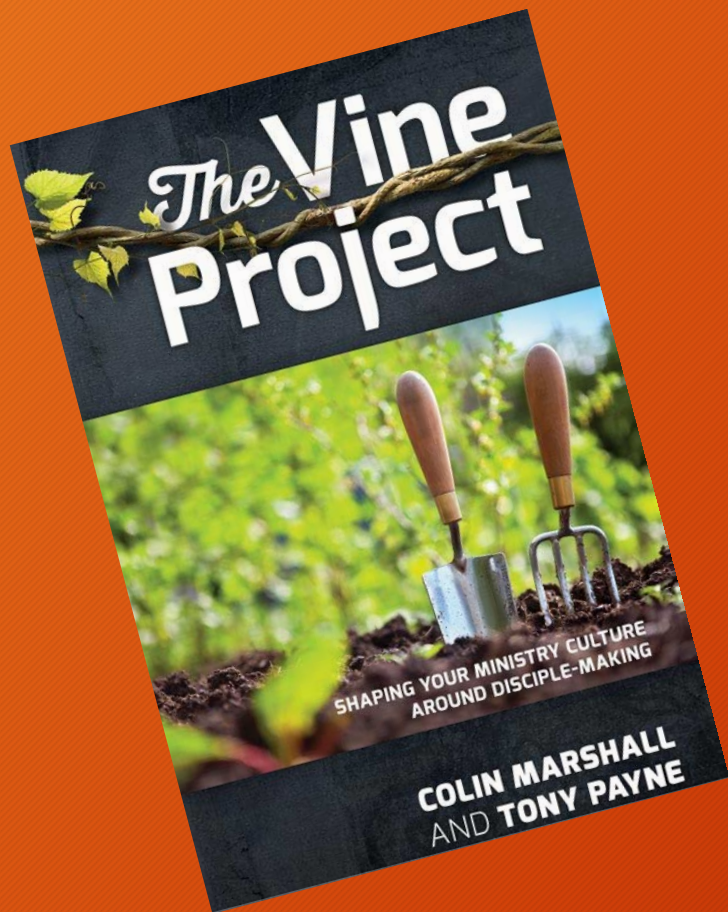


### Multiplying

I am a maturing follower of Jesus who is giving leadership to others or I'm involved in significant ministries that support good ministry and mission.

Yes I Am Multiplying

# Making and Growing Disciples



*Following Jesus Well*

# Reaching the Lost for Christ



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