

# Resting in Your Role: Principles & Practices for New Counselors

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Default  
Perspective

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Practices







# A Default Perspective

A Ministry of Appeal

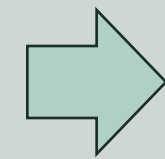


## 2 Corinthians 5:17–20

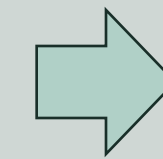
<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.



God's  
ministry to us



Our ministry  
to others



Default  
practices and  
principles





# Five Default Practices

Practicing a Ministry of Appeal



Counselors feel the  
pressure and  
responsibility...

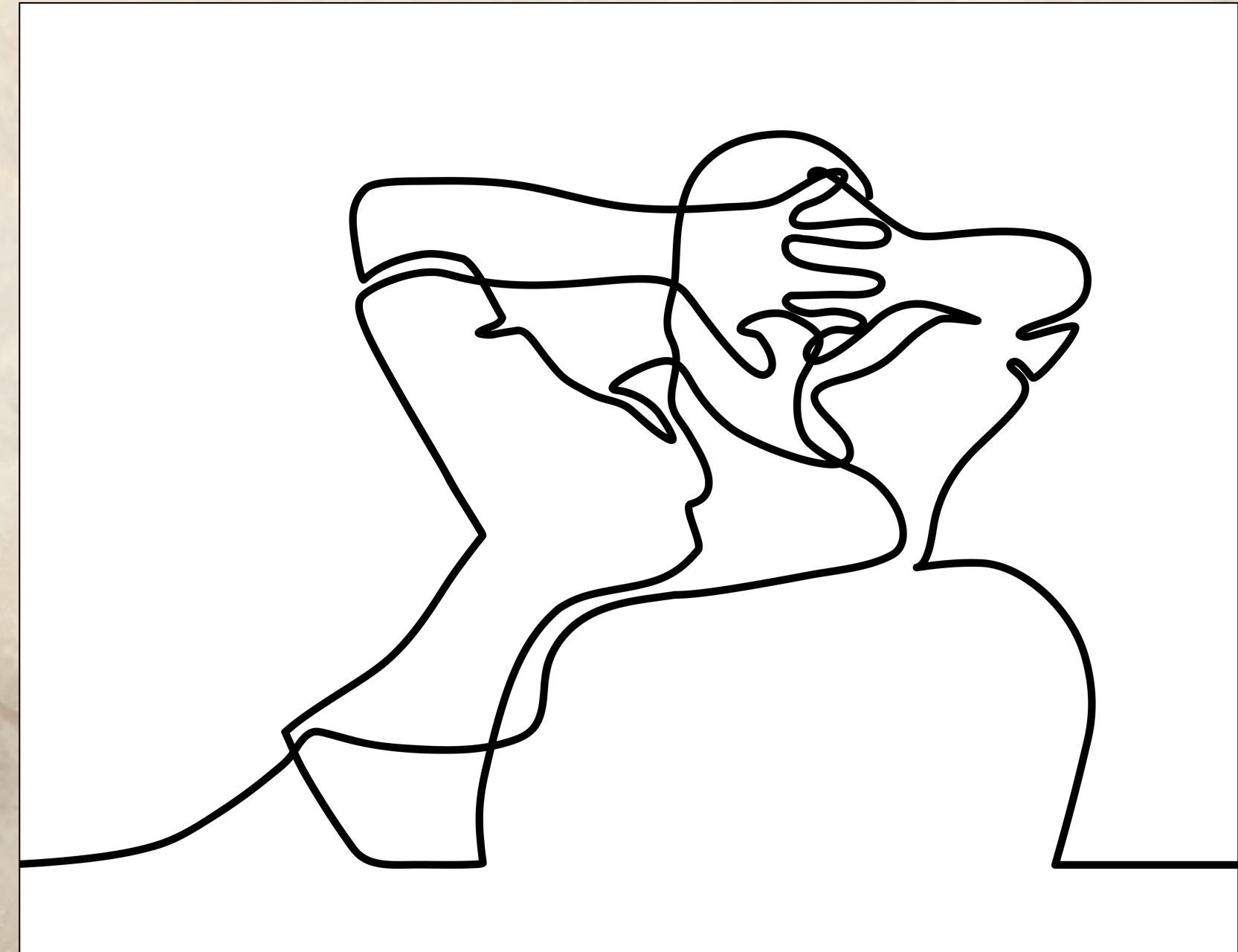


1. to set the right agenda
2. to focus on the right content
3. to prescribe the right takeaways and action points
4. to facilitate change at the right pace
5. to use the right amount of Scripture



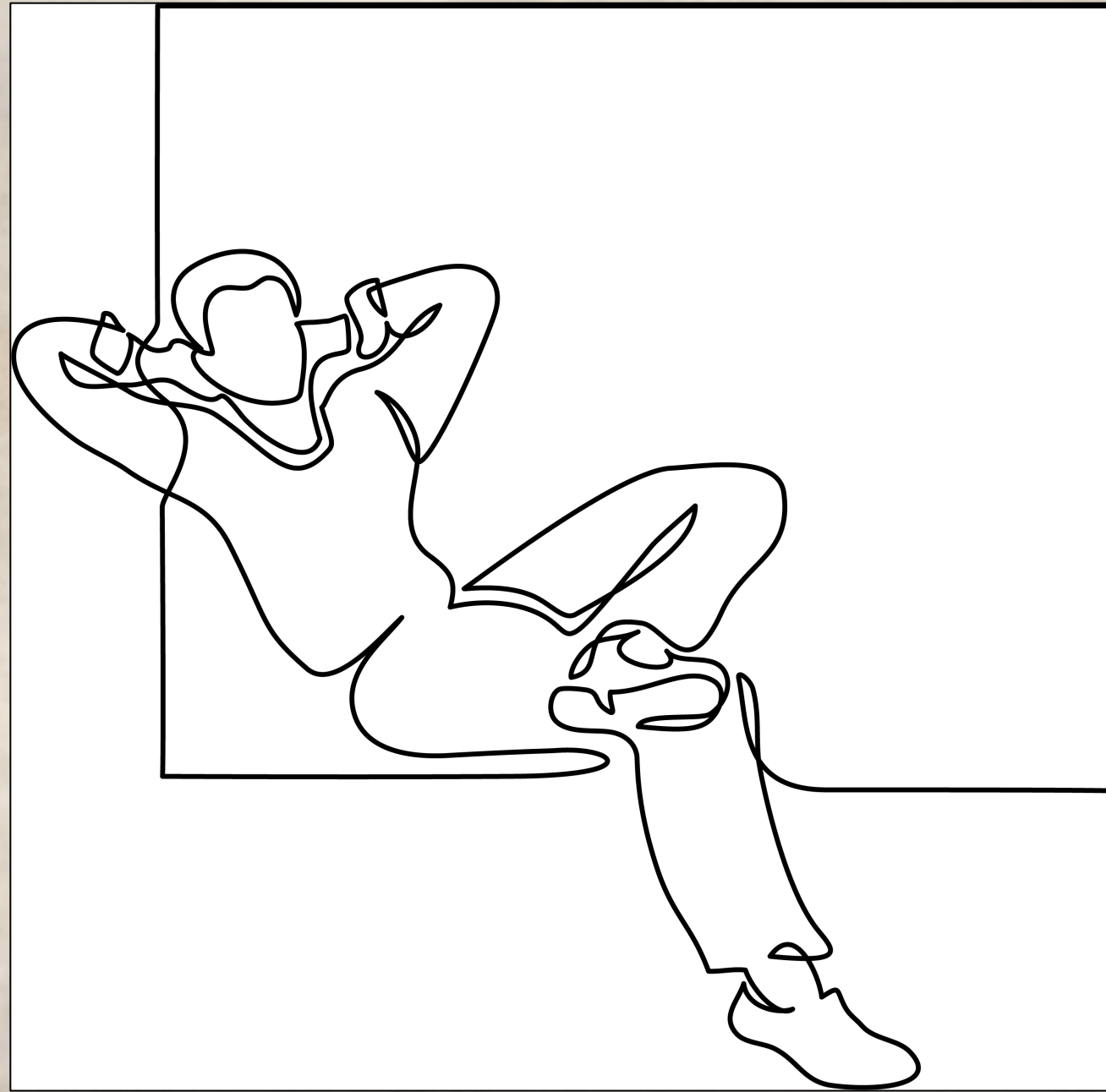
You don't have to do all the agenda-setting.  
You get to be collaborative...

1. ...because they have the Spirit
2. ...because they are the experts of their life
3. ...because it builds the counseling relationship





You don't have to hyper-focus on sin and error.  
You get to front-load suffering and faith...



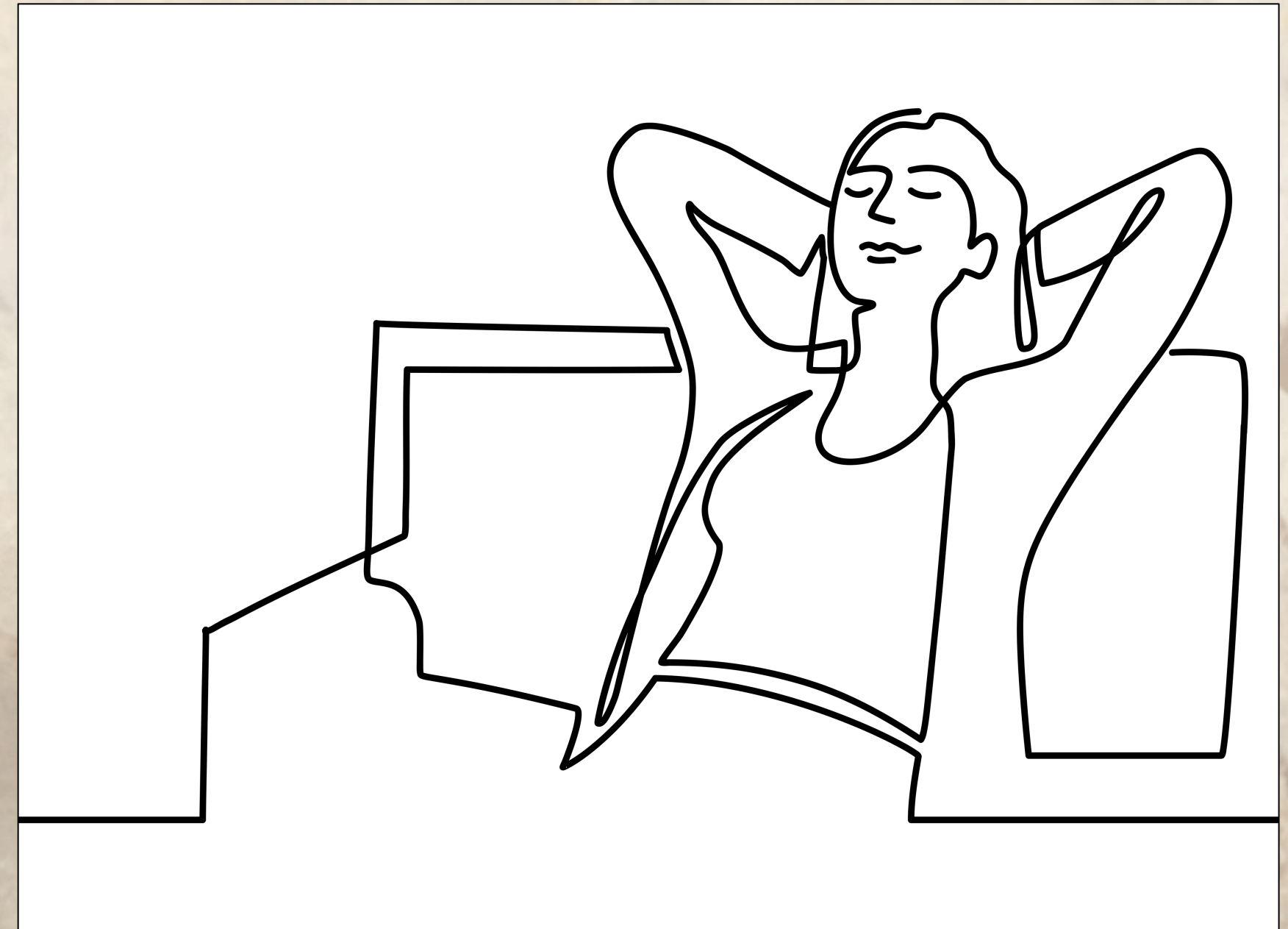
1. ...because they have the Spirit
2. ...because they are vulnerable
3. ...because they can discover and disclose sin



You don't have to prescribe faithfulness.

You get to invite them to choose it...

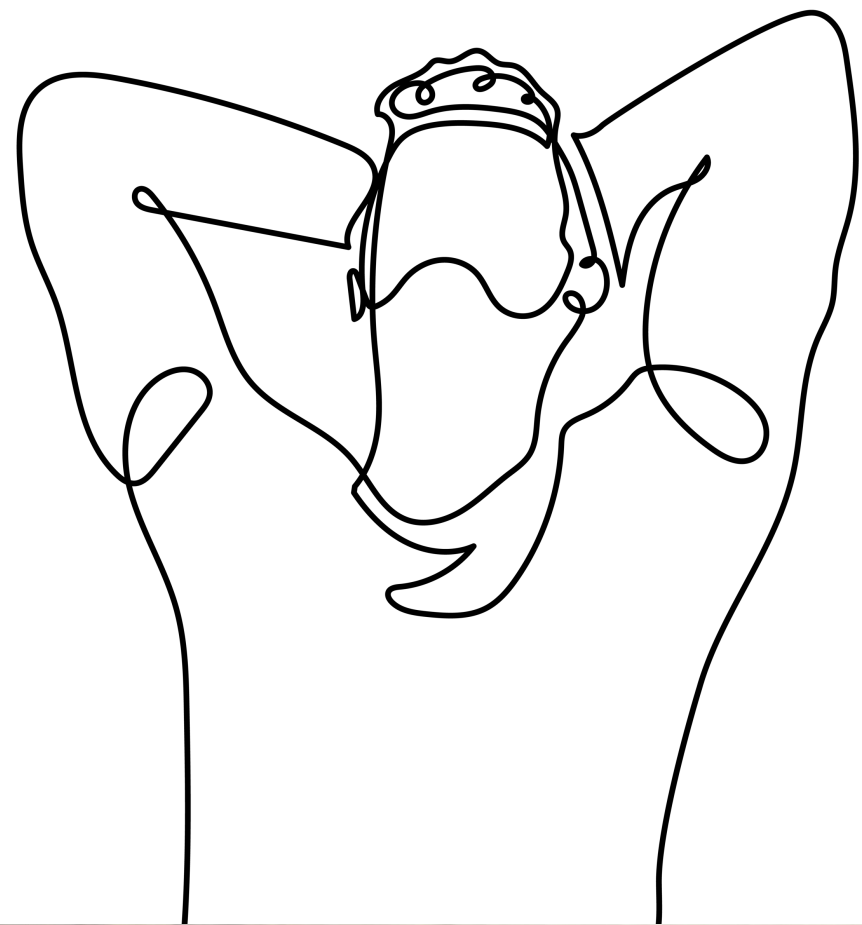
1. ...because they have the Spirit
2. ...because it considers their motivation
3. ...because it considers their capacity/ability





You don't have to force change.

You get to be curious...

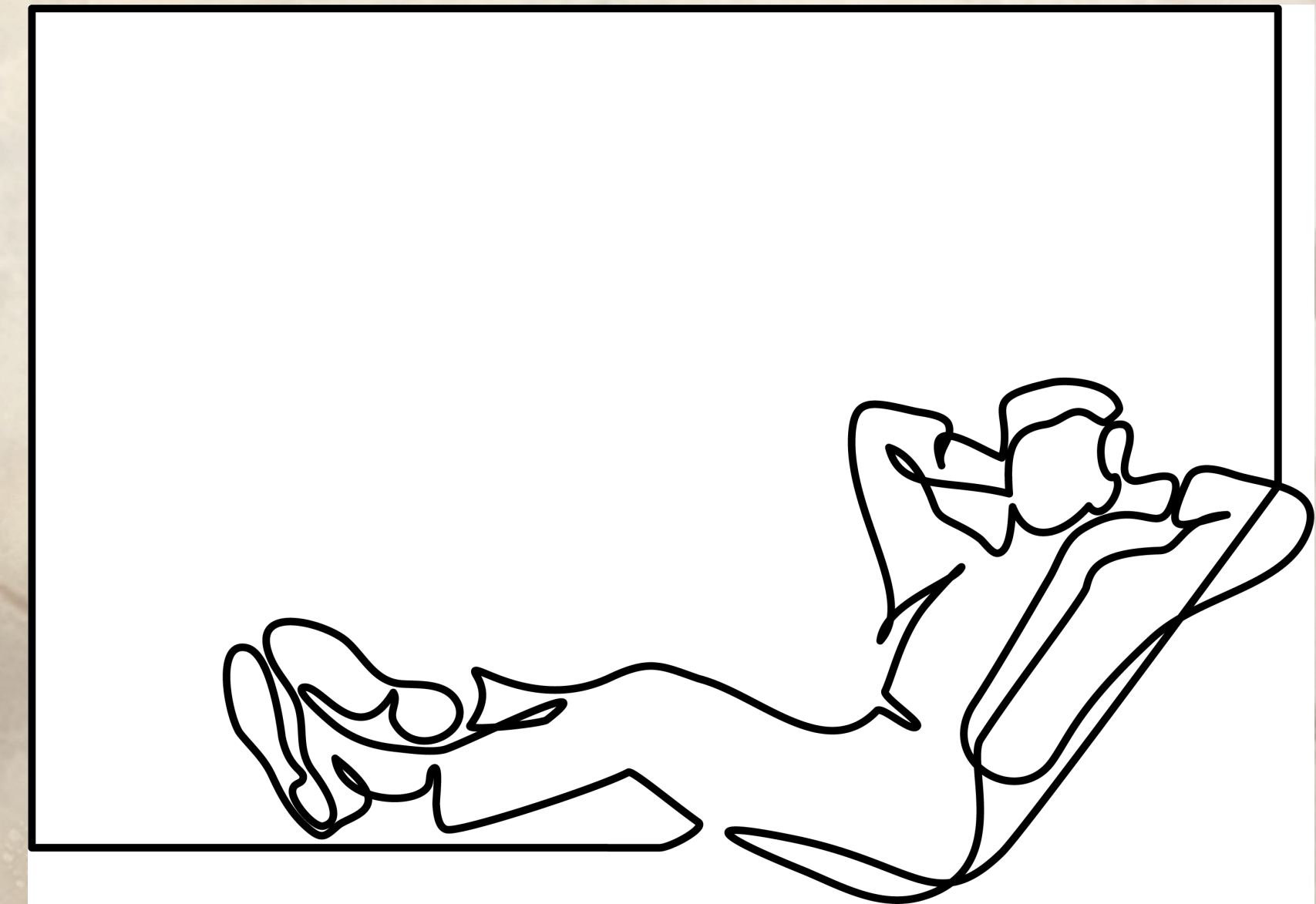


1. ...because they have the Spirit
2. ...because curiosity is confrontative
3. ...because they will listen to themselves



You don't have to always bring fresh Scripture.  
You get to recycle and reuse Scripture...

1. ...because they have the Spirit
2. ...because they can only remember so much
3. ...because Scripture is active in other ways, too





1. When you feel the pressure and responsibility to set the right agenda...

- You don't have to do all the agenda-setting
- You get to be collaborative

2. When you feel the pressure and responsibility to focus on the right content...

- You don't have to hyper-focus on sin and theological error
- You get to front-load faithfulness and suffering

3. When you feel the pressure and responsibilities to assign the right homework...

- You don't have to prescribe faithfulness
- You get to invite them to listen to the Spirit

4. When you feel the pressure and responsibility to facilitate change at the right pace...

- You don't have to force change
- You get to be curious

5. When you feel the pressure and responsibility to use the right amount of Scripture...

- You don't have to always bring fresh Scripture
- You get to reuse and recycle Scripture