

MAKING DISCIPLES

- What is the mission of the church?
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VALUE 1

- There is an urgent need for people to hear the good news about Jesus Christ because all men are lost without him. (Jn 3:36)

VALUE 2

- We are called by Christ to go into the world making disciples and teaching them to obey (Matt 28:18). This is *the* mission of the church and the way we bring glory to God. All disciples are called to engage and contribute in some way to making disciples (Lk 5:10). We **ALL** have a role to play in fully using the gifts and opportunities God gives us:

VALUE 2 IN PRACTICE

- Gospel proclamation in preaching and evangelistic events (Eph 4:11-12 & 2 Tim 4:2 & 5)
- Some have particular gifts and some may be called to a more focussed role as an evangelist (Eph 4:11)
- Personal testimony and response to questions provoked by changed lives (1 Peter 2:12; 3:15)
- Relationships where the love of Christ can be demonstrated and discussed being a powerful apologetic, advert and authentication of the gospel. (Jn 17:20-23; Col 4:2-6)
- Prayer and financial support (Col 4:2-6 & Phil 4:15)

VALUE 3

- We recognise the Sovereignty of God that he calls and gives new life (Acts 13:48, Eph 1:4, Jn 3:7-8) but also our responsibility to be faithful gospel tellers and to expect fruit. (Roms 10:13-15, Col 1:28-29)

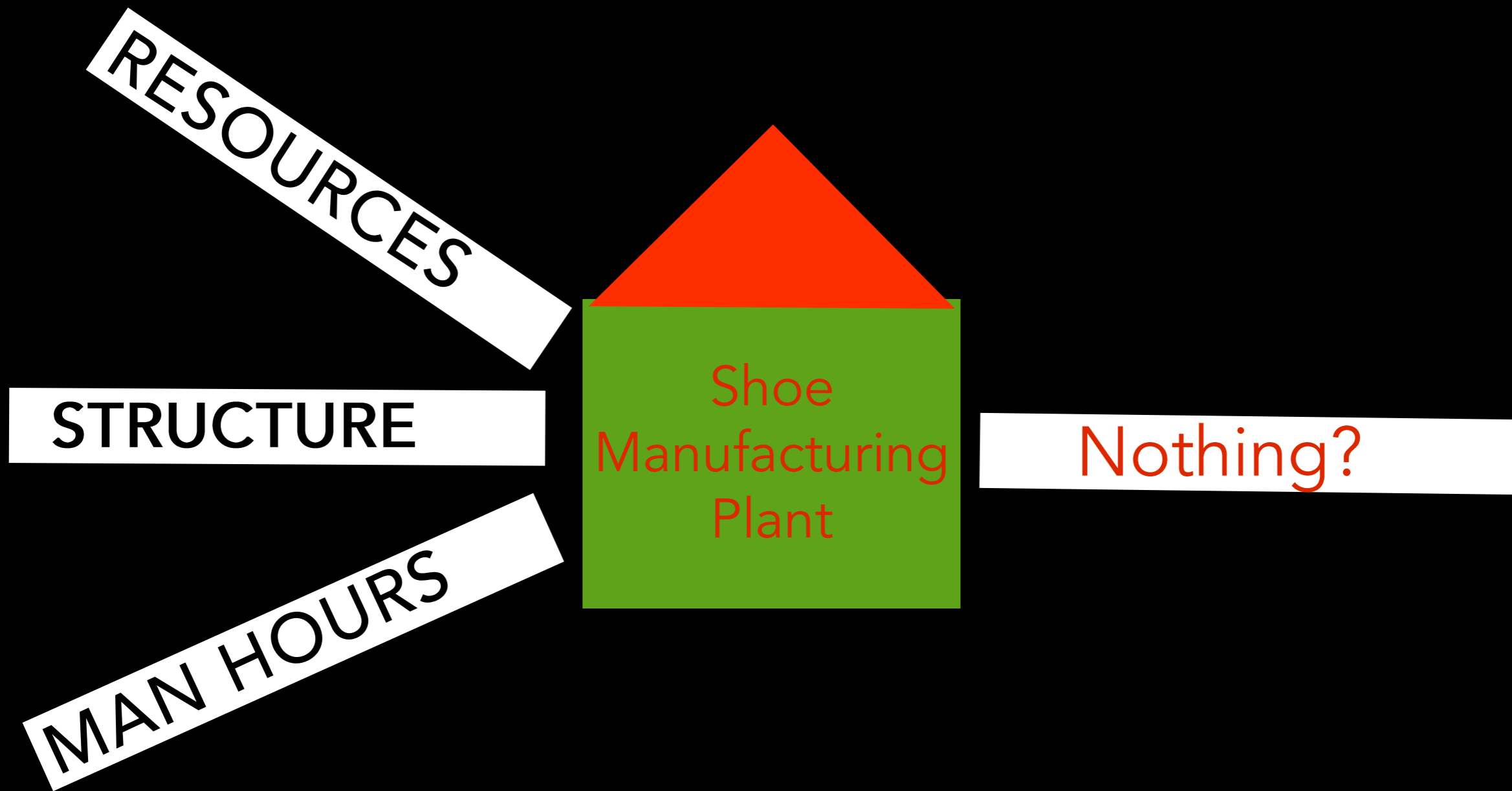
VALUE 4

- Mission is both local and global - from our neighbours to the nations, neither should be neglected (Col 1:6; 1 Thess 1:8)
 - We should prayerfully desire and expect the Holy Spirit to call individuals from the church to mission in other places or churches (Matt 9:38; Acts 13:1-3)

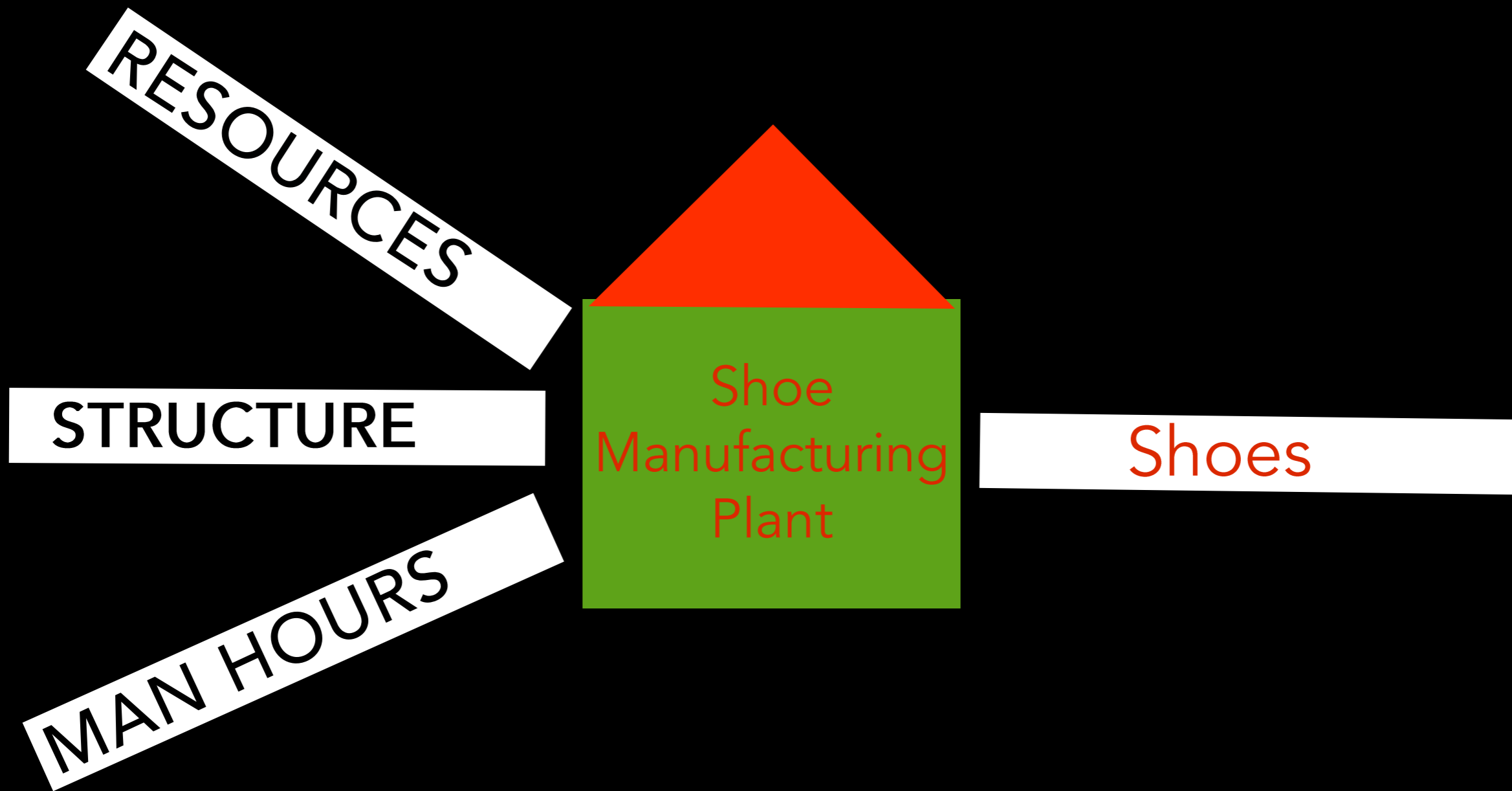
VALUES (SUPPORTING)

- Whilst Sunday gatherings are primarily for believers, we should desire and expect unbelievers to be present and to be called to faith in Christ through the proclamation of the gospel (1 Cor 14:24-25)
- We want to make sure that we follow the NT call to removing cultural obstacles and seeking to communicate clearly the gospel (Contextualisation 1 Cor 9:20, 2 Cor 4:2)
- We want to be committed in leading the church in fervent prayer, to help foster conviction of truth, relevance and urgency of the gospel, in love for Christ and for the lost and a commitment every day to be on mission in our own lives and as part of the church family.

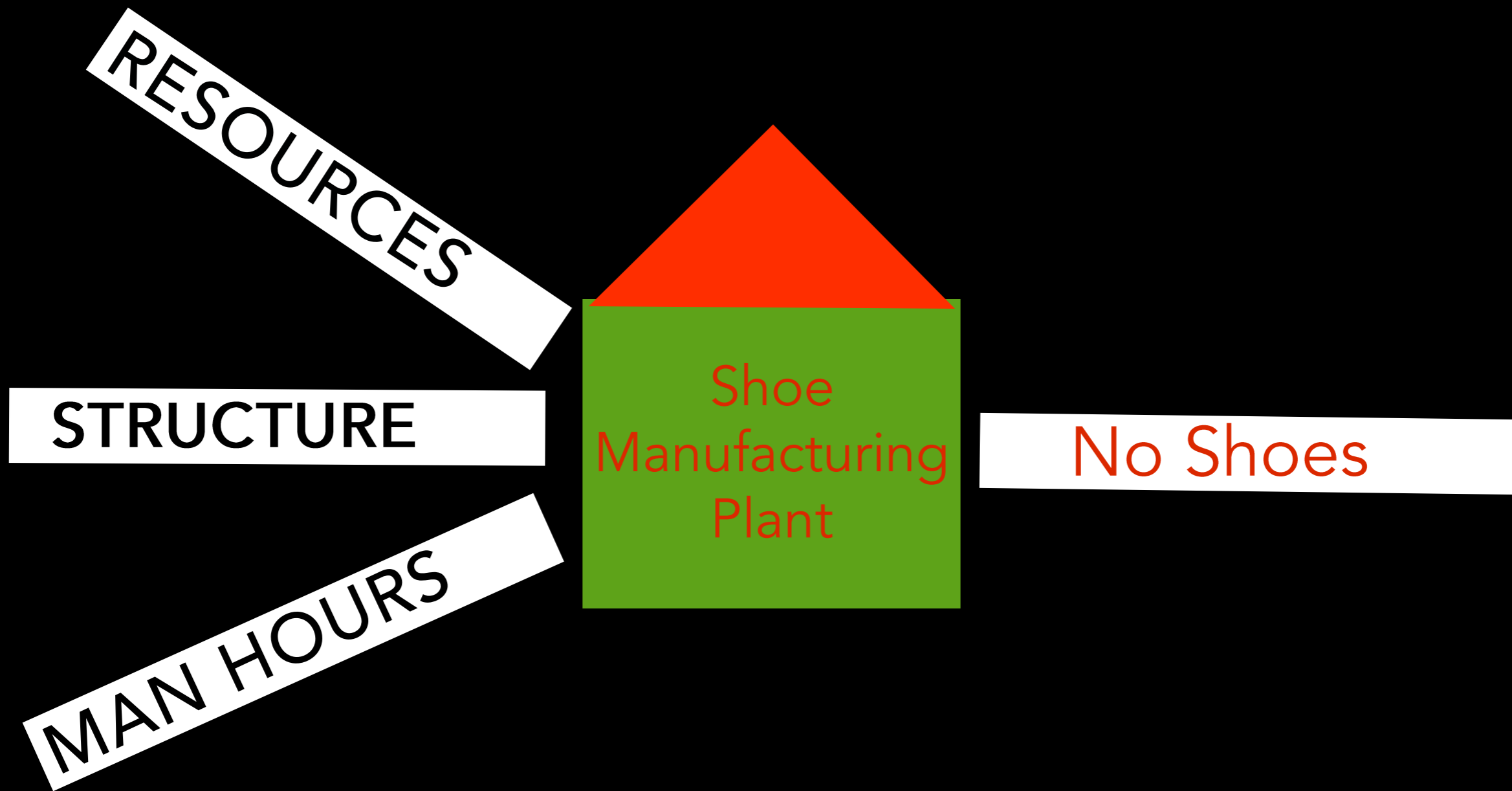
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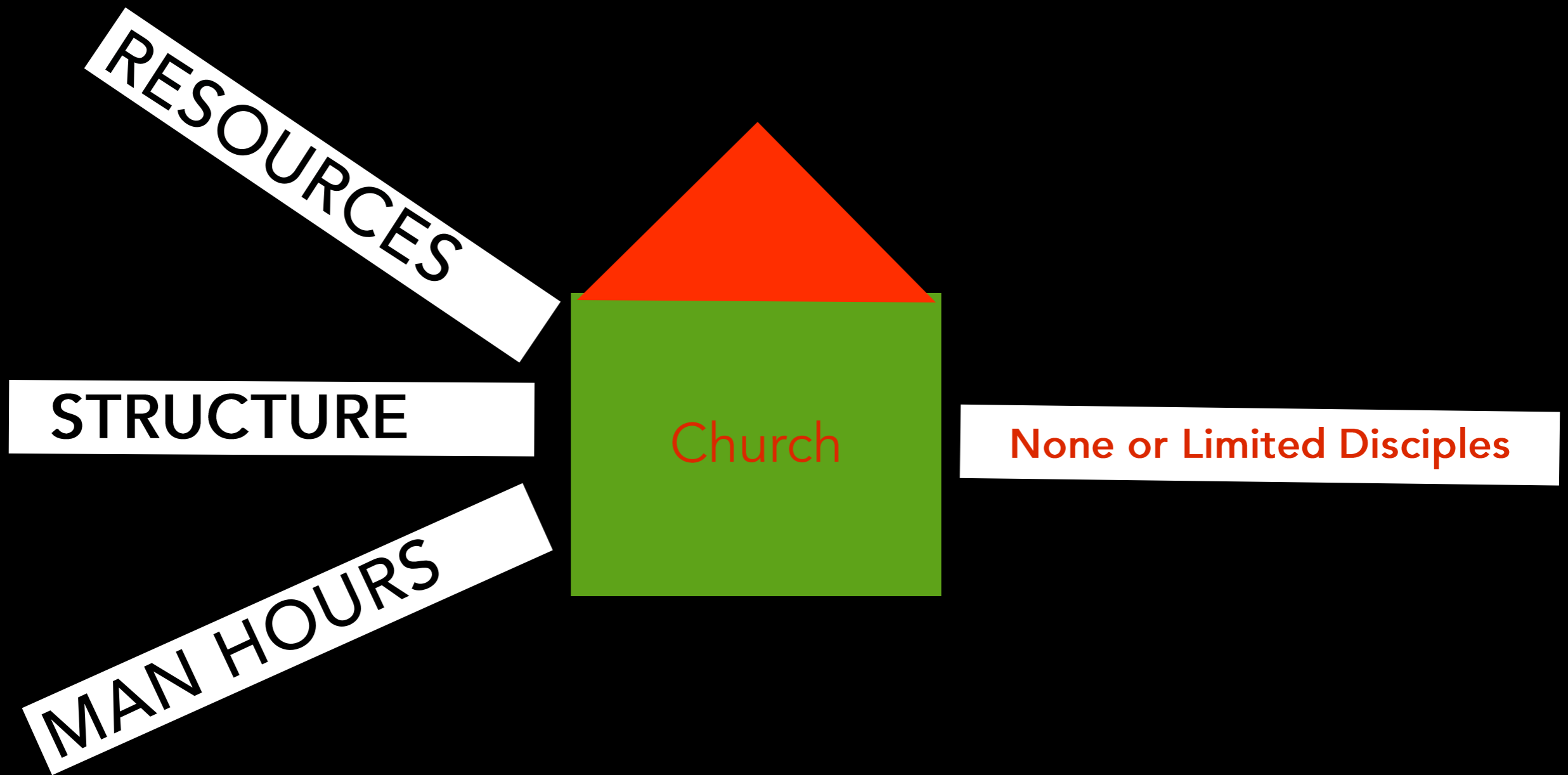
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POSSIBLE BLOCKAGES?

- CONVICTION
- Or
- COMPETENCY
- Or
- SOMETHING ELSE
- Or
- MIXTURE OF ALL