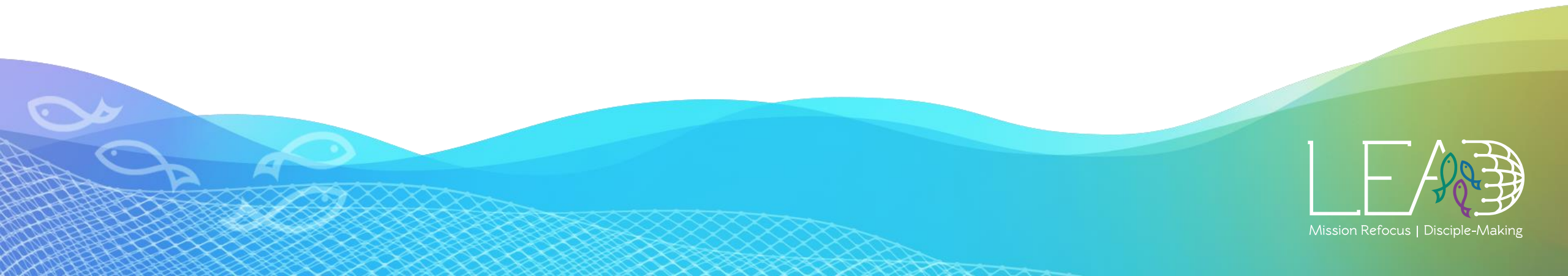




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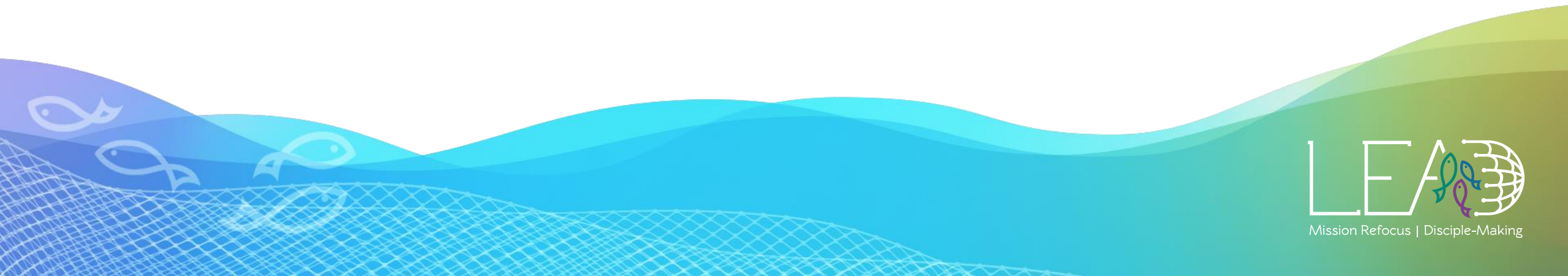
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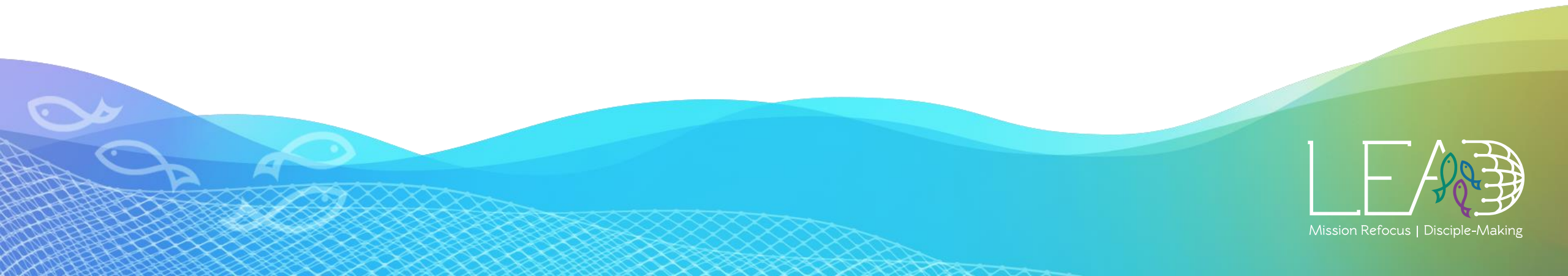
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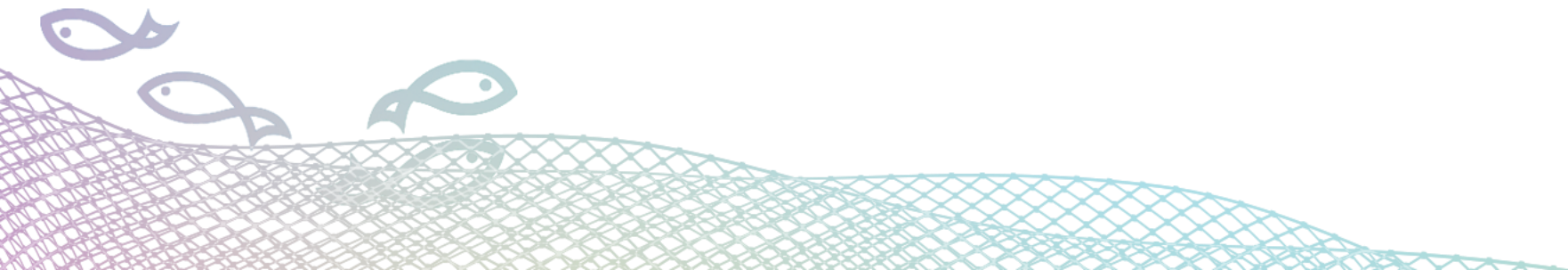
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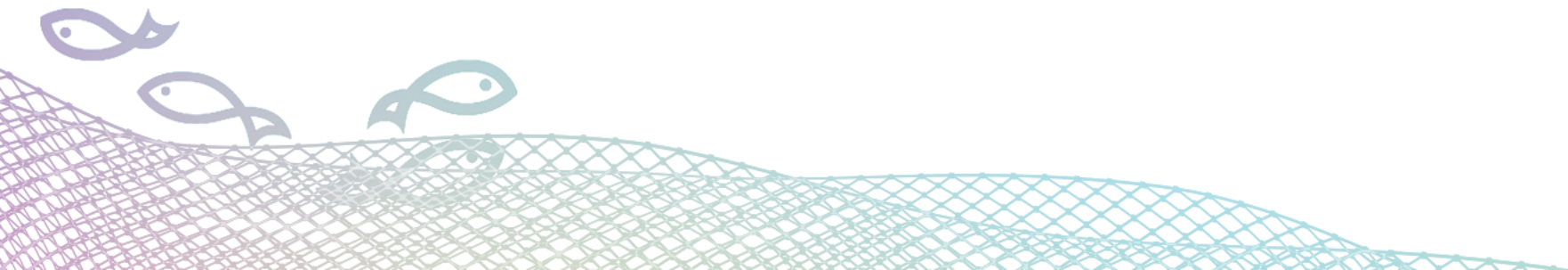
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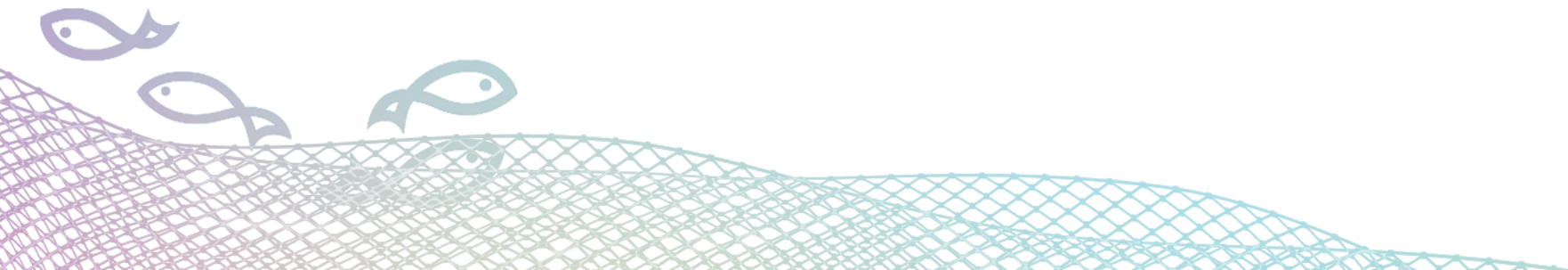
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# New Believers **INVITED**

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# We should train church members in the Power of Invitation





# Event Invitation

“Have you heard about our upcoming prophecy seminar? I’ve been looking forward to it for a while now. Here’s a flyer with all the dates and topics. I’m planning on being there for every session, so if you’re interested, I’d be happy to pick you up, and we could go together. Do you think you might be able to come?”



# Bible Study Invitation

“Have you heard about our Bible school? Here’s the first study guide in our free Bible study series and a sign-up card if you’re interested. You can study on your own, or I’d love to go through the study guides together with you. Is that something you might be interested in?”



# The Master of Invitation

“A woman of Samaria came to draw water.  
Jesus said to her, ‘**Give Me a drink**’” (John 4:7).



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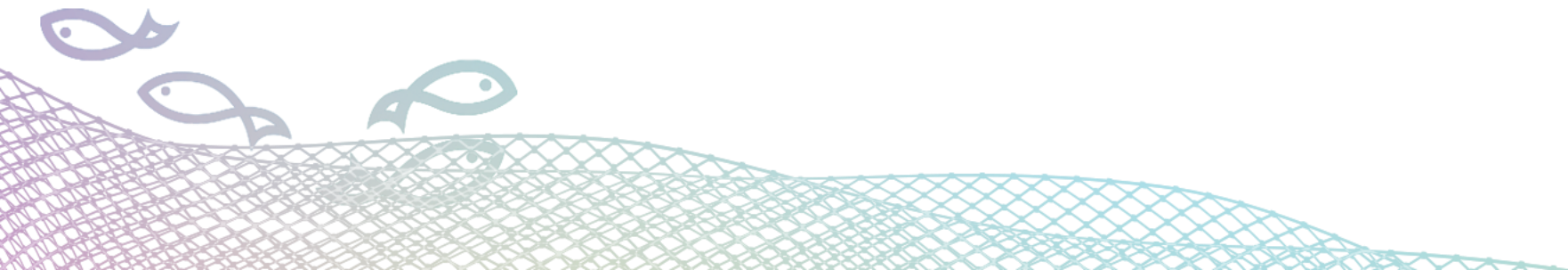


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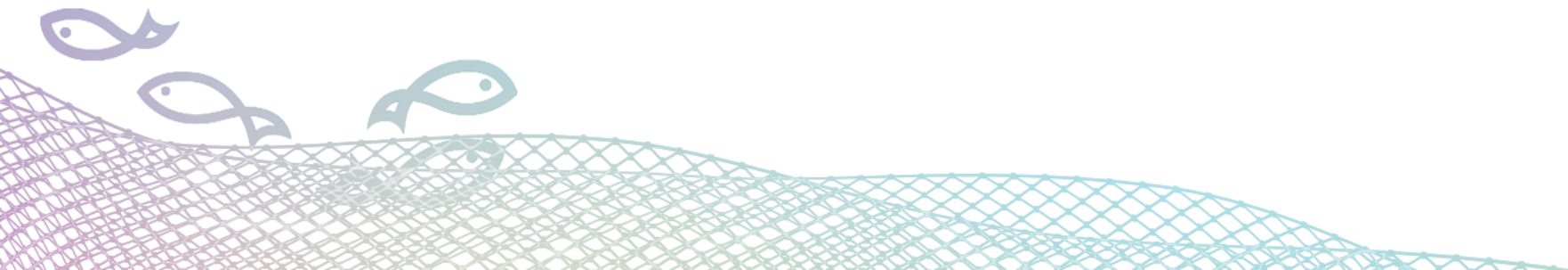
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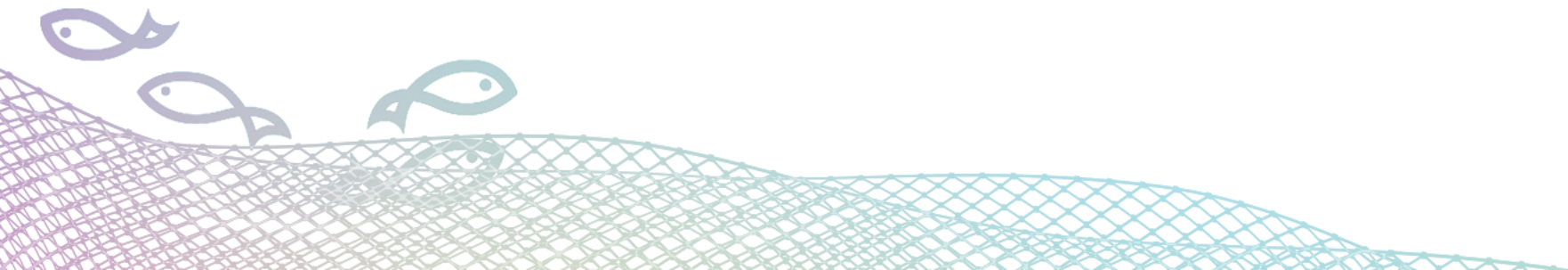
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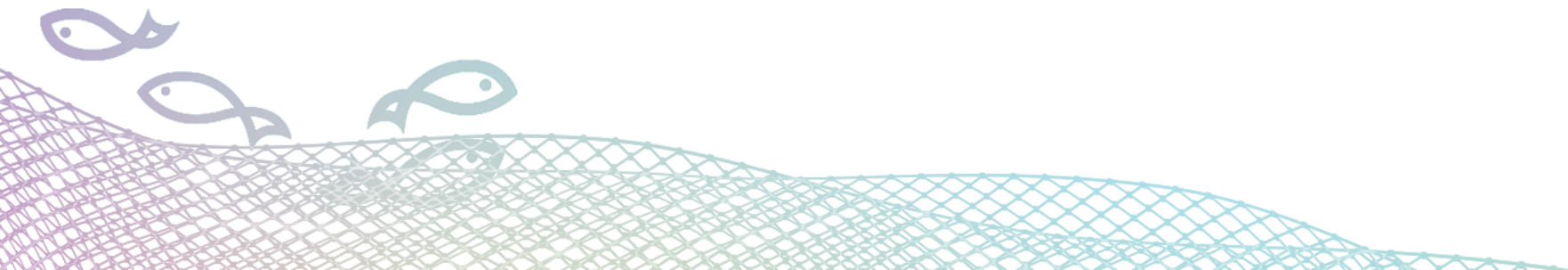
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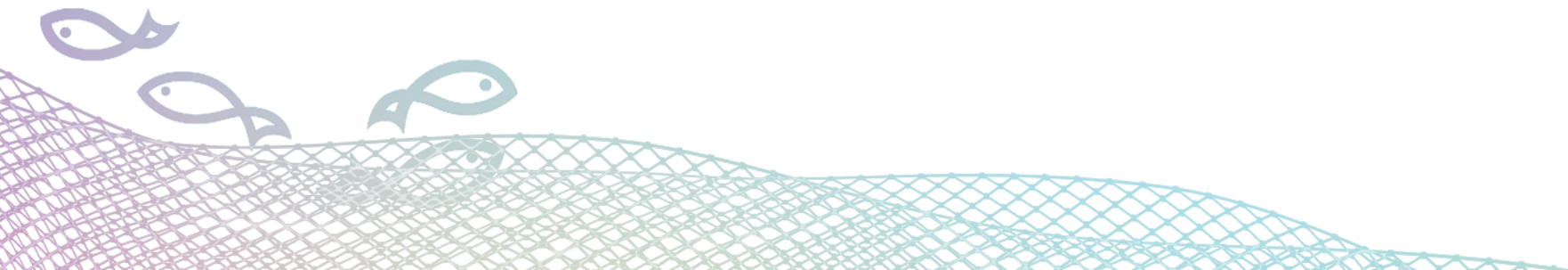
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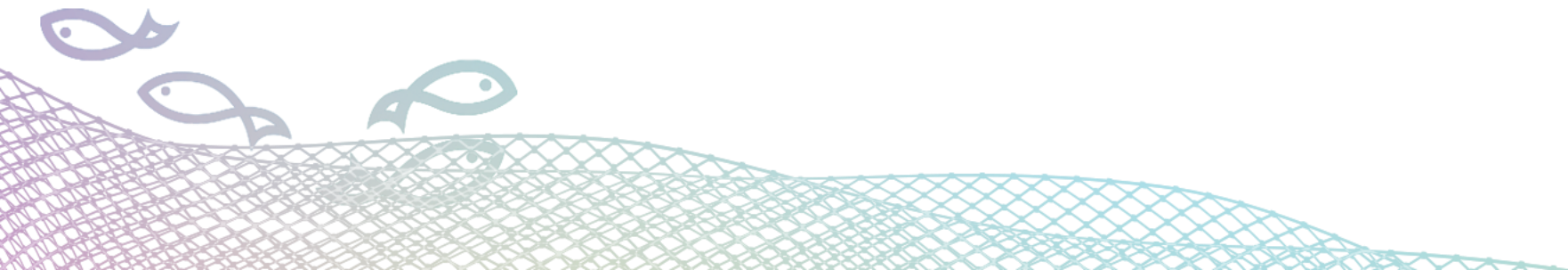
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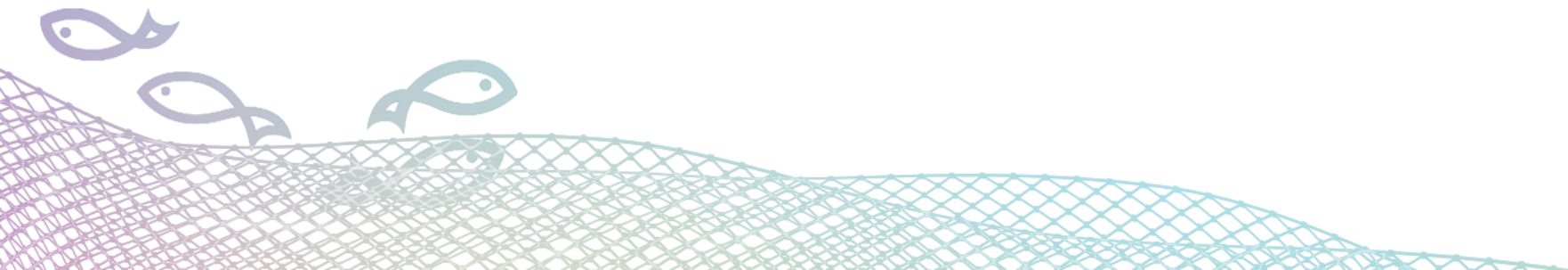
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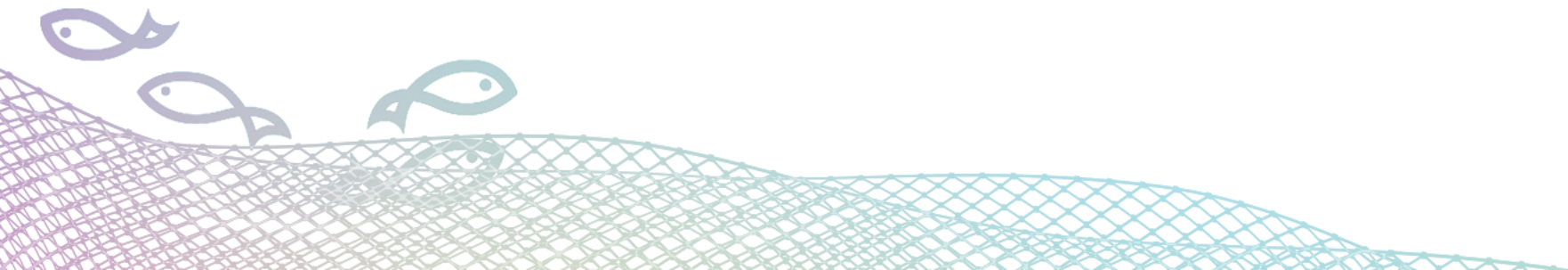
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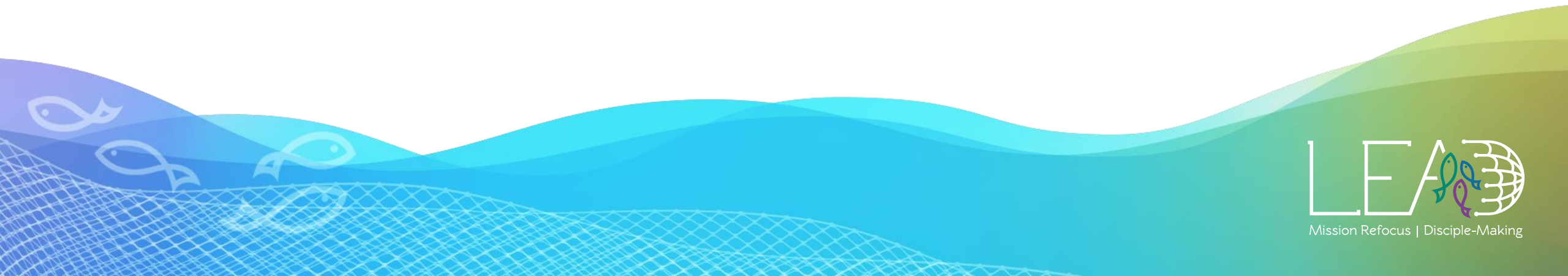


# The Principle of Planting

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who **sows bountifully** will also **reap bountifully**” (2 Cor 9:6).

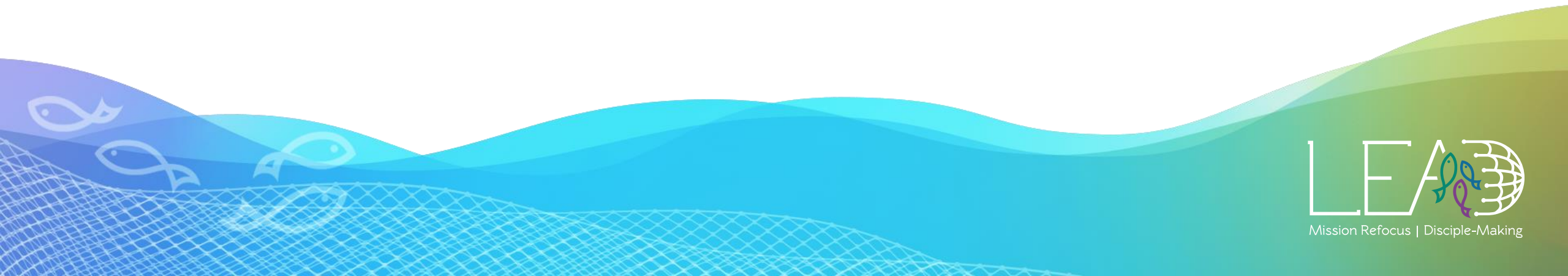


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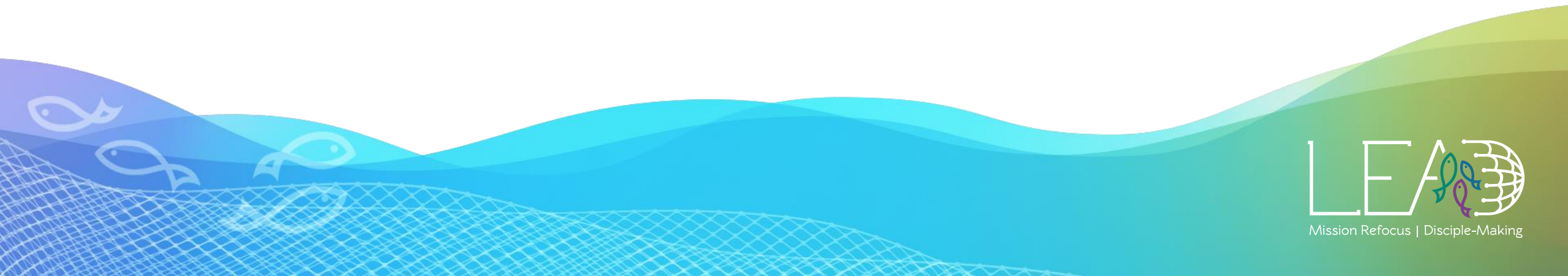
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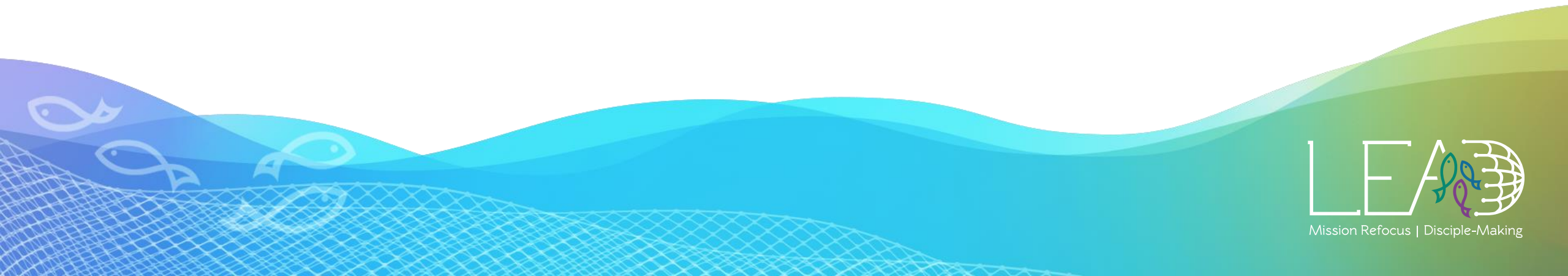
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**Cast the net as often  
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# Say, “Come!”

“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears **say**, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev 22:17).





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