

An underwater photograph showing several divers swimming in a blue, slightly hazy environment. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The overall mood is serene and communal.

# Deeper Dive

Spiritual Formation  
in Community

Welcome!

Spiritual Formation

*“The Spirit-driven process of forming my inner being so that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself.”*

An underwater photograph showing several divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. In the background, there are large, branching coral structures. The overall scene is serene and captures the beauty of underwater life.

# Check-In

*My Emotional Weather Report*

My Emotional  
Weather

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*Stormy*

*Cloudy*

*Calm*

*Sunny*

# Learn by Reflecting

Describe your reading and journaling discipline.

What character qualities do you see God changing in you, and are there any he wants to change that you do not want changed?

What have you experienced or learned this week about LOVE?

Deeper  
Dive

**SEEN**

**HEARD**

**VALUED**

# Listening is Loving

*From God's perspective there is nothing more important than the human being.*

An underwater scene with several divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

# The Value of People

Genesis 1:26-31

Psalms 8:1-9

John 4

Woman at the well

*Mark 2*

Paralyzed man & his friends

*Luke 8*

Mary Magdalene

*Luke 19*

Zacchaeus, Tax Collector

*Mark 8*

Bartimaeus, blind man

*John 3*

Nicodemus,  
Pharisee with questions

*John 11*

Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

*Exodus 3*

Moses, the Burning Bush

*People want to  
be **seen***

*People want to  
be **heard***

*People want to  
be **valued***

*People want to  
be **LOVED!***

**BEING SEEN, HEARD & VALUED IS  
SO CLOSE TO BEING LOVED THAT  
TO MOST PEOPLE, ONE IS NO  
DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER.**

***Take  
turns  
sharing  
a 60  
second  
story  
from  
your  
past.***

# Listening Exercise

*Turn to a person near you.*

# Groupwork

## Select a Reporter

Mark 8:35

Luke 22:27

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

1 Corinthians 13

Romans 5:5-8

2 Peter 1:7

Matthew 23:11

Leviticus 19:18

Galatians 5

Colossians 3

Romans 13:8-10

Mark 12:31

# LOVE !!!

# Deeper Dive

The background of the slide features a light blue, semi-transparent image of several divers underwater. One diver is prominently visible in the center, upside down, with their arms and legs spread out. Other divers are scattered in the background, some appearing to be in motion. The overall aesthetic is clean and aquatic.

# Homework

Continue writing your “Beloved Charter”

*“What are you learning so far?”*

Deeper  
Dive

The background of the slide features a faded, light blue image of two divers underwater. One diver is positioned higher and upside down, while the other is lower and upright. Both are wearing scuba gear, including tanks and fins. The water is clear, and the overall tone is serene and deep.

# Invite Others

**Who do you know that needs to know God  
in a deeper and more real way?**

**Deeper  
Dive**

An underwater photograph of several divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The scene is peaceful and serene.

# Deeper Dive

Spiritual Formation  
in Community

See you next week!

Spiritual Formation

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Reading the Bible

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*Big Idea of the  
Week*

*Book or Topic*

*Commentary*

*Insert Yourself*

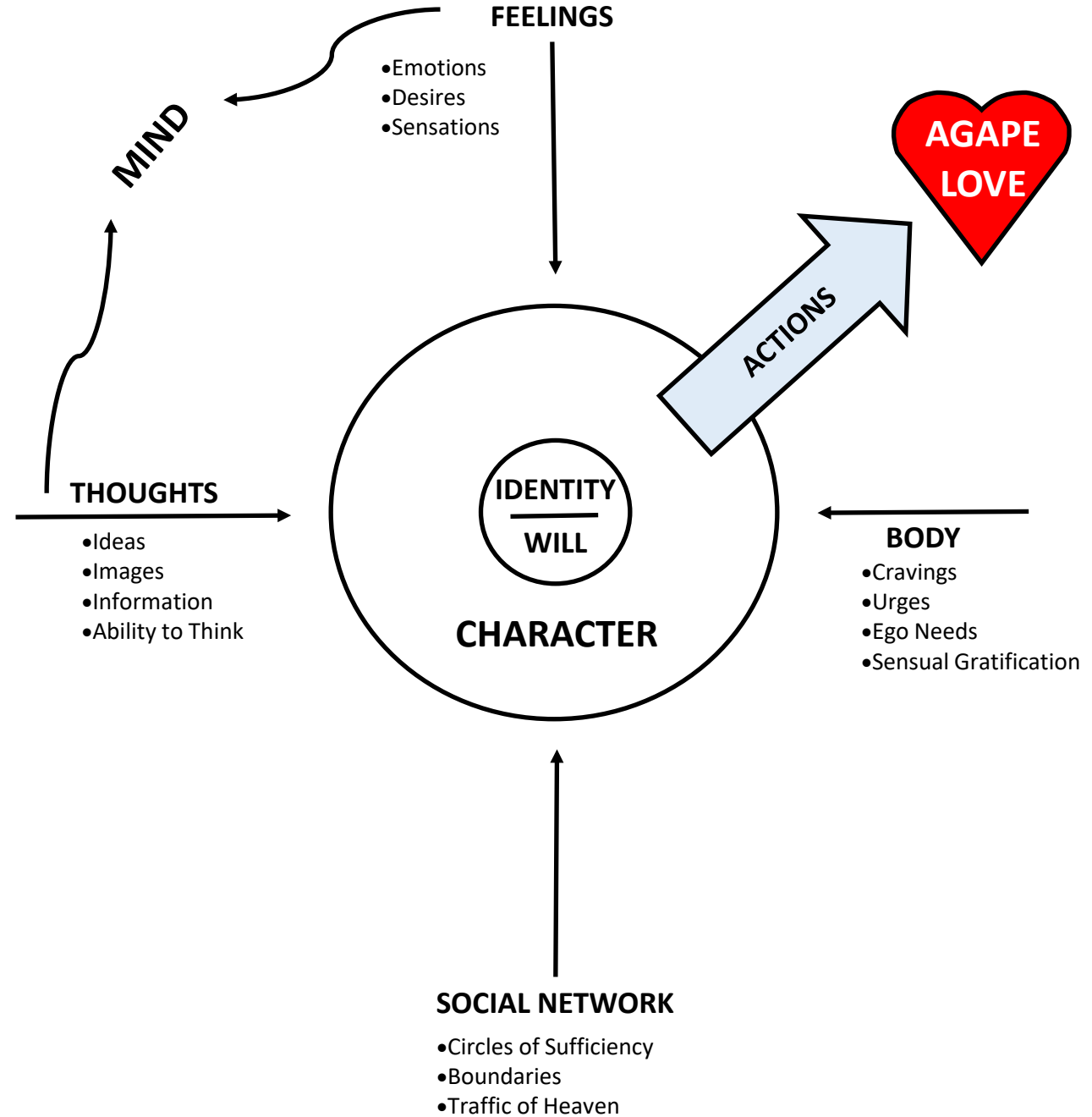
*Imagination*

*Use Your Senses*

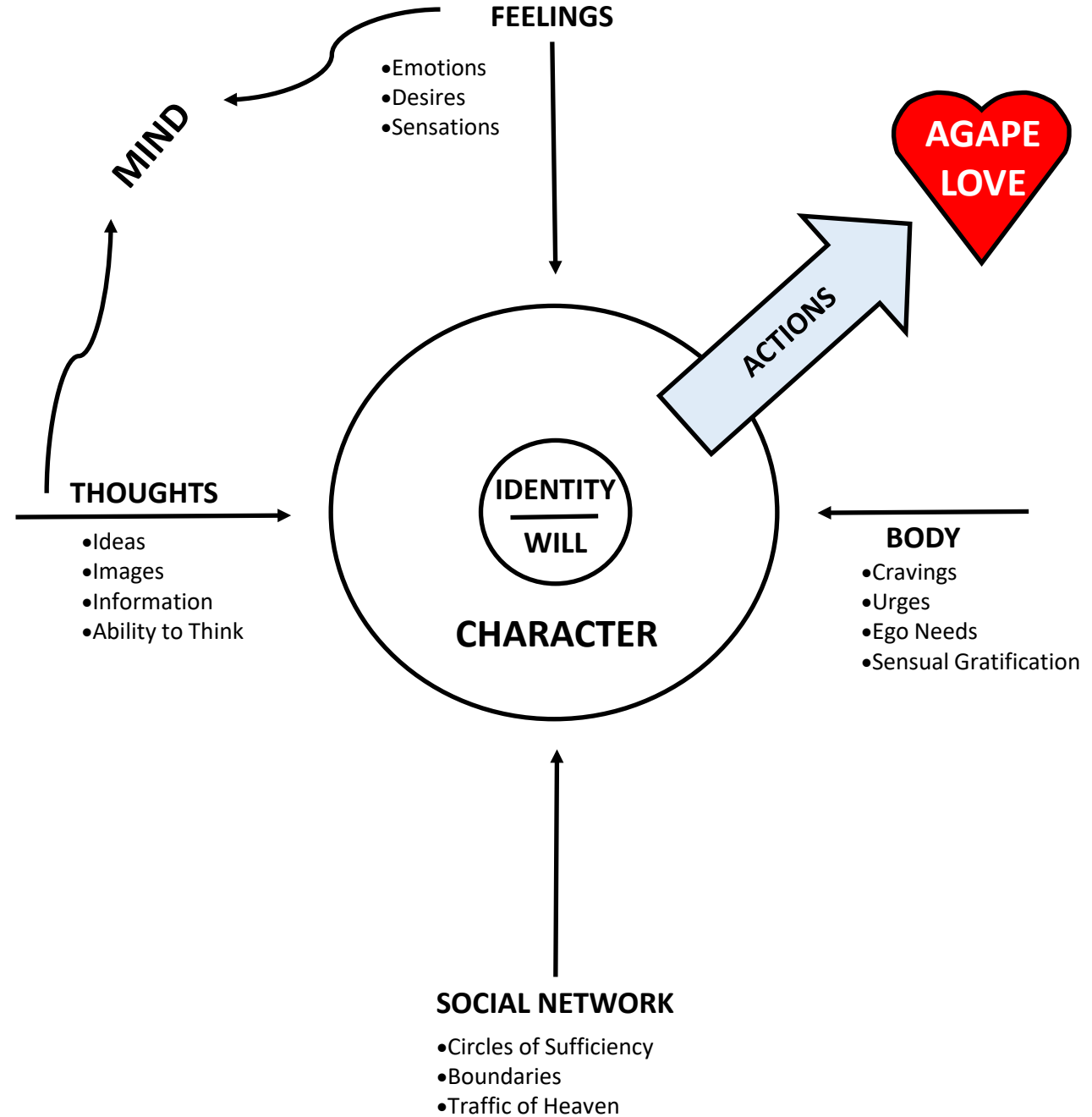
An underwater photograph showing several divers in a blue, slightly hazy environment. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The scene is dynamic, with divers in various positions, some appearing to be in motion. The overall tone is serene and exploratory.

# Deeper Dive

# Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



# Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



**1 John 4:7-21**

*What is the difference between agape and other types of love?*

**John 13:34-35**

*Where have you seen agape love in you, around you, and through you this week?*

# Big Idea of the Week

*Agape LOVE!*

