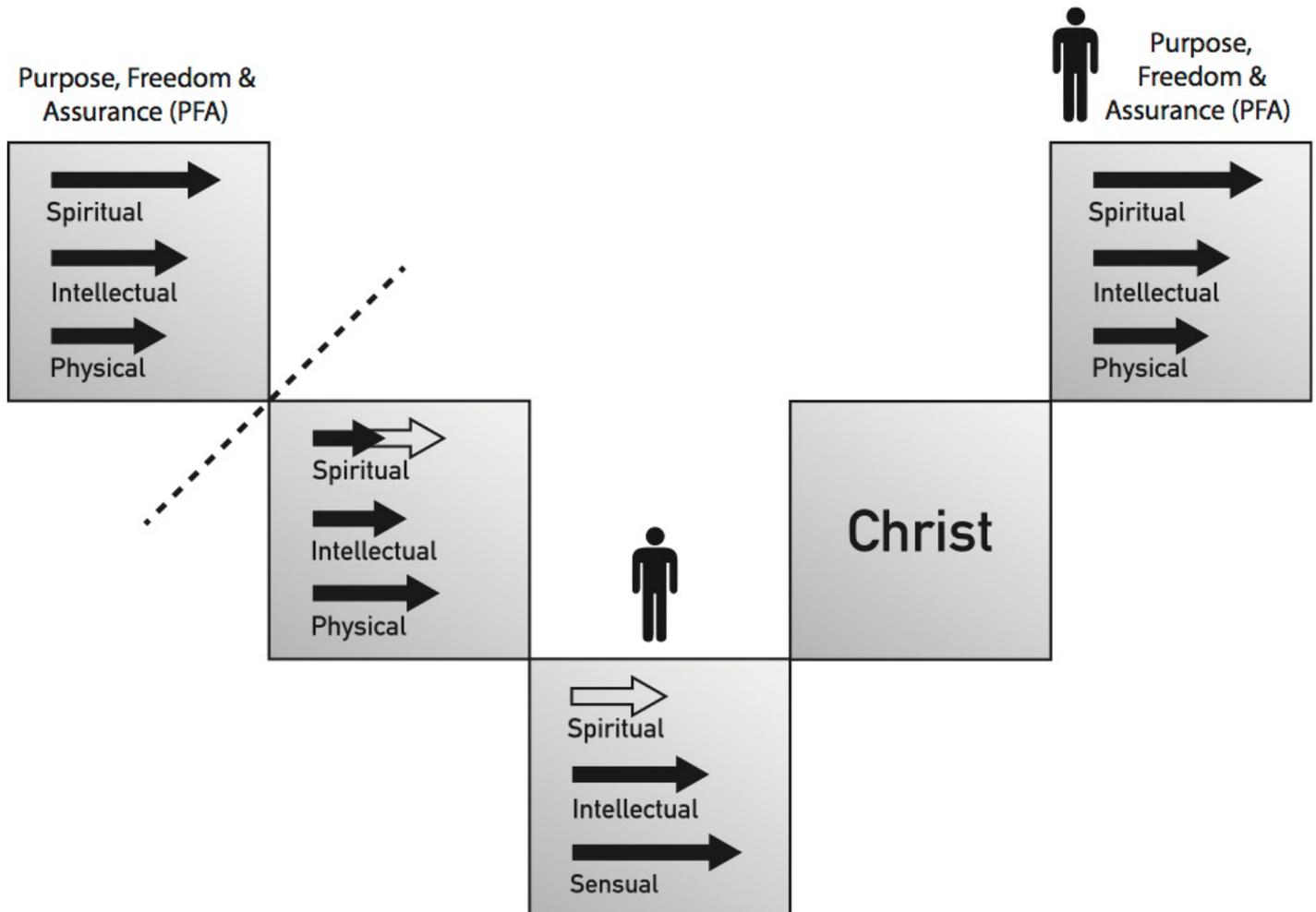


INVESTIGATING JESUS

PART 1

Sloan Street Church Lisburn - Investigating following Jesus

Session 1 - Why investigate Jesus?



God made us with 3 Drives that we live by - Spiritual (relationship with God)

Intellectual (knowing and understanding the world)

Physical (food, drink, sex etc.)

When the Spiritual is dominant all is in balance and we get the things we long for -

Purpose - a reason to live as our lives are connected with God's life

Freedom - not to do what you want but to do what you should in the strength God gives us

Assurance - Of life after death

The dotted line represents the fall that mankind took away from God

When humanity rebelled against God they lost what they were made for

So now the other drives are primary for us, they take on a heightened sense of importance

If we are honest though this leaves us without Purpose, Freedom and Assurance

Our physical drives often become sensual, we're driven by our desires rather than having our desires satisfy us

Often then people meet Christians who claim to have experience of Purpose, Freedom and Assurance

There's really nothing special about them and often they can relate to being where you are

All has changed not because they have improved themselves or adopted a new lifestyle but because they have met somebody.

Jesus is the key to unlocking Purpose, Freedom and Assurance

He came into our world, lived the perfect life but then died in our place to pay for our sin that stops us knowing God as we were meant to

Because of him we now can know God again, find forgiveness and restoration of life as we were meant to have it.

Isn't that worth checking out!?

Before you arrange session 2 read John chapters 1-7