

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A narrow, light-colored dirt road or path winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The trees are tall and closely packed, creating a rich texture of green. The title text is overlaid on the center of the image, following the curve of the road.

The Gospel of Mark

When the Healing Doesn't Come

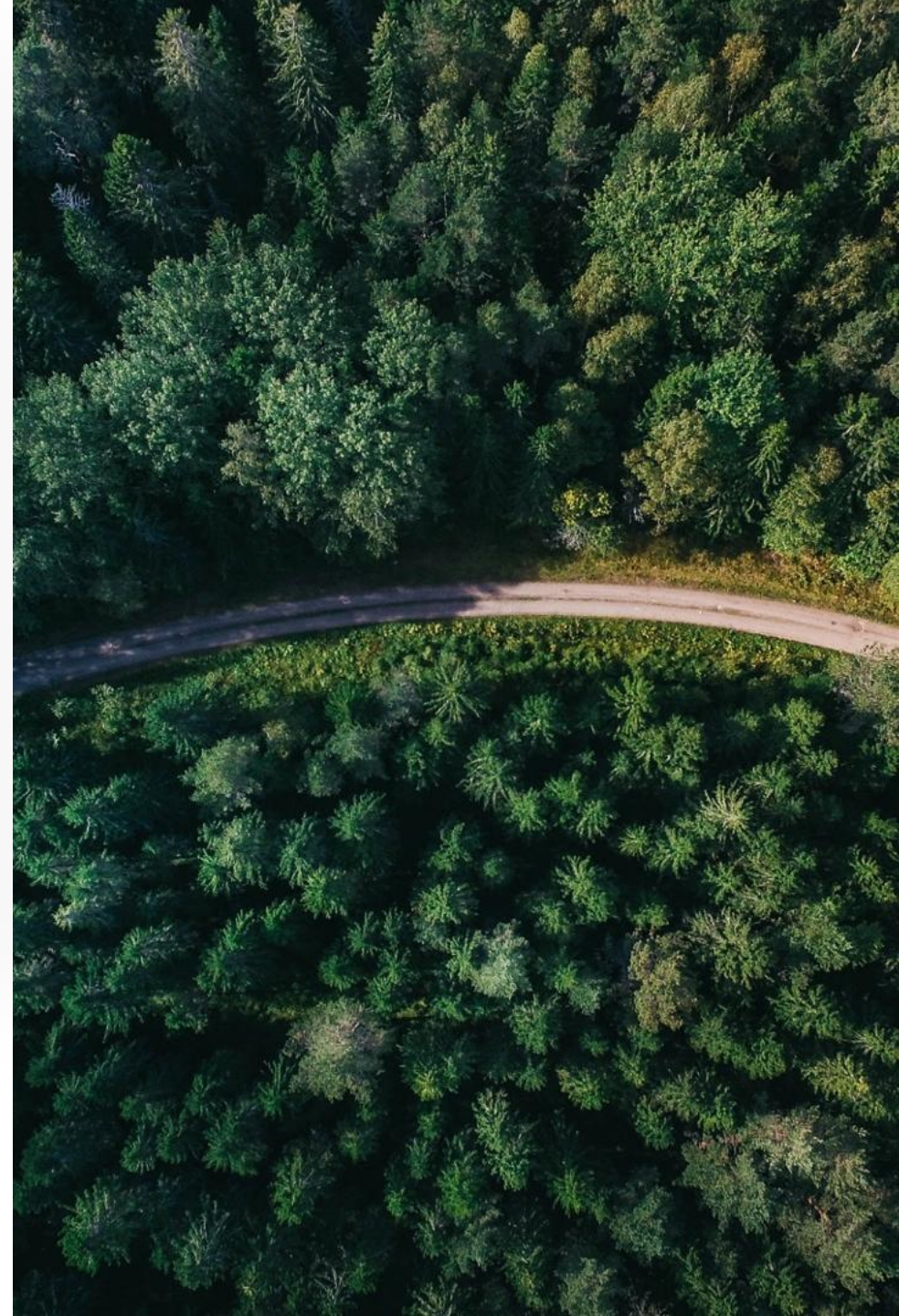
Mark 9:14-27

Mark 9:14-18 (NLT)

¹⁴ When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. ¹⁵ When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him.

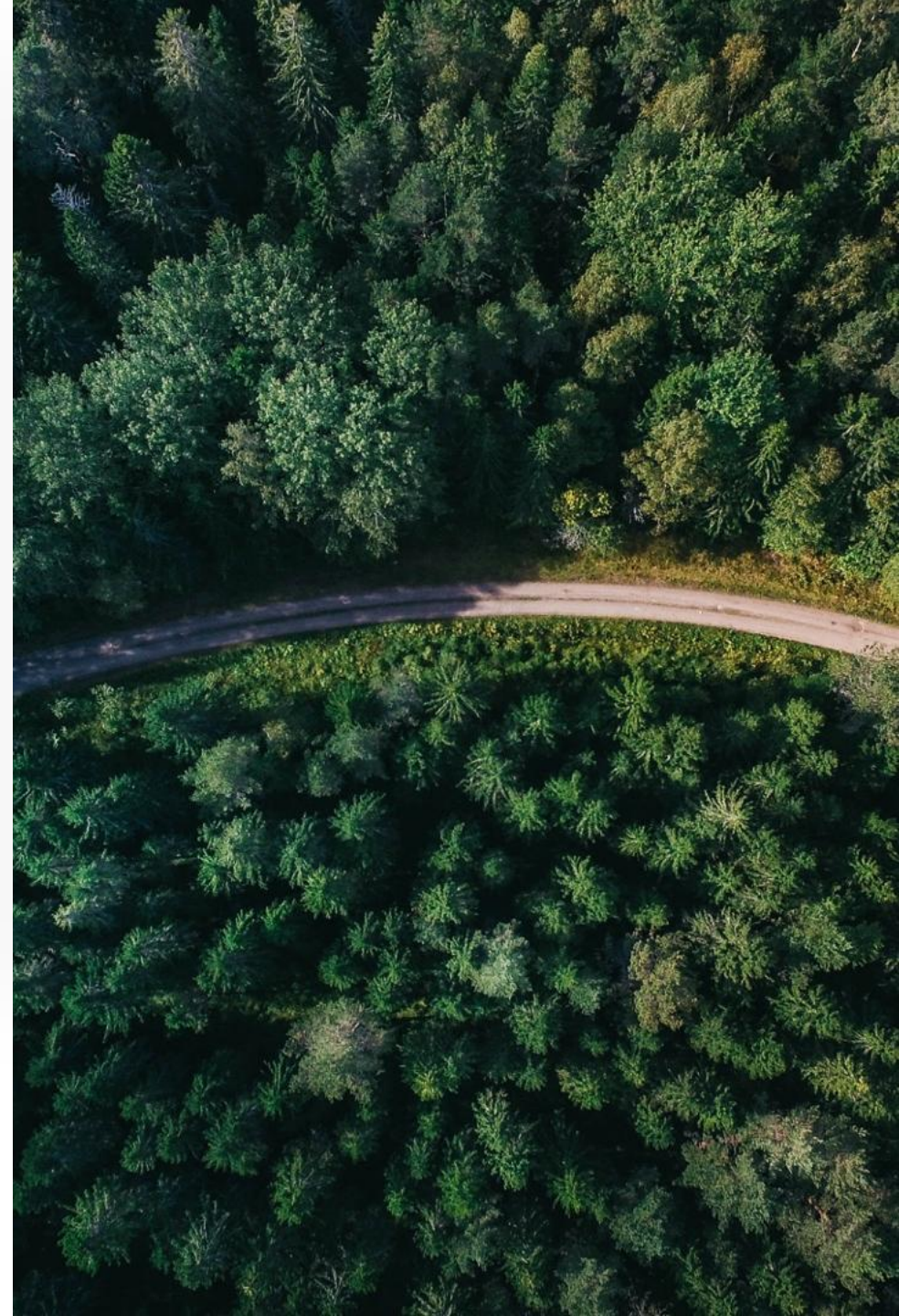
¹⁶ “What is all this arguing about?” Jesus asked.

¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk. ¹⁸ And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn’t do it.”



Mark 9:19 (NLT)

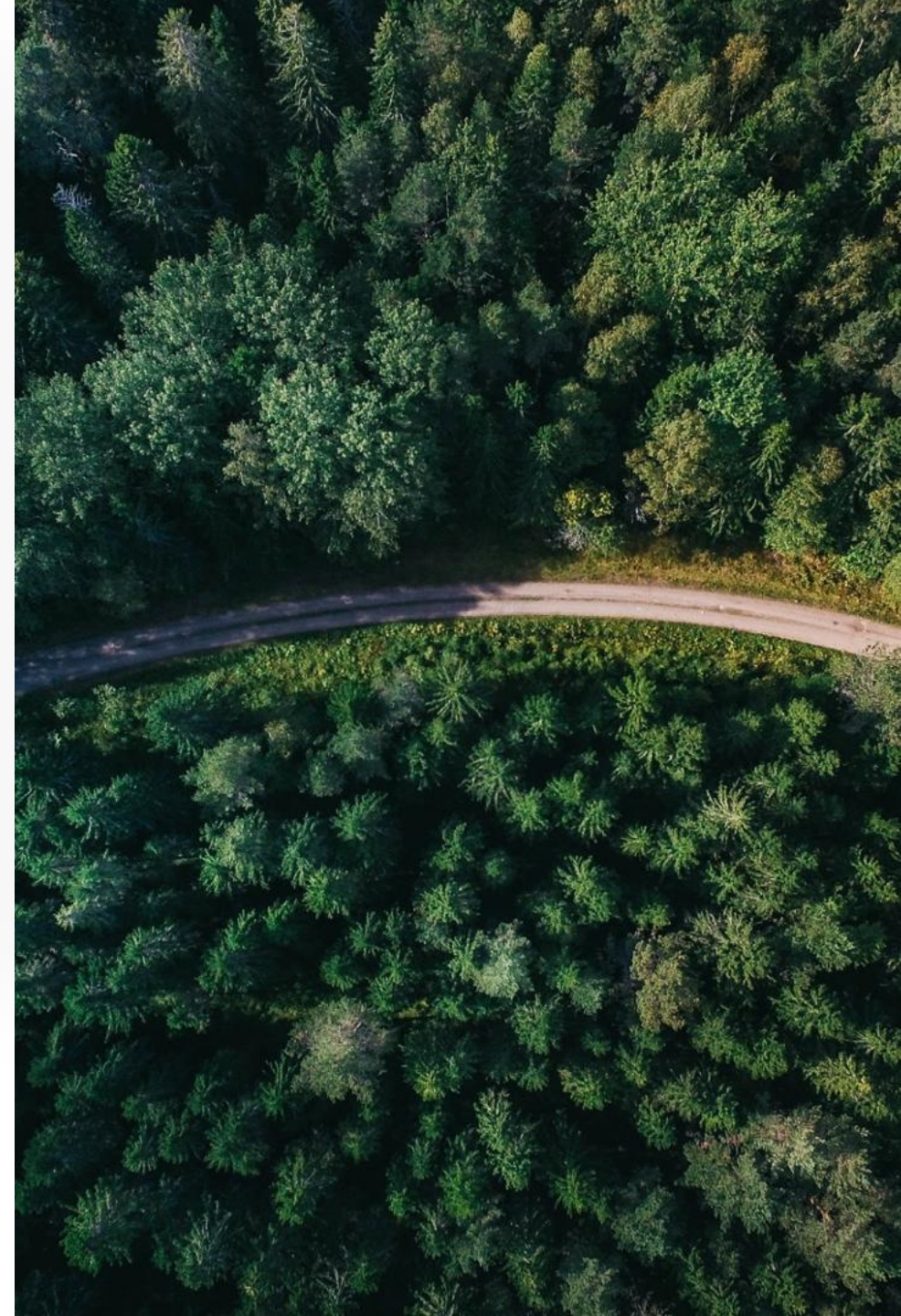
¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “You **faithless** people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

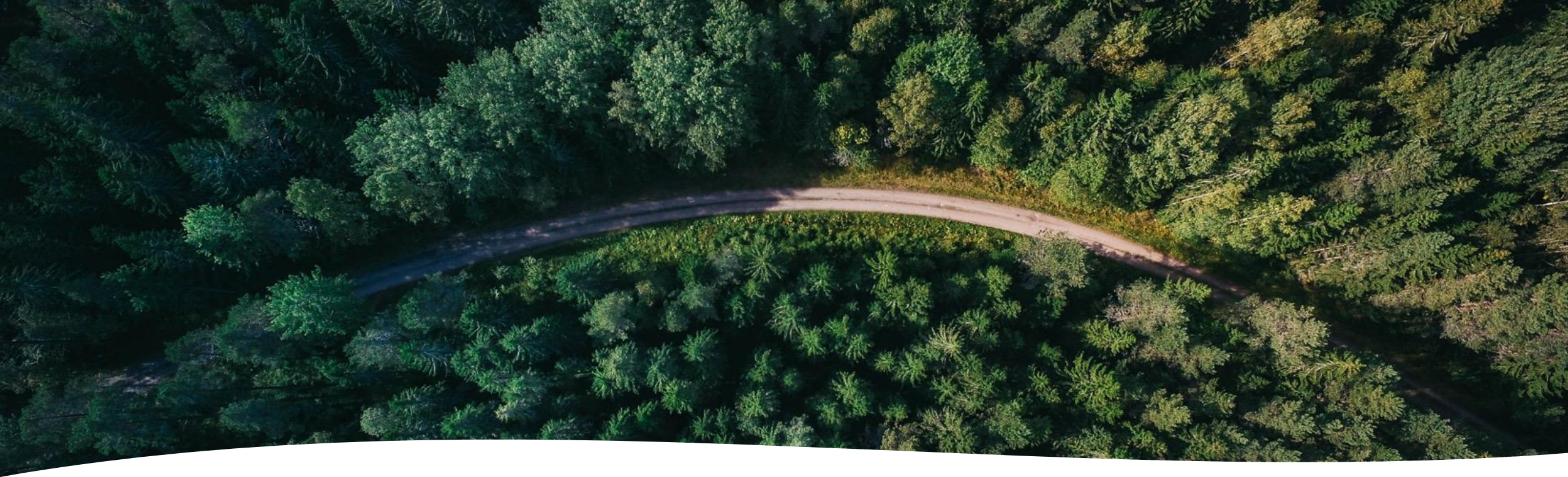


Mark 9:20-21a (NLT)

²⁰ So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

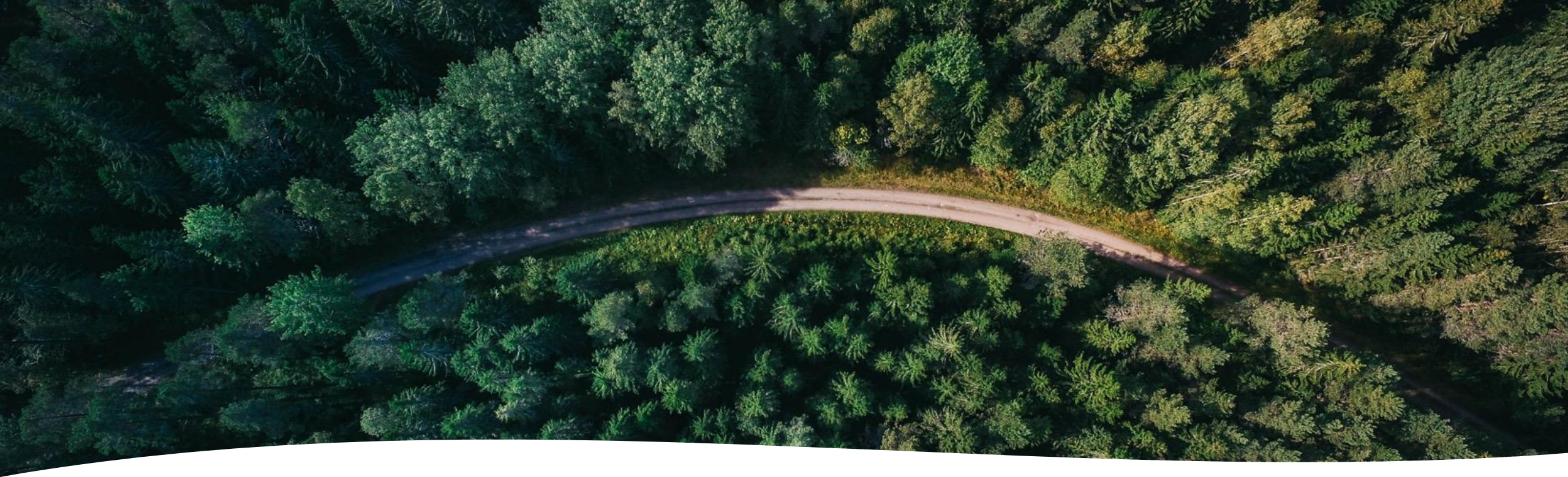
²¹ “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father.





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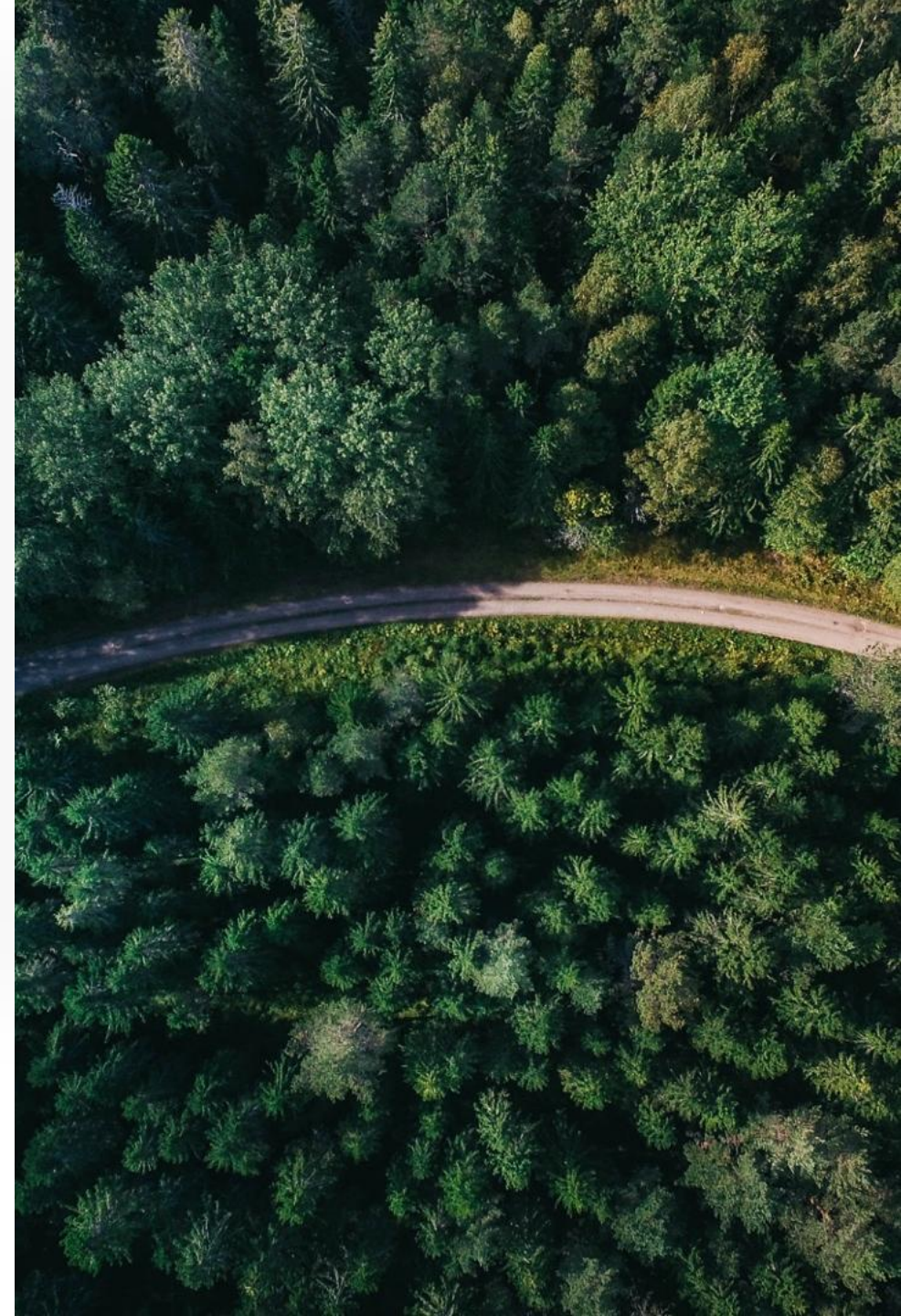
**What question could you
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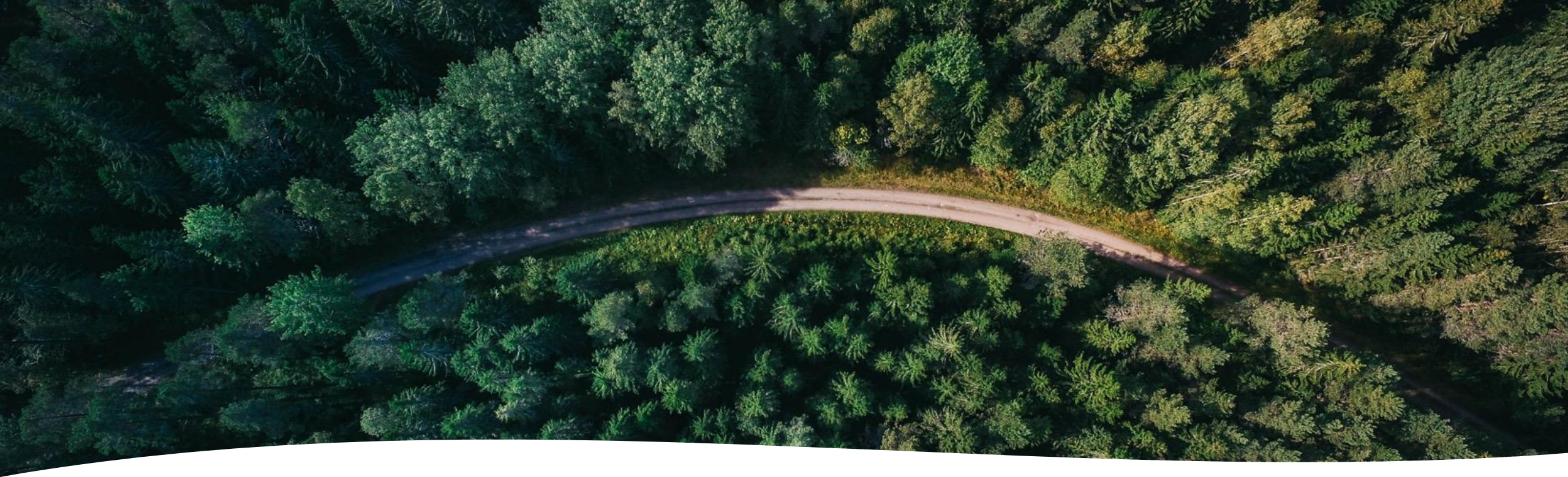
Mark 9:21b-24 (NLT)

He replied, “Since he was a little boy. ²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”

²³ “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”

²⁴ The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

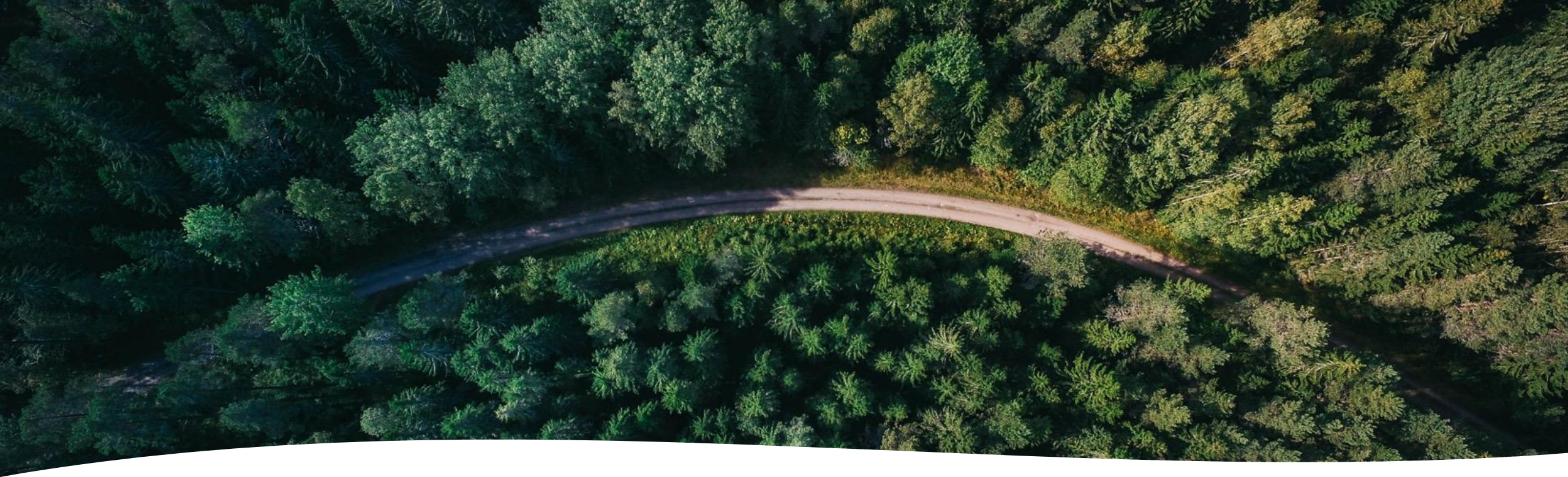




As one seeking healing....

What are you looking at?

**What would it mean for you to
pray “I do believe, help me
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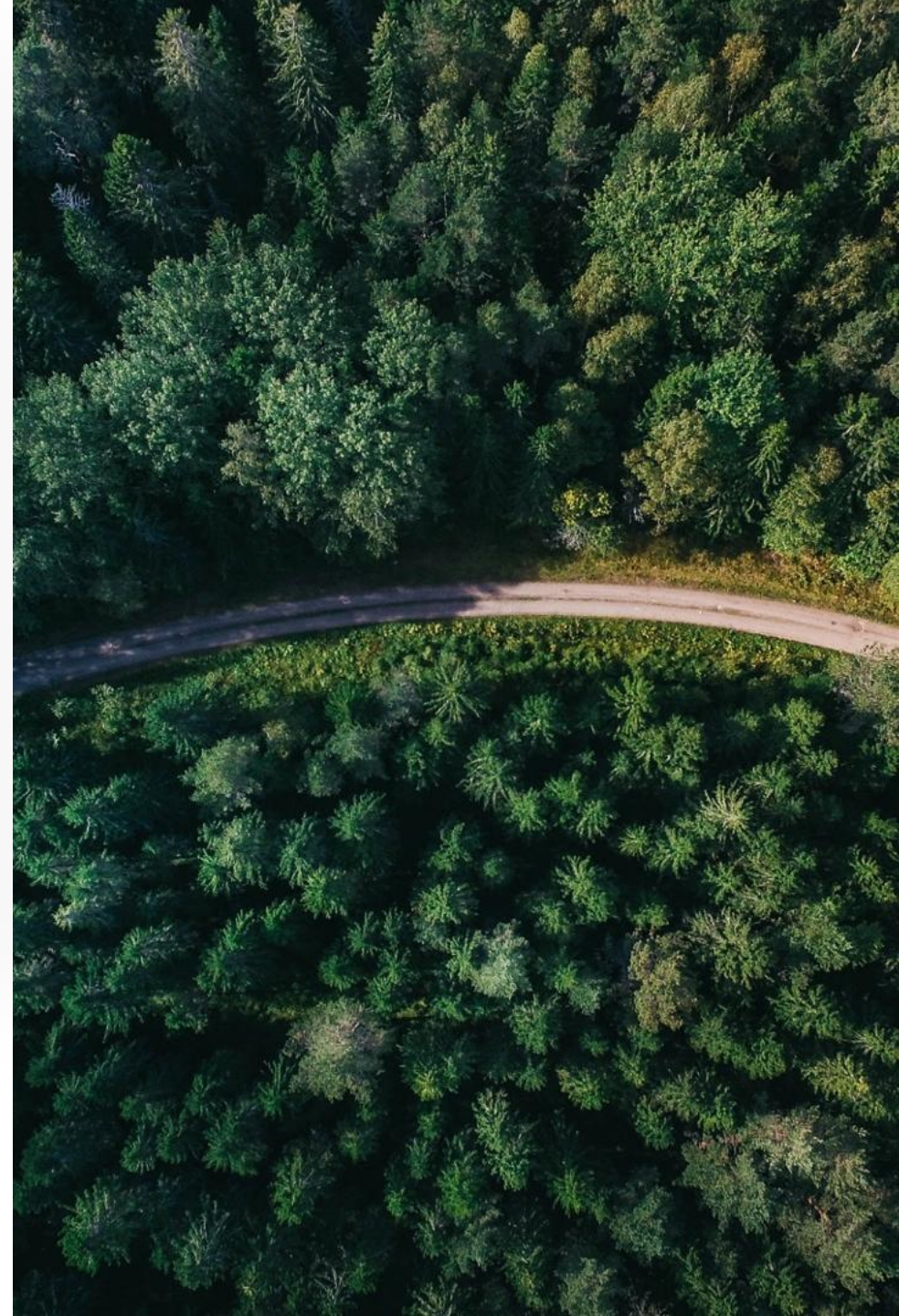
How can you help this person to see and seek Jesus?

Mark 9:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. “Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak,” he said. “I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!”

²⁶ Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, “He’s dead.”

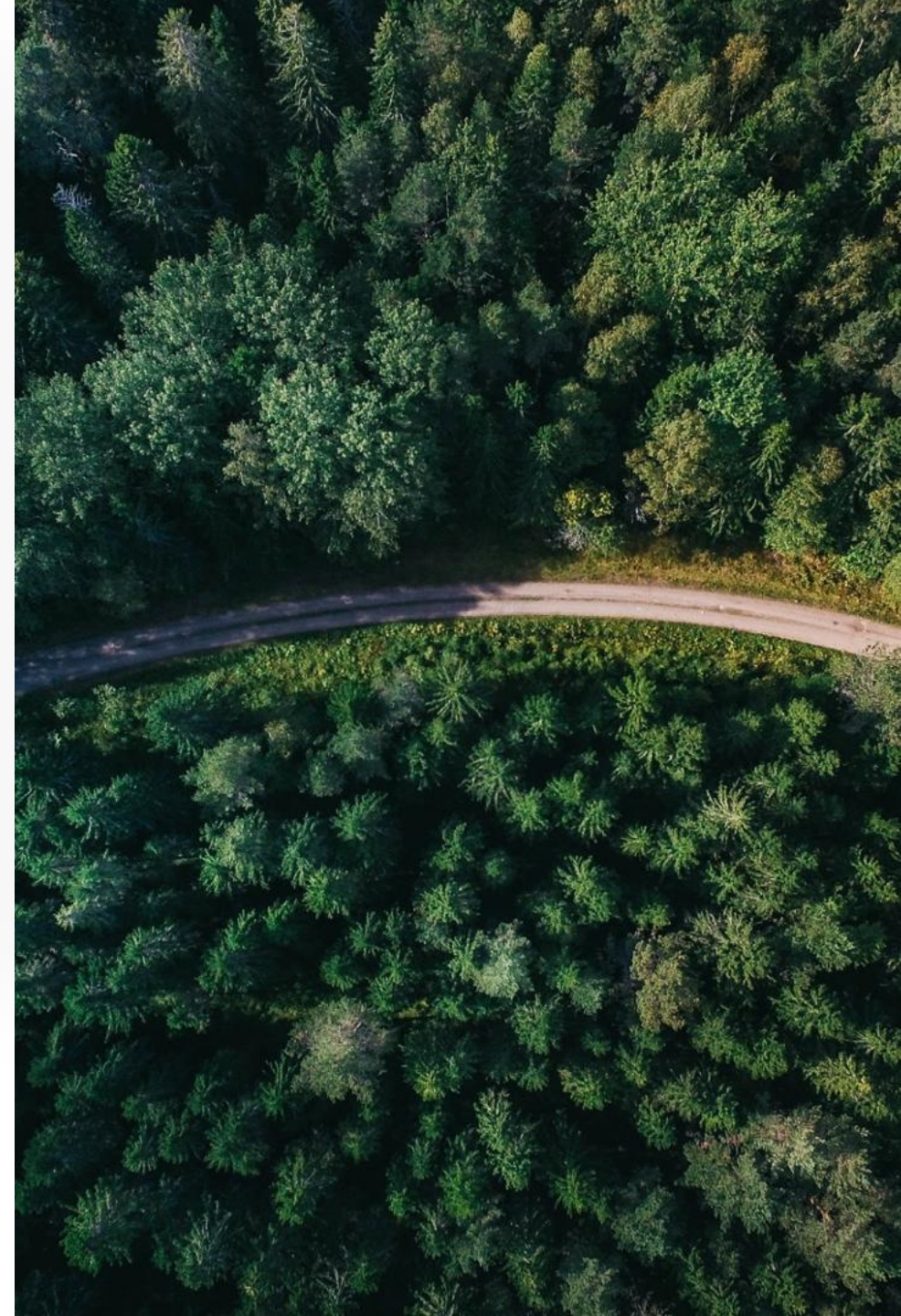
²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.



Mark 9:28-29 (NLT)

²⁸ Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, “**Why couldn’t we** cast out that evil spirit?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “This kind can be cast out **only by prayer.**”



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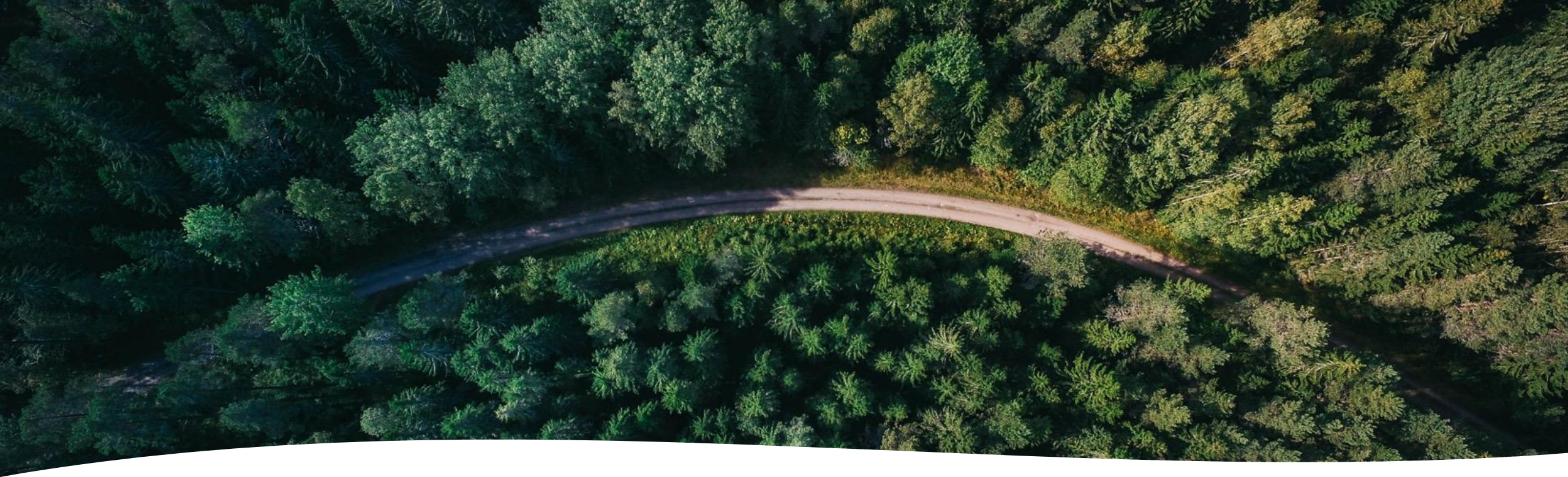
Isaiah 58: 3,4, 6-8 (NIV)

³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear.



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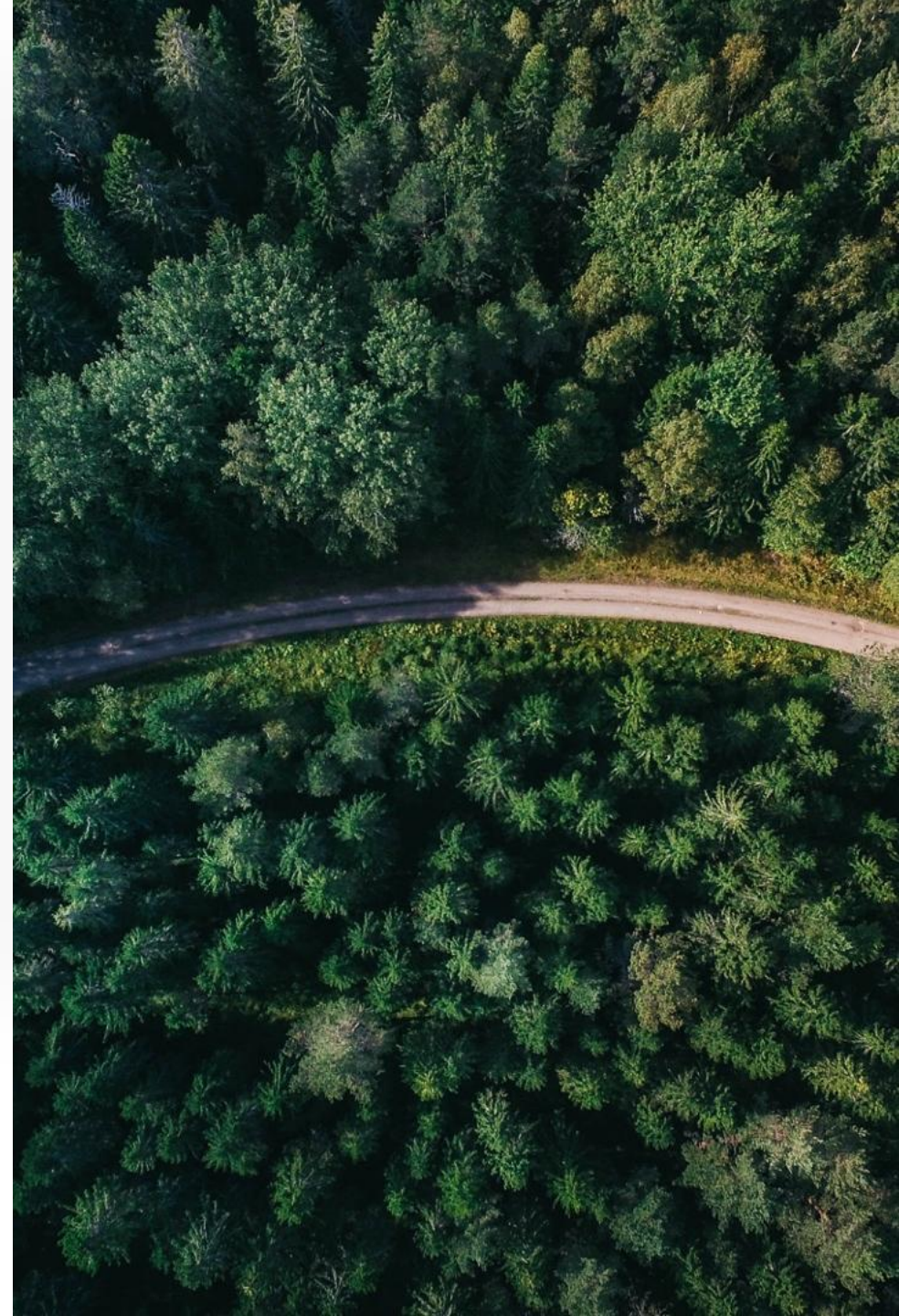
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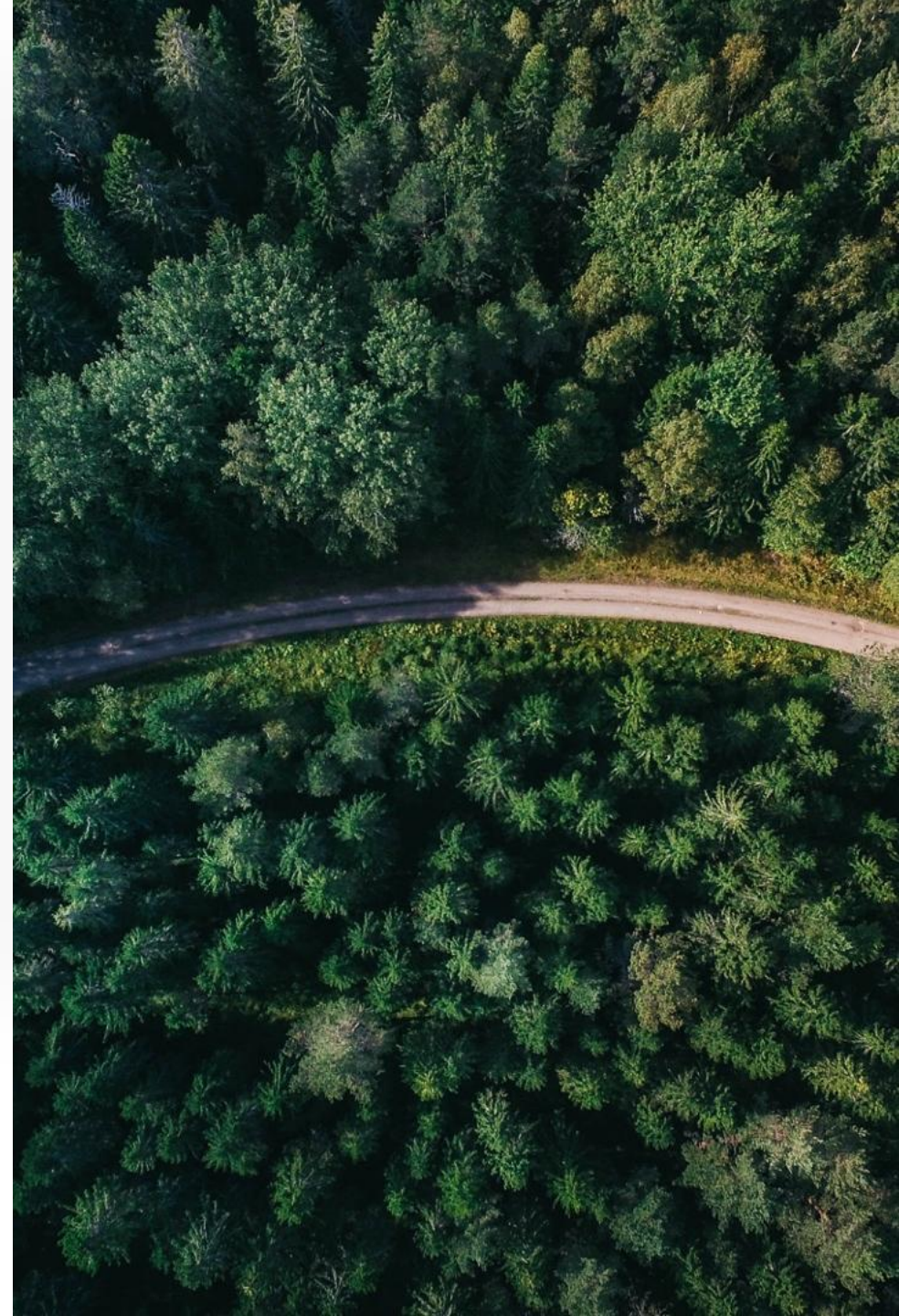
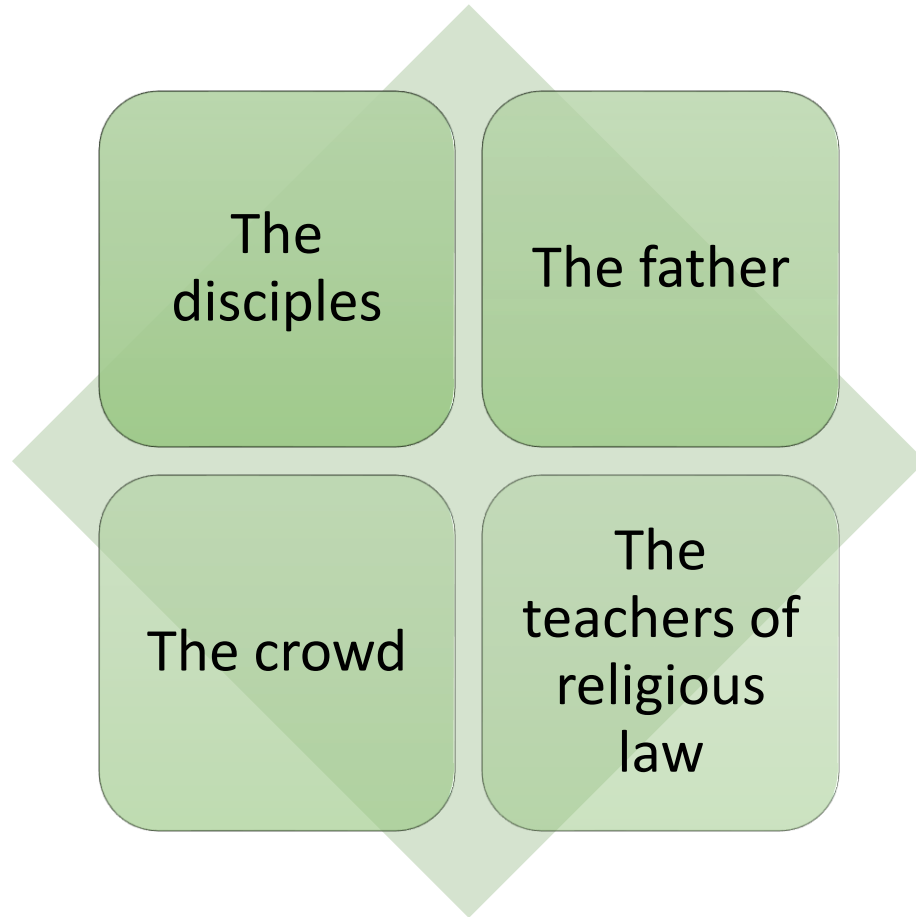
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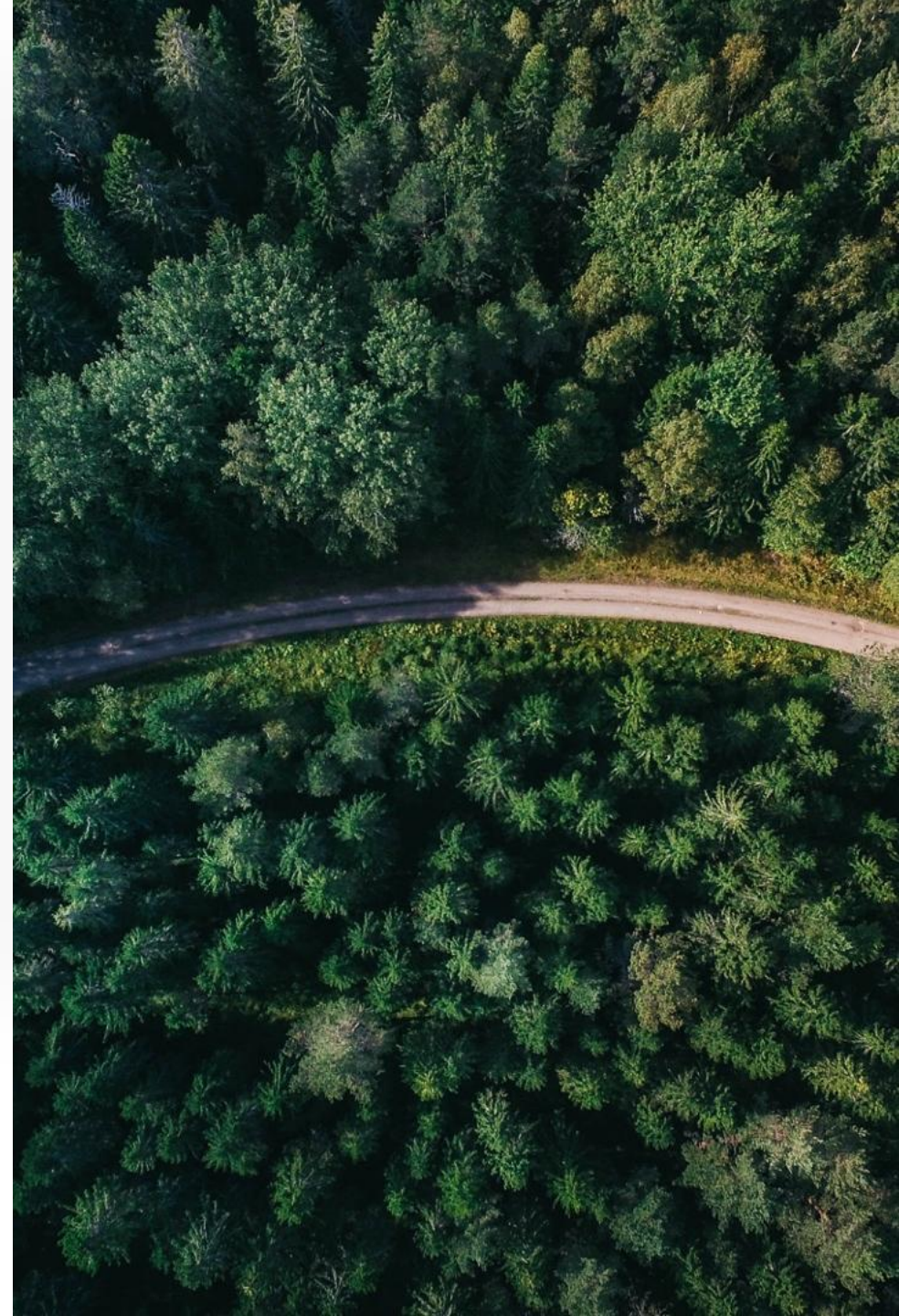
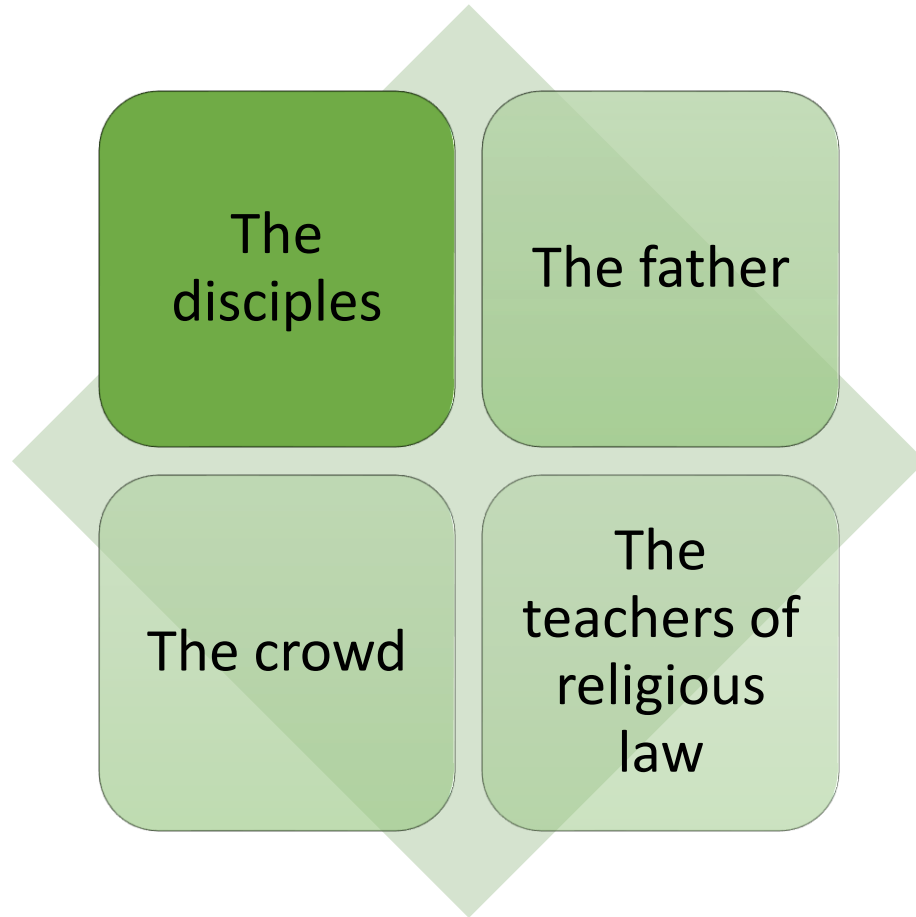
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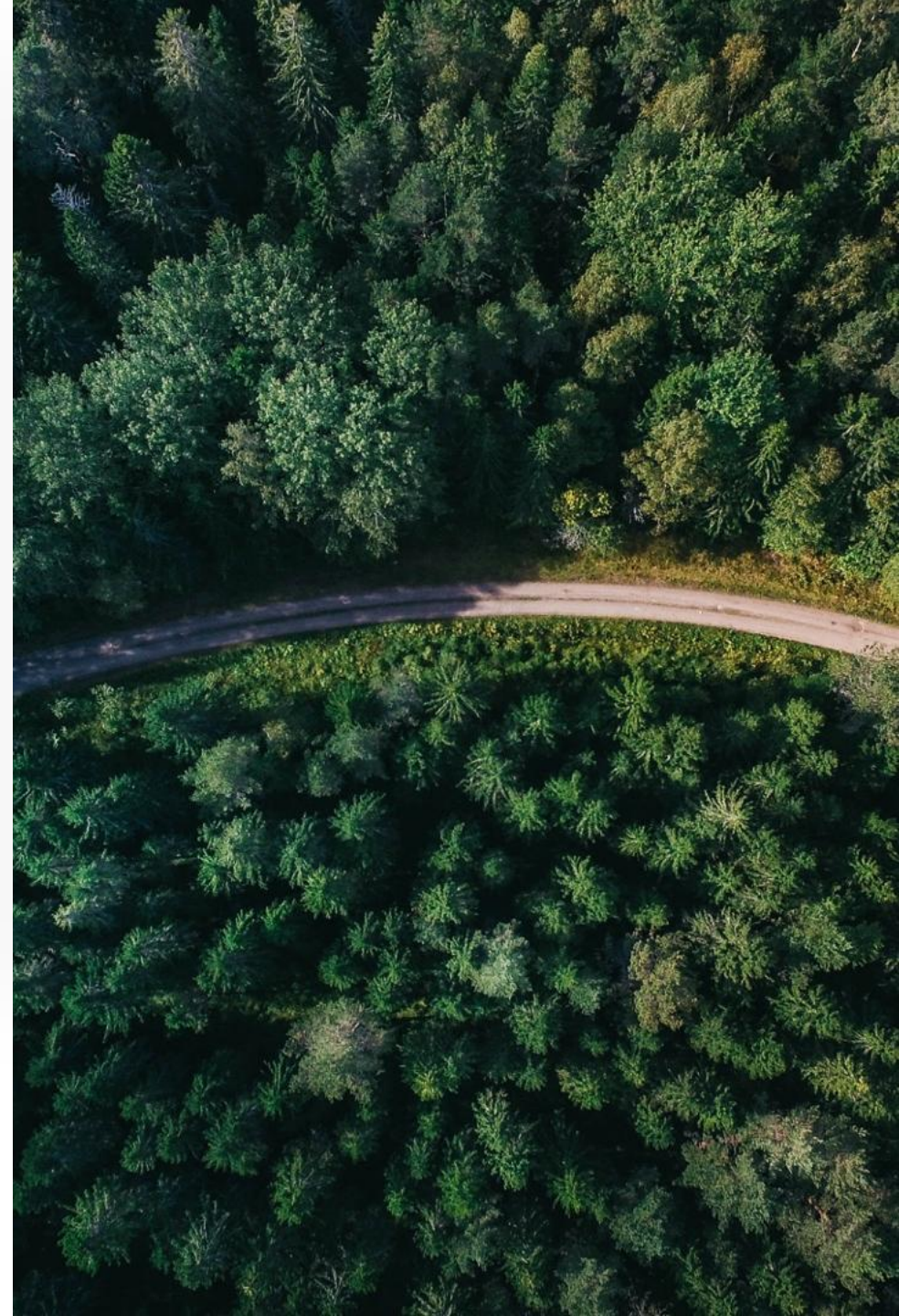
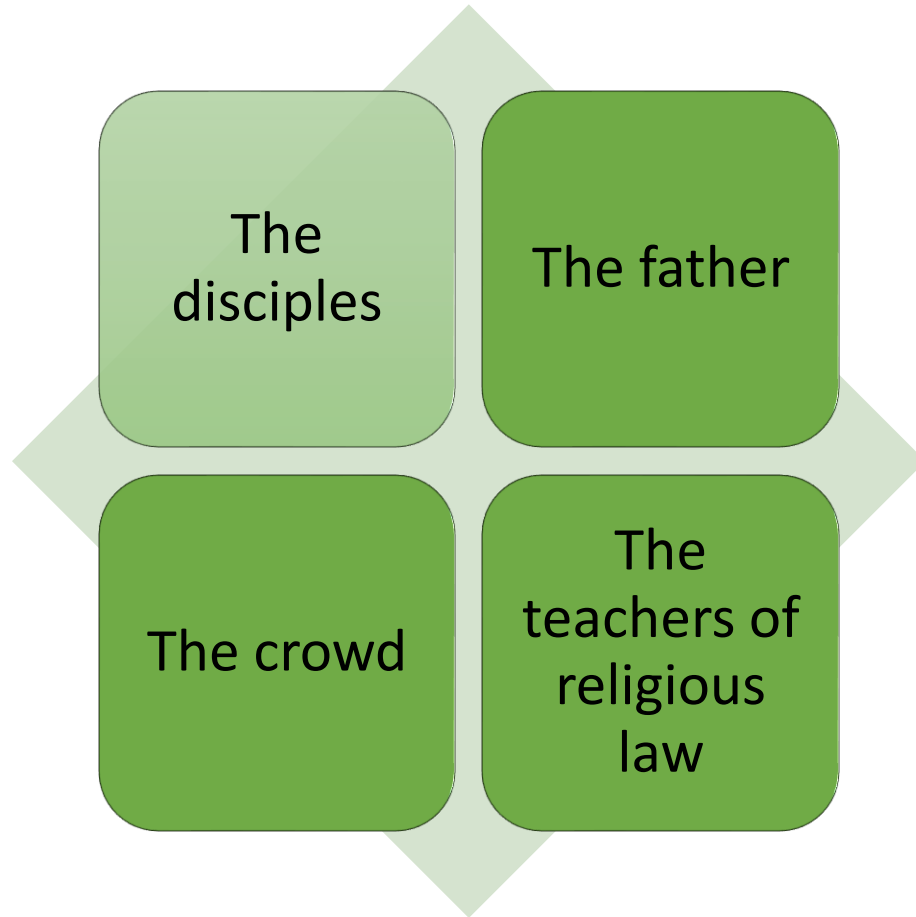
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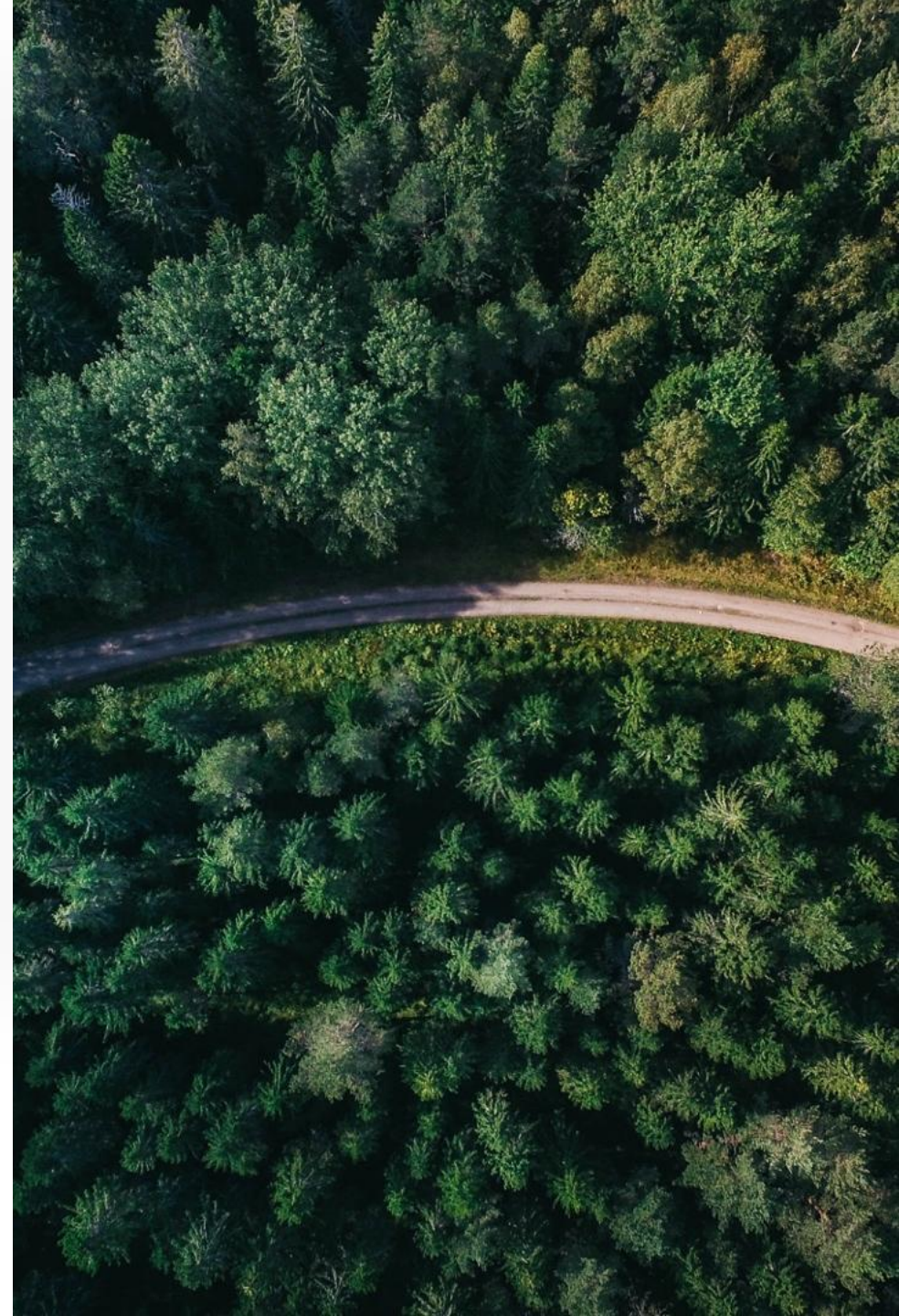
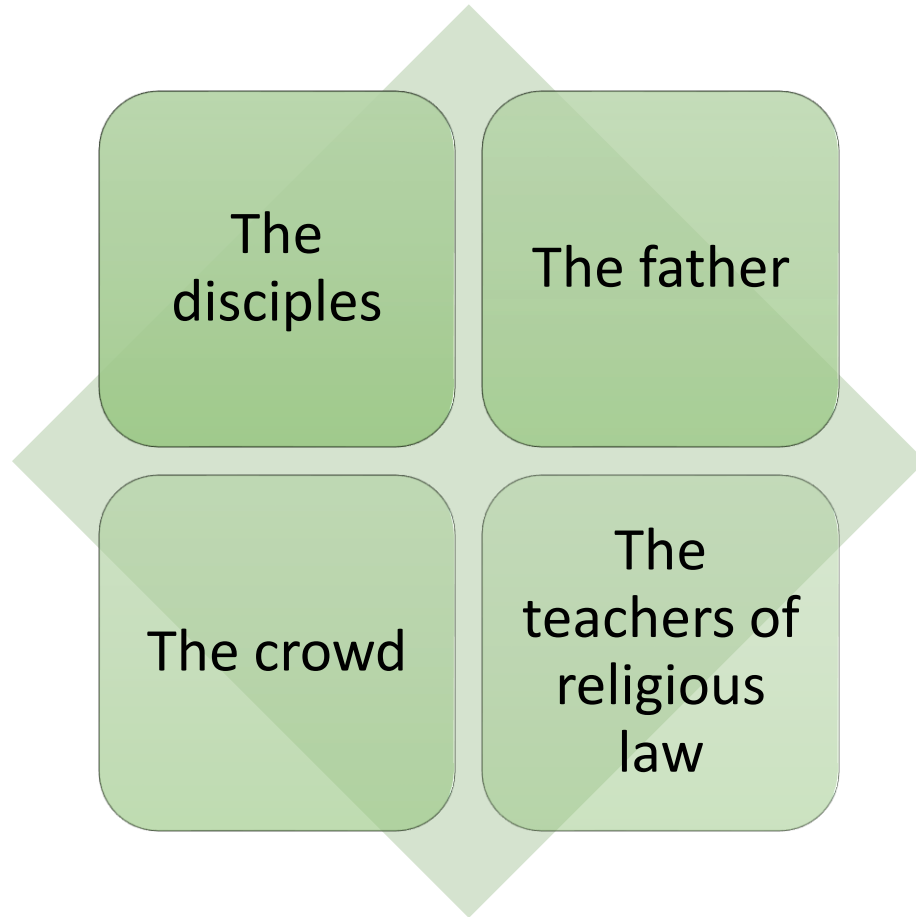
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