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For Others

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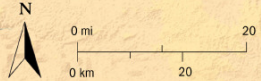


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- Cities of the Decapolis
- Main Roads
- Common Route Between Galilee and Jerusalem
- Alternate Route Between Galilee and Jerusalem, Through Perea



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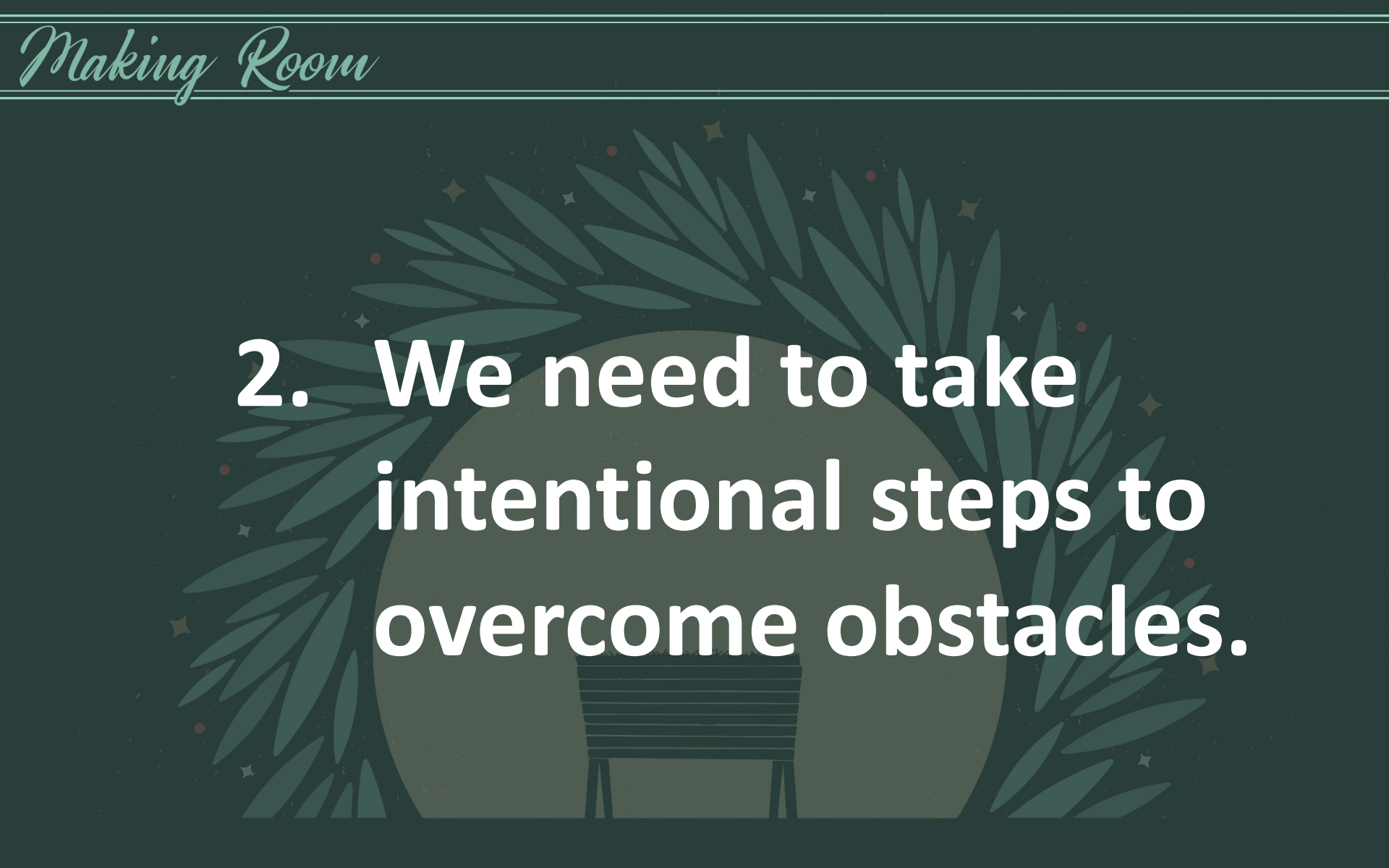
***In order to make room
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“Open Door” Theology?

**1. We need to learn
people's stories.**





2. We need to take intentional steps to overcome obstacles.

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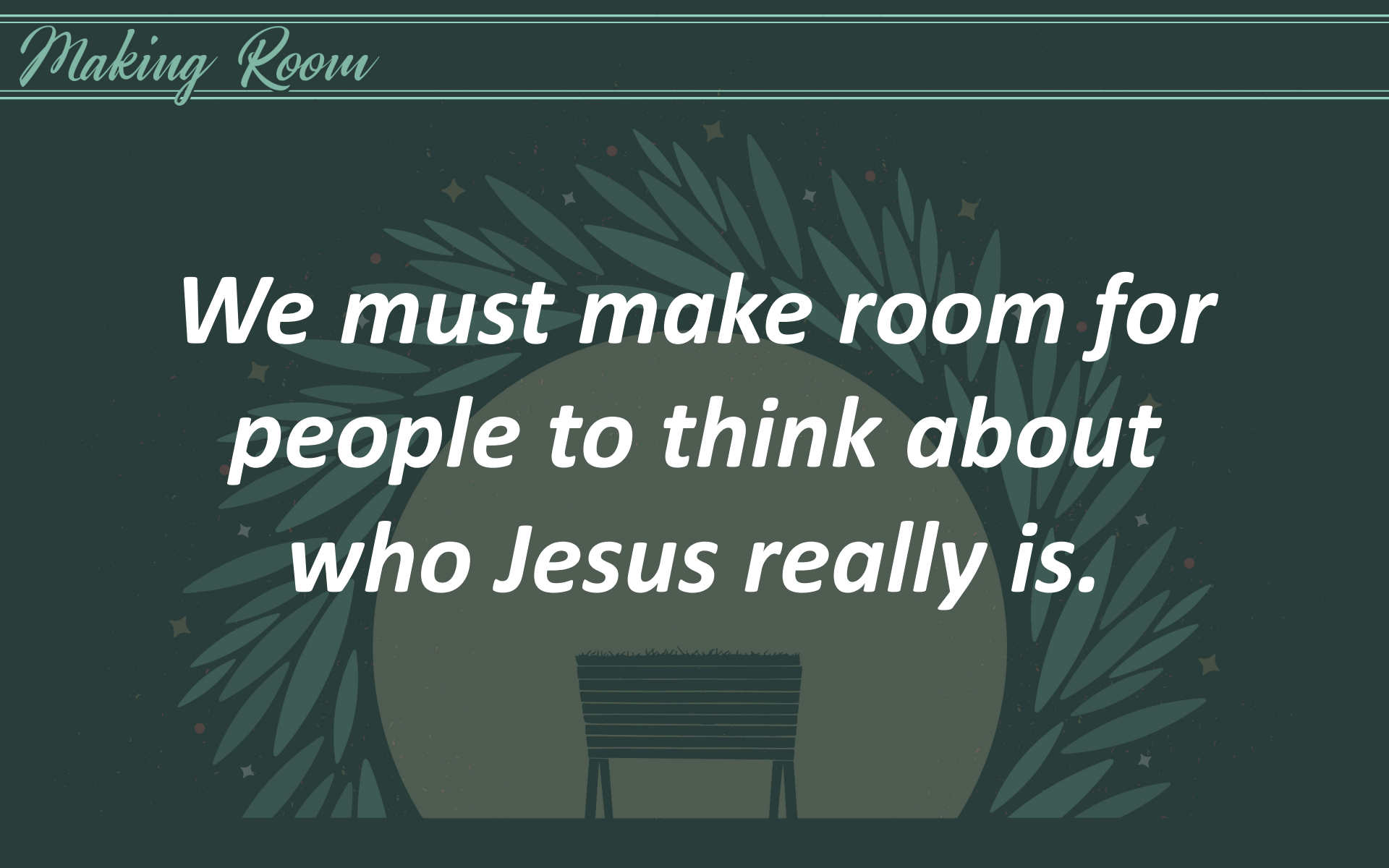
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