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Do we do the same in our lives?

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**Nehemiah 1:4-6a**

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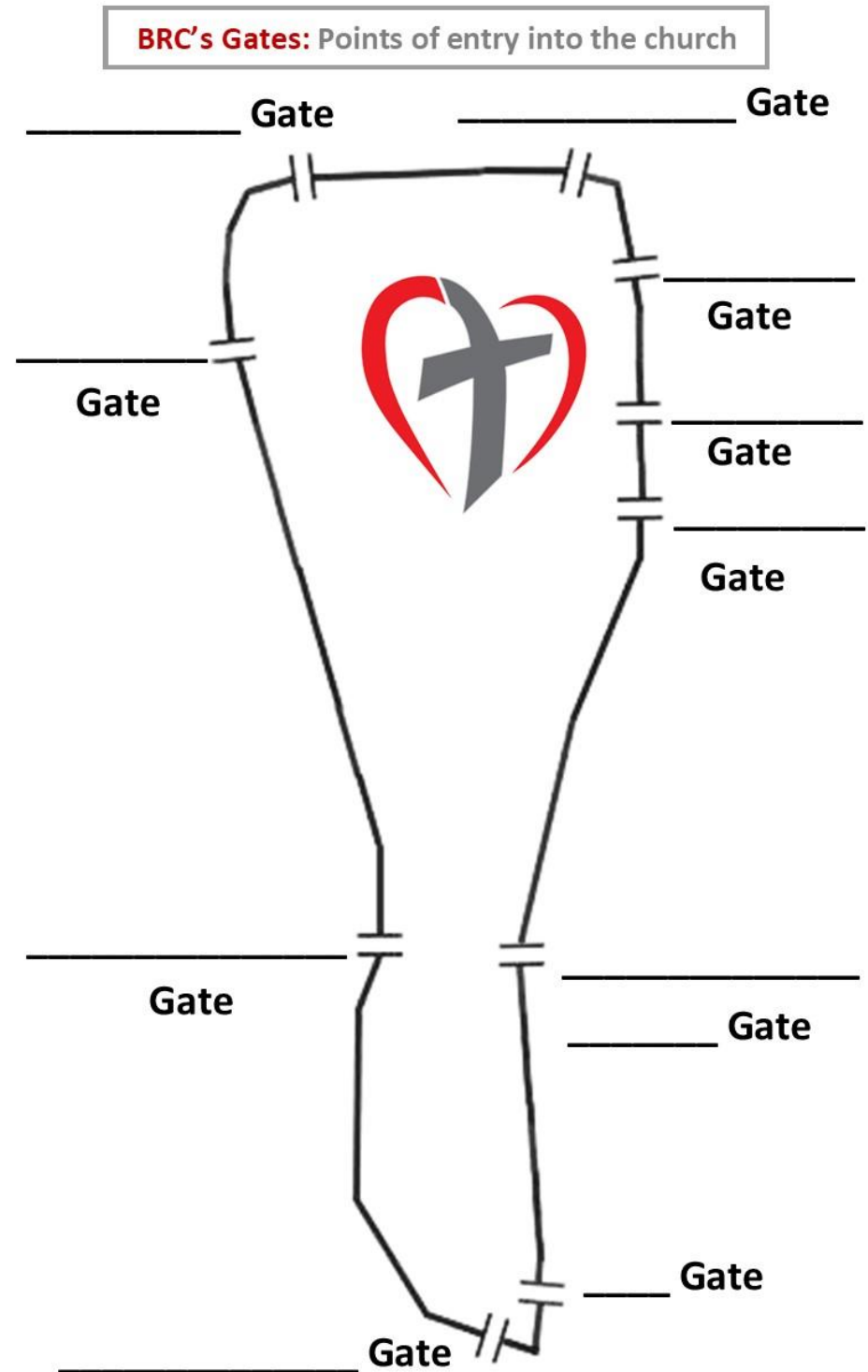
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## BRC's Gates: Points of entry into the church

