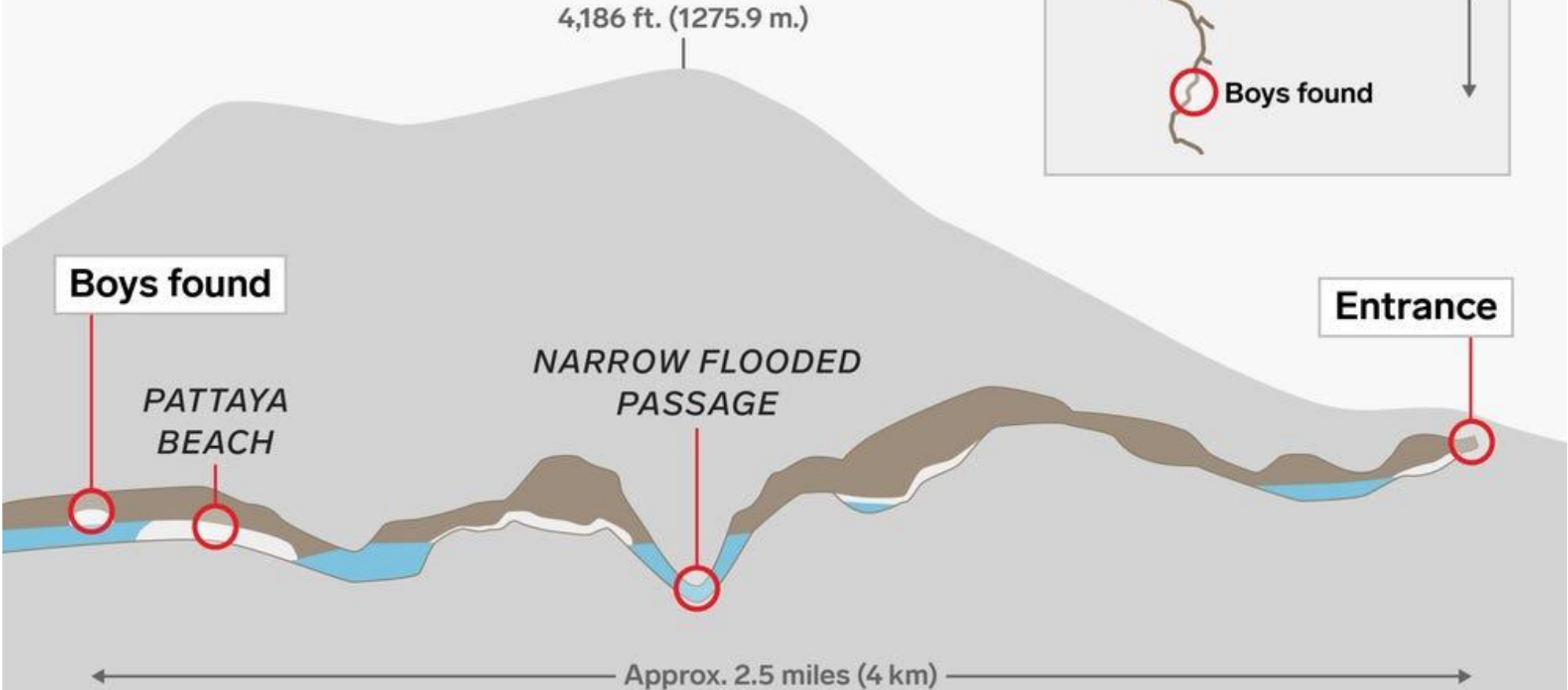
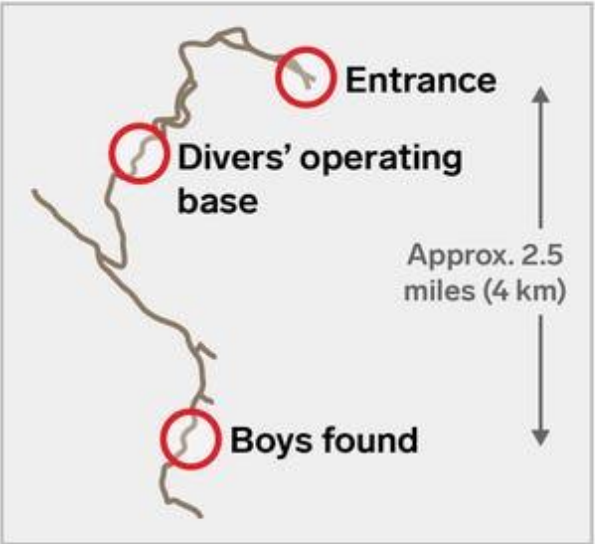


Equip the Saints

Ephesians 4:11-13

How far the Thai boys soccer team is in the cave



Sources: BBC; CNN; Reuters; AP Photo

Ephesians 4:11-13

Main Idea:

When leaders equip and the saints minister, the body of Christ is built up.

A Maturing Church v. 13

Who are we?

1:23 The Body of Christ

2:15 A new humanity

2:19 Citizens, saints, & members of the family of God

2:19-22 A structure with Christ as the cornerstone, growing into a dwelling place for God.

3:10 – A display of the wisdom of God to the rulers & authorities in the heavenly places.

A Maturing Church v. 13

How do you view the church?

- *It is critical we have a high view of who the church is so we will have an equally high view of what we are to do as members of it.*

Leaders Equip Vs. 11 & 12

- Jesus gives leaders to the church v. 11
- Leaders are to equip the saints v. 12

With What?

- Sound doctrine
- The authority of God's Word & sufficiency of Christ
- Training

Saints Minister Vs. 12

- Leaders are to equip the saints v. 12
- Saints do the work of ministry v. 12

What is Ministry?

- Service
- Discipleship



Objections & Answers

- I don't know who to disciple or how to disciple.
- I don't have the time or margin in my life to organize a bible study.
- *Discipleship is more about who you are than what you do.*

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