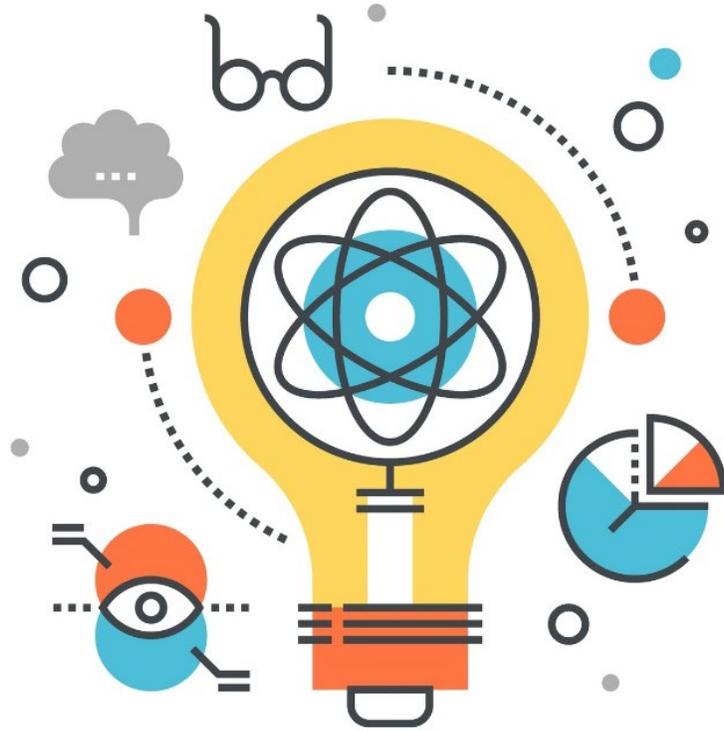




Missional Imagination

What is God calling us to be and to do in the 21st Century?

Session 4



*My car has a couch
Imagining a different future*

Task

To come up with new ideas for being church in
the local community.

Use your random word to stimulate new ideas.





We have corrupted the word church by constantly using it in a non-missionary sense.

Lesslie Newbigen









Alan Watts Video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJCOiegKAIY
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What would we do if tomorrow we had no money and no buildings –
just people?

1. What might 'faith' look like?
2. How would you measure effectiveness?
3. How would you know you are being faithful?
4. How would you know you are still Anglican?



Operative ecclesiology considers the concrete actions of a church as both informative of its members sense of identity and understanding of mission.

(Haight, 2004; Healy, 2003)

Author	Categories of Practice				
Warren	Ministry	Evangelism	Discipleship	Worship	Fellowship
<u>Schnackenburg</u>	Mission		Proclamation of the Word	Worship & Sacraments	Living Communities
Harrington	Service to the Community	Ministry of the Word		Community Building	
<u>Fackre</u>	<u>Diakonia</u>	Kerygma		<u>Leitouriga</u>	<u>Koinonia</u>
Rausch	Social		Communal	Sacramental	Communal
Anderson	Diaconal	<u>Kerygmatic</u>		Incarnational	
NCLS	Wider Community Involvement	Reaching the Unchurched	Spiritual Nurture	Worship	Social life/caring relationships

Integration vs Segregation

“the health of any culture depends on the vital interactions among at least three generations”

Ernest Boyer

Sensitivity vs Indifference

“The post-modern post-absolute culture of today hears with their eyes and thinks with their feelings”

Ravi Zacharias

Participation vs Observation

“... during the last 150 years, our social institutions have gradually removed young people from significant social roles in service to the common good or the reign of God and relegated them to passive roles as students, service workers and consumers.”

David White

Normativity vs Superfluity

“the church is to be understood as a web of core practices which at the same time mark and constitute the church”

Reinhard Hüter



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The Church I See

The Church that I see is a Church of influence. A Church so large in size that the city and nation cannot ignore it. A Church growing so quickly that buildings struggle to contain the increase.

I see a Church whose heartfelt praise and worship touches Heaven and changes earth; worship which influences the praises of people throughout the earth, exalting Christ with powerful songs of faith and hope.

I see a Church whose altars are constantly filled with repentant sinners responding to Christ's call to salvation.

The Church I See

Yes, the Church that I see is so dependent on the Holy Spirit that nothing will stop it nor stand against it; a Church whose people are unified, praying and full of God's Spirit.

The Church that I see has a message so clear that lives are changed forever and potential is fulfilled through the power of His Word; a message beamed to the peoples of the earth through their television screens.

The Church I See

I see a Church so compassionate that people are drawn from impossible situations into a loving and friendly circle of hope, where answers are found and acceptance is given.

I see a people so Kingdom-minded that they will count whatever the cost and pay whatever the price to see revival sweep this land.

The Church that I see is a Church so committed to raising, training and empowering a leadership generation to reap the end-time harvest that all its ministries are consumed with this goal.

The Church I See

I see a Church whose head is Jesus, whose help is the Holy Spirit and whose focus is the Great Commission.

YES, THE CHURCH THAT I SEE COULD WELL BE OUR CHURCH – HILLSONG CHURCH.

– *Brian Houston 1993*

The church I belong to...

...start writing your own vision of the church you want to belong to (in the style of the Hillsong Vision)

Write at least three statements.







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