

Towards a missional understanding of church

- Humility – acknowledging the situation of church and mission (our crisis)
- Seeing the different ways of being church: the family, the synagogue, the temple
- Focus on ordinary disciples. All member ministry rather than priest / laity.
- Contextualization – double listening (the context / the essence of Christian heritage).

Doing Mission...

- **WORSHIP** + community + mission
- Mission → Community → Worship



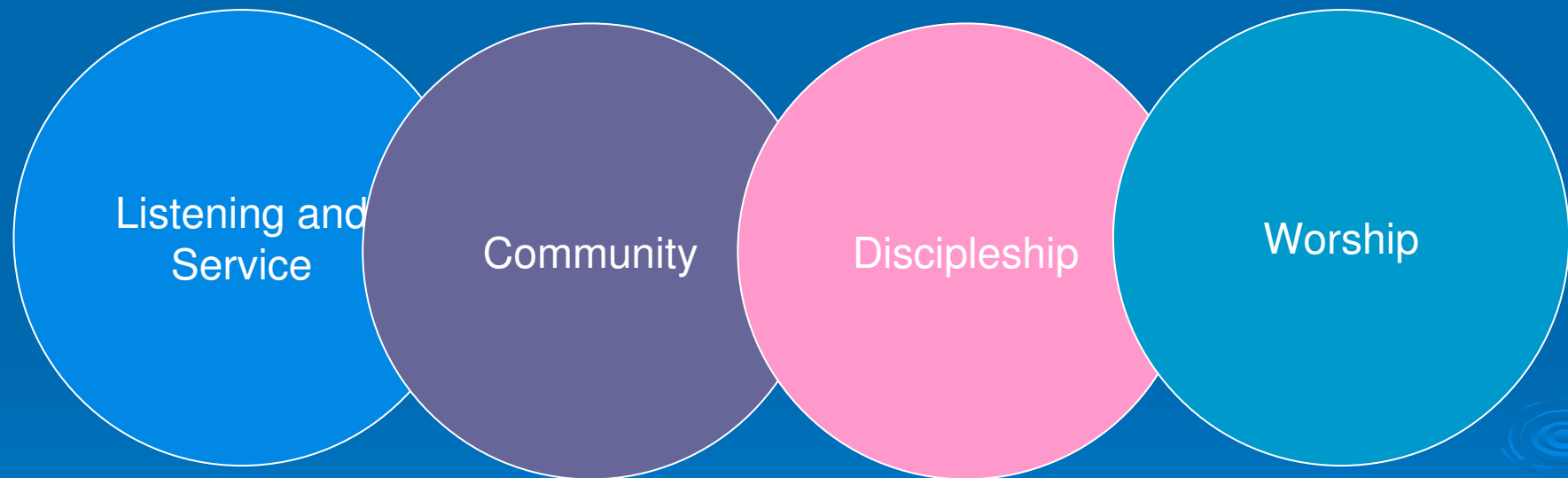
*Can the institutional
Church be a
missionary community?*

The Genesis of Worship

Traditional Church Plants

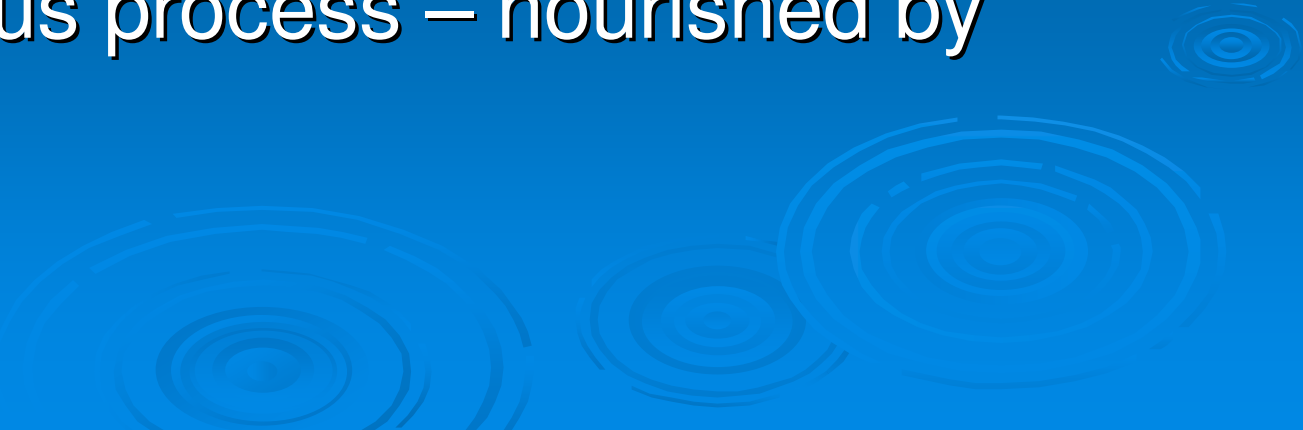


The Genesis of Worship: fresh expressions




...learning the tradition together

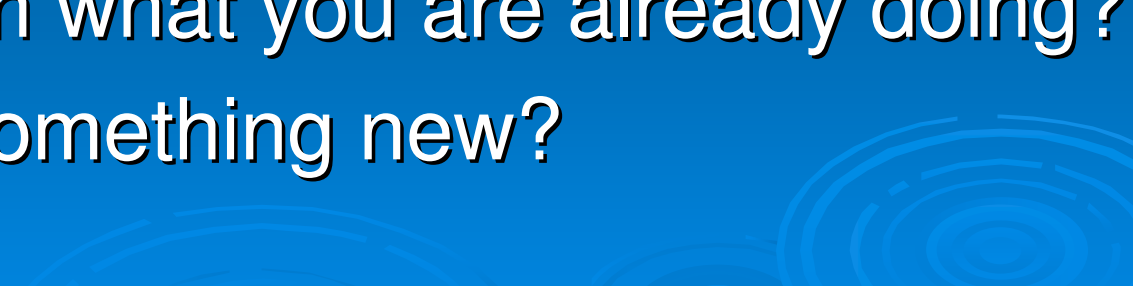
1. Build Mission Centred Values

- To share God's mission
 - To welcome others
 - To reach out to new communities
 - Service and discipleship
 - Awareness of the Spirit's work
 - A continuous process – nourished by mission
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2. Prune a little....

- Are structures and meetings necessary?
 - Release energy for new things
 - Rest
 - Set sustainable rhythms
 - Tackle pastoral dependence
 - Change down a gear or two
 - Learn to travel light
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3. Listen and Pray

- To the local community and culture
 - Mission audit
 - What is God doing?
 - What is God's call?
 - Learning community discernment
 - To focus on what you are already doing?
 - To begin something new?
 - Both?
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4. Nourish your imagination

- Read scripture together
- Revisit the tradition
- Look at the web
- Listen to the stories
- Research and visit what others are doing
- Go to some training events

5. Explore Partnerships

- With other churches
- With church authorities
- With other agencies in the community
- Lines of Connexion

6. Form a Team

- Not a solo enterprise
 - Practical support
 - Connexion
 - Prayer support
 - Mission accompaniment
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7. Form Community

- The place to begin
- Loving service before worship service
- From community build faith



8. Allow growth to maturity

- Time
- Space
- Grace
- Support

