

Session Four




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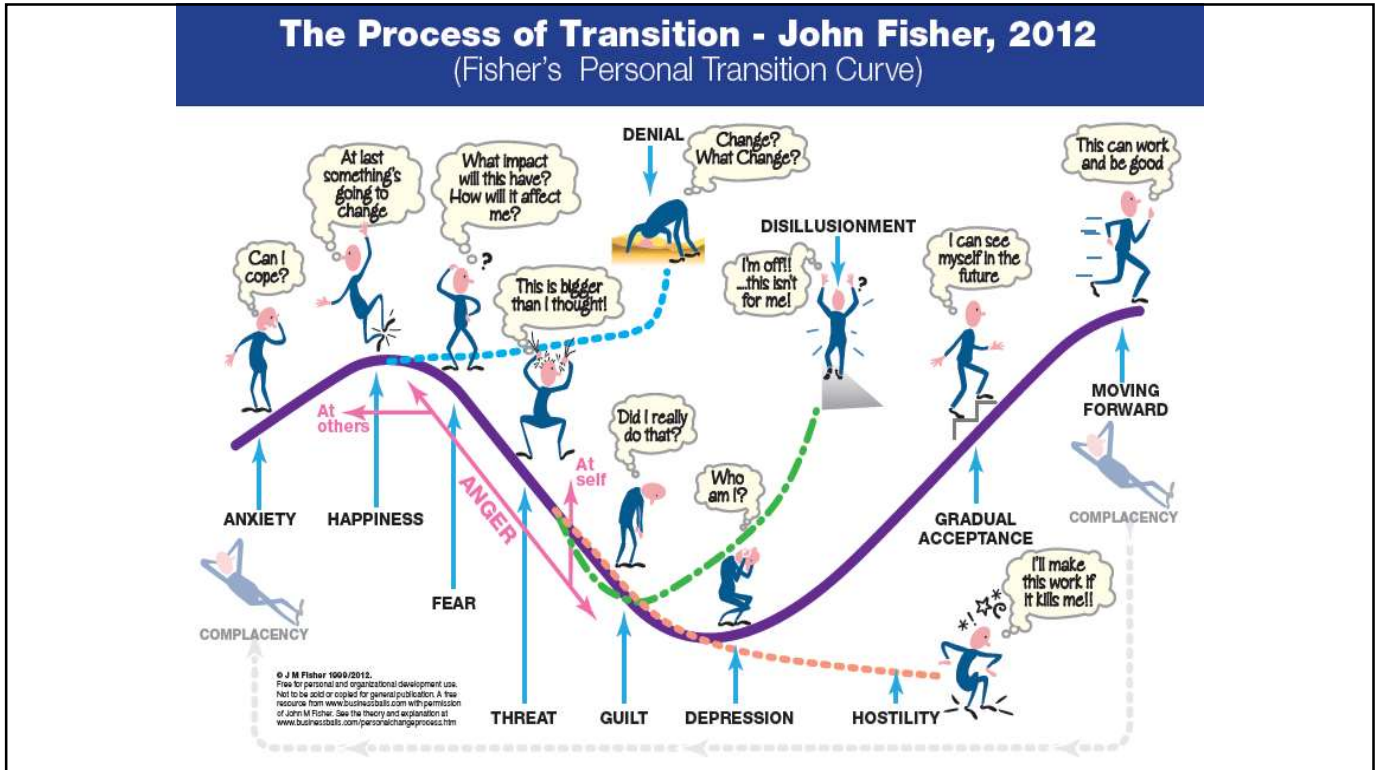
They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread

What have you experienced in the past few months that allowed you to recognize Jesus so that you just needed to share with others?



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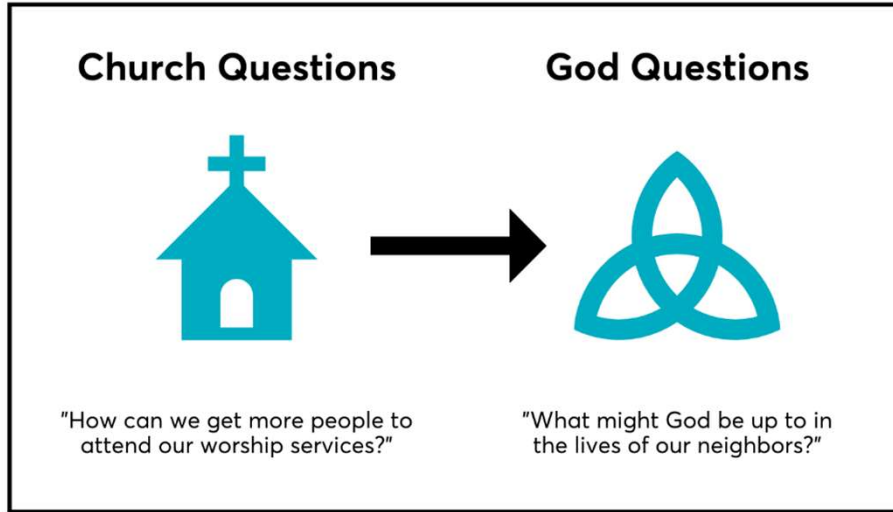
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Process of Faithful Innovation

Faithful Innovation is the process of learning new ways to embody Christian identity and purpose in a changing cultural context. It is about adopting practices and habits that allow the treasures of Christian tradition to speak afresh today. Often, it involves the rediscovery of ancient spiritual practices as much as the embrace of new technologies.

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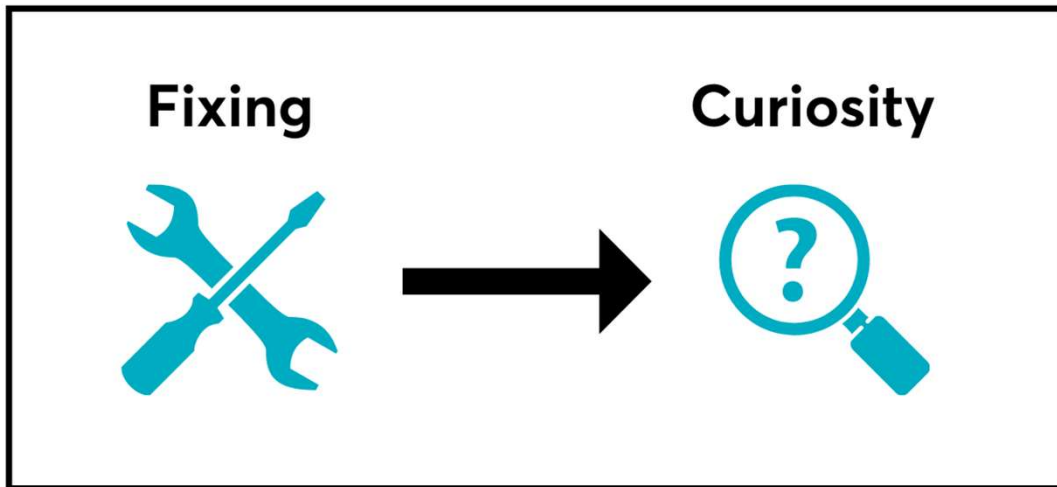
Changing the Questions



See Alan J. Roxburgh, *Joining God, Remaking Church, and Changing the World*, ix

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Cultivating a Posture of Wonder



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Shifting Our Focus



Fixing the Church



Listening to God



Listening to Lydia

(our unaffiliated spiritually curious neighbor)

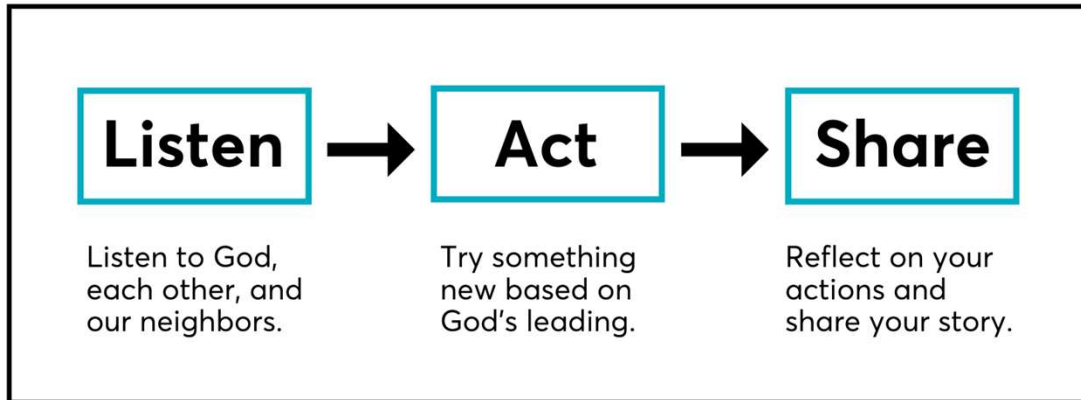
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What Is Innovation?

- Innovation ≠ invention
- “Innovation is the adoption of a new practice in a community.”
–Peter Denning and Robert Dunham, *The Innovator’s Way*
- Innovation involves...
 - attending to moments of breakdown in current practice
 - inviting people into a new story
 - fostering new practices
 - addressing resistance from those with most to lose from new practice

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The Faithful Innovation Process



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Listen

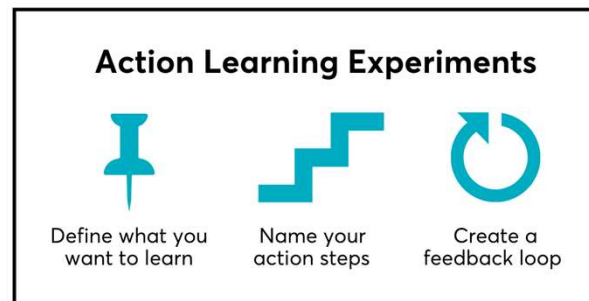
- To God
- Each other
- Our neighbors
 - What keeps your neighbors up at night?



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Act

- Small, inexpensive experiments
- Arising from listening
- Investing presence and relationship with neighbors



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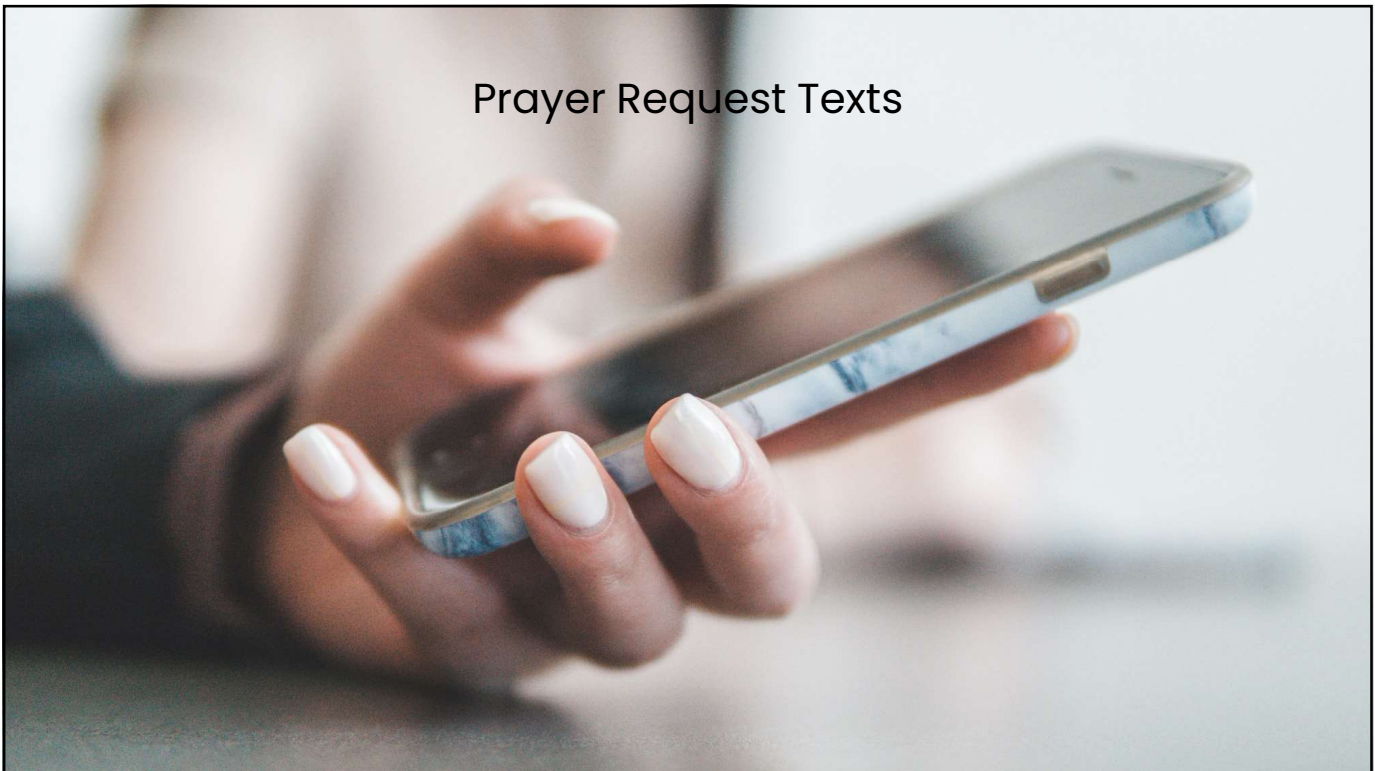
Listening in New Ways

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

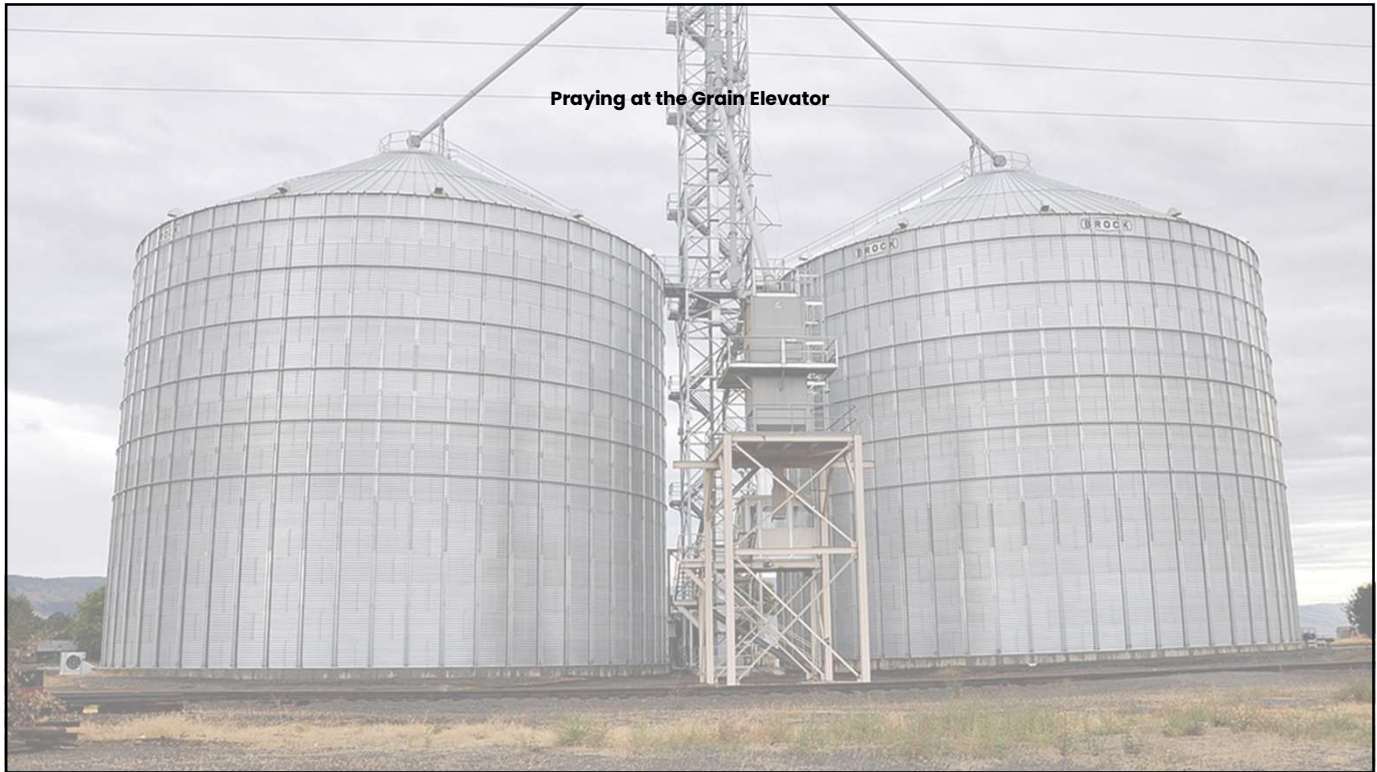


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Prayer Request Texts



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Praying at the Grain Elevator

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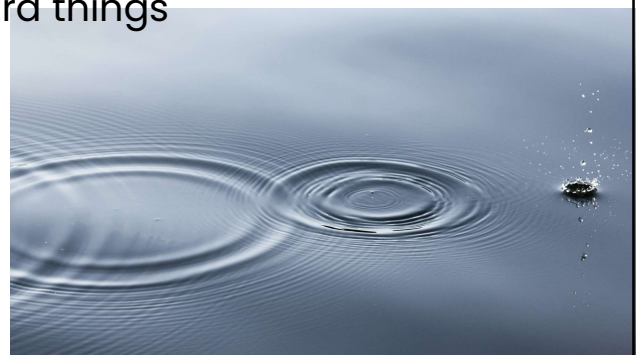
- Intentional reflection on experience
- Group discernment
- Identifying next steps from what we learned



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How People Change

- Cast a theological, faithful vision
- Help people see themselves as joining God in action with their unique gifts
- By adopting new behaviors, practices, habits over time
- Start small, on edge
- Make it easy for people to do hard things
- Fruitful disruption



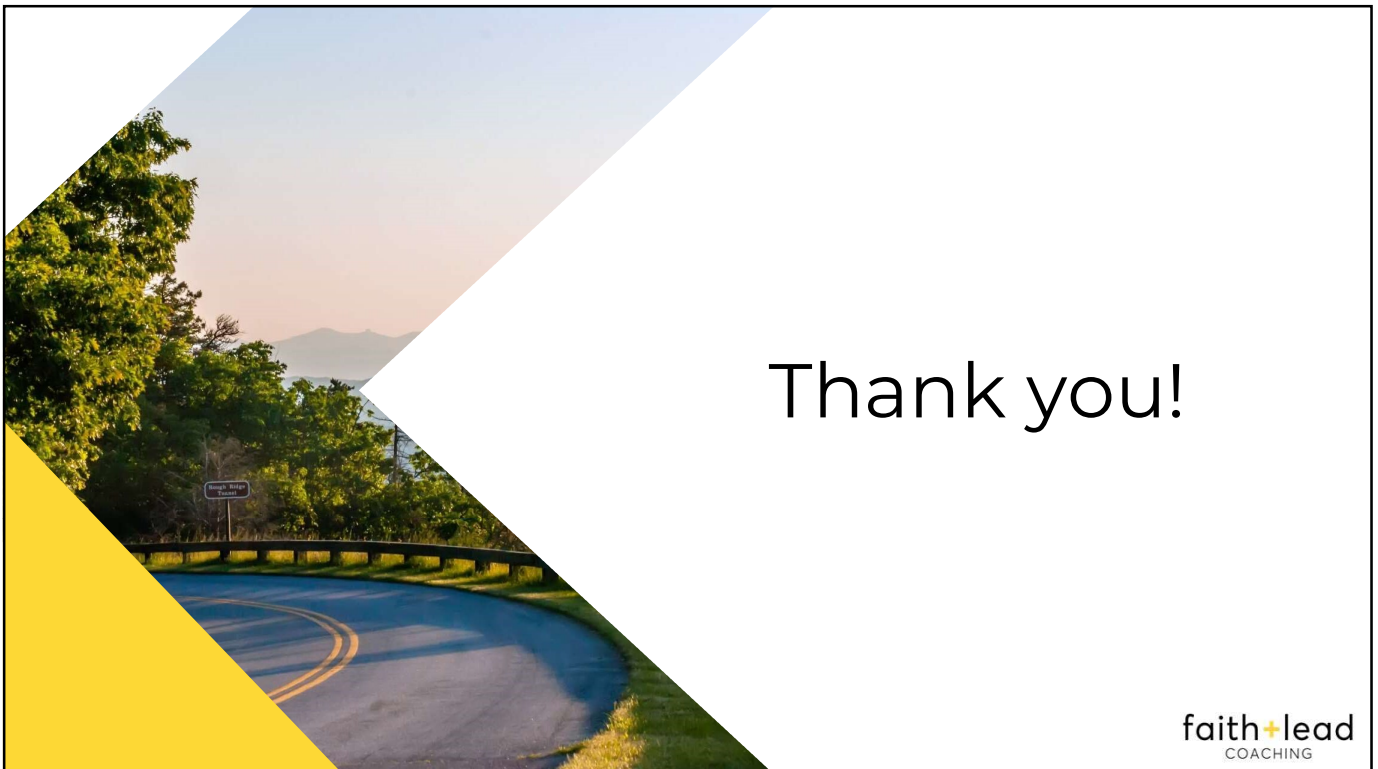
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Time for Reflection and Conversation



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Thank you!



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