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Session 2



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Building on NCD
strengths & going
beyond?

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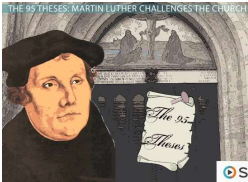
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Confession time

I feel a little like
Martin Luther
before the
Catholic Bishops!



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Key NCD insights

“inspiring worship service”

- “Different churches worship in **different styles** but in all healthy growing churches their members are inspired by the **weekly worship service**”



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Key NCD insights

“inspiring worship service”


- The whole foundation is built upon digging to **principles** NOT starting with **models**
- Can we explore whether “weekly worship service” can direct more to a **model** than a **principle**?



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Specific symbiosis


- The genius of the limiting factor
- is there a “barrier beyond the barrier - a limiting factor before the 8 qualities?”



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Genius of limiting factor

The ‘barrier’ beyond:


- Used to identifying limiting factor & addressing
- Should be prepared to address the next level
- Used to using strengths to address weakness




The minimum barrel diagram shows a wooden barrel with three staves of different heights. The shortest staff is labeled 'Minimum factor'. The other two staves are labeled 'Service attendance' and 'Quality characteristics'. A line of water is shown inside the barrel, reaching the level of the shortest staff. Text above the barrel says: 'The shortest staff determines the amount of water the barrel can hold'.

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Development beyond NCD




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Limiting factor beyond the limiting factor

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Genius of limiting factor

The ‘barrier’ beyond:

- Stop starting with church!
- Address inherited assumptions around ‘worship service’
- ‘service’ is a potent carrier of meaning
- ‘service’ conveys a ‘model’?



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Development beyond NCD

The ‘barrier’ beyond:

- By making the basic starting point the ‘worship service’
- Are we shaped by ‘church’ assumptions rather than becoming ‘mission shaped’



The minimum barrel


The shortest stave determines the amount of water the barrel can hold

Labels: 'Service attendance', 'Minimum factor', 'Quality characteristics'

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NCD strengths

Theological foundations:

- can have as high a view of church as like, so long as...
- View of mission is higher ...
- So long as view of Kingdom is higher...
- So long as view of the King is higher



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A story to start us thinking and a deeper principle

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shaping of church assumptions

- St Thomas developed FE's 'missional communities', 25-45 focussed on an identified mission field
- They met in homes, cafés, clubs, bars, etc, mid-week
- Developed all sorts of creative, interactive ways to engage with God together



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Shaping of church assumptions

- We lost our Sunday worship space, now they all found schools, church halls, even converted a double garage
- They got bands, PA, rows of chairs, up front leaders and sermons
- Somehow 'inner ideas' of 'worship service' returned



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Shaping of church assumptions

3 processes of learning:

- Formal learning (classroom)
- Non-formal learning (apprenticeship)
- Socialisation learning (family/village/church)



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Shaping of church assumptions

3 processes of learning:


- Socialisation learning (family/village/church)
- Only one absorbed with NO critical evaluation
- Forms our most basic assumptions



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NCD assumptions/model

Survey questions


- No 10 - Sermon ... Service
- No 12 - Service
- No 15 - Service
- No 25 - Sermon ... Service
- No 47 - Service
- No 50 - Service
- No 53 - Music ... Service
- No 56 - Service
- No 85 - Service
- No 88 - Service
- No 89 - Service



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NCD assumptions/model

Strong shaping influence:

- Language & experience (socialization learning) are powerfully formational
- Some languages convey even more of a sense of 'model'?
- Gottesdienst/Gudstjeneste



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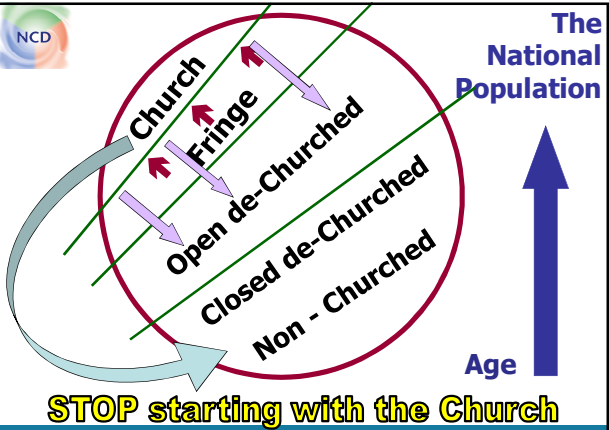
If we are to be mission shaped, we have to ask what is shaping us?!

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STOP starting with the Church

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My conclusion in 1995...

- “congregation is the concrete in which our cultural concept of church is set”
- Set as in concrete!



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From model to principles


Re-imagine inspiring gathering:

- What are the basic elements
- What's non-negotiable
- How could they be delivered differently?
- How flexible would they be to context?



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Principles of inspiring gathering

Move from:	Re-imagine as:
• Event centred	• Interactive Gathering
• Building centred	• Social space
• Sunday centred	• Anytime
• Priest centred	• People centred
• Centred on few	• Centred on many

Fits with empowering leadership & gift-oriented ministry

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Principles of inspiring gathering

Move from:	Re-imagine as:
• quality	• participation
• resource hungry	• light weight
• presenters	• facilitators
• spectators	• community
• theology expert	• body ministry
• consumers	• producers

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Three frameworks to re-imagine ‘inspiring worship gathering’

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7 elements of worship gathering

- Praise & thanksgiving
- Prayer & intercession
- Engaging with scripture
- Confession & forgiveness
- Giving & generosity
- Sharing & fellowship
- Bread & wine - shared meal



George Pattison - Honduras

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4 spaces for community


- Intimate Space - Accountability
- Personal Space - Cell/Small Group
- Social Space - Cluster/Mid-size
- Public Space - Celebration

Food & fun!

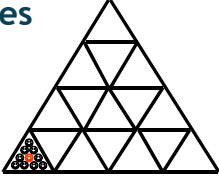
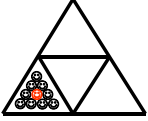


Prof Joseph R Meyers - the search to belong

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4 biblical spaces



Old Testament			
Friend	Family	Synagogue	Temple
New Testament			
3	12	72	Crowd

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4 community “spaces”

- Through history

pilgrimage to Temple → Cathedral

Temple copied back to local congregation

lost extended family dynamics

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4 community “spaces”

- Social space - mid-size/fxc

missing in most churches


extended family dynamics

most important for mission

most important for developing leaders

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Across the Spectrum

participate	↔ involvement ↔	observe
low	↔ quality ↔	high
high	↔ relationship ↔	low
facilitator	↔ leadership ↔	experts
community	↔ experience ↔	'happening'
empowered	↔ outcome ↔	inspired

General change across the spectrum of 4 spaces?

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Biblical 'social space'

1 Corinthians 11-14	Meetings that aren't meetings
Eat together	Community
Remember - Jesus' death	Interaction
Sensitive to differences	Contribution
Spirit distributed - gifts	Creativity
Relate - like a body	Imagination
Love - that's Agape	} FOOD!
Eager for - the prophetic	
Each one - brings...	
Visitors - sense God	

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Biblical Temple & Cathedral

- Pilgrimage
- "Happening"
- Representative Leader(s)
- Presentational
- Highest Quality
- Liturgy for involvement
- Anonymous

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Inherited 'congregation/service'

copied ... **robed choir**
Cathedral **organ**
 procession
 priest-led
 presentation v participation
 pre-programmed liturgy
 anonymous

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which has contributed to ...

- Professionally Led / Clericalised
- Controlled not Interactive
- Provider: Client
- Building Centred
- Sunday Centred
- Event not Community
- Lost some Power to Gather & grow

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Important in today's culture

Re-imagine inspiring gathering:

- Family & extended family breakdown
- Hunger for community
- Loss of identity
- Looking for purpose & significance
- **Fxc redresses in extended family**



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4 strands of 'truth'

B&MH on Wimber


the Gospel of the Kingdom
in Jesus' ministry

... in a "post-truth/fake news"
society!



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Jesus' four-fold ministry

Of the Kingdom:

- Proclamation - announced
- Illustration - taught the principles.. Stories
- Demonstration - responded to need with compassion and power
- Incorporation - modelled these three in a multiplying community

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Jesus' four-fold ministry

Of the Kingdom:

• proclamation	-)	post truth/fake news culture less open)
• illustration	-)	culture) fresh
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• demonstration	-)	very) expressions
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• incorporation	-)	open) of Church

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In 3's and 4's

What ideas or possibilities have sparked for you?


What would you like to discuss further?




5 minutes

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Your Questions & discussion



15 minutes


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In teams of 5's & 6's

You arrive to find your venue for worship service is locked. Plan a 45 min gathering of the 45 who show up?




15 minutes

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In teams of 5's & 6's

Design an inspirational worship gathering for 35+

- Homeless
- In old peoples' home
- Surfers on the beach
- Walkers in the forest
- Fitness freaks
- A. N. Other




15 minutes

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In 3's and 4's

Are there any conclusions or carry forward items for you?

What action may be being suggested for your role in future?



10 minutes

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Tea/Coffee Break



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A normal parish pastor

simple steps to follow

- share vision
- see who responds
- shift from 'control' to release'
- invest in those who can imagine the future
- embrace the 'mixed economy'

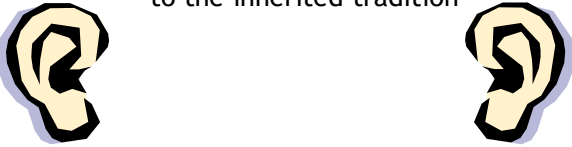
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Double Listening

- Listening in two directions
 - to the context
 - to the inherited tradition




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360° listening



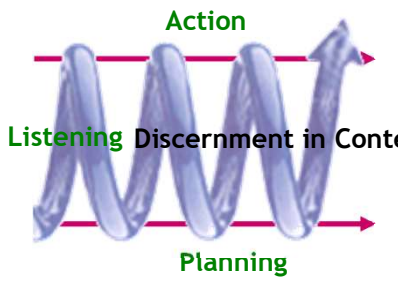
- discerning God through all these
- know your context; gospel and church

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Planning v. Discernment in context



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Beginning the journey

Laying foundations for CP/ FE

What?

vision

call

team

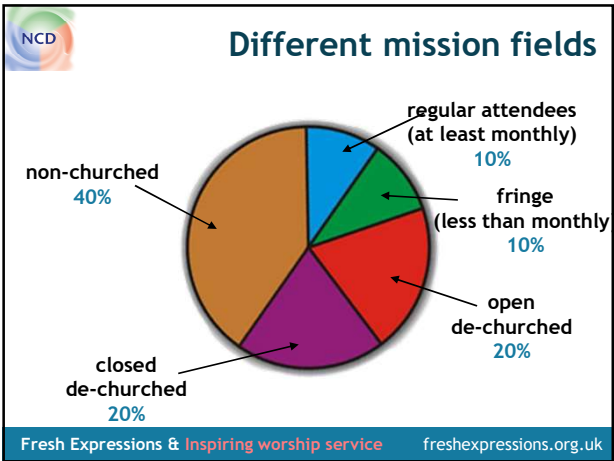
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How?

Recovering reformation "beruf/berufung"

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