



Mission Strategy

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⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 (NIV)

REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION I

Listen: What is our Church?

Read Acts 2:42-47. Notice what strikes you - a word, a phrase, or an image. Keep 5 minutes of silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

Celebrate: What are we like?

When are we like the church in Acts?
What does our church community do well?
Share examples from your experience.

Imagine: What could we be?

What do we need to do to be more like the church in Acts - one simple idea and one radical?

Empower: How do we become?

What resources do we need to make those steps?
Who do we need to talk to inside our church, parish, diocese, and in the wider world?

Next Steps

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⁴As
you come to him, the
living Stone - rejected by humans but
chosen by God and precious to him - ⁵you also,
like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to
be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable
to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a
stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who
trusts in him will never be put to shame.'⁷ Now to you who believe, this
stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders
rejected has become the cornerstone',⁸ and, 'A stone that causes people
to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they
disobey the message - which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But
you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special
possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a
people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not
received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

| PETER 2:4-10 (NIV)

REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 2

Listen: What is our Church?

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. Notice what strikes you - a word, or a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

Celebrate: What are we like?

v.8 Where do we stumble in our mission and ministry?

v.9 When do we see ourselves as chosen, royal, holy & special?

Imagine: What could we be?

What could be done differently to help our church become more of a building-block than a stumbling-block - one small step and one giant leap?

Empower: How do we become?

v.5 What is preventing us being built together?

v.9 How do we declare God's 'wonderful light' to our parish?

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¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

MATTHEW 28:16–20 (NIV)

REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 3

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Read Matthew 28:16-20. Notice what strikes you - a word, or a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

Celebrate: What are we like?

v.17 When is our worship of Jesus most authentic?
Where do we doubt in our following of Jesus?

Imagine: What could we be?

v.19-20 Jesus calls us to go to the nations, how can we become more missionary-like in our parish? How could our discipling, baptising and teaching be done differently - one minor tweak and one major innovation?

Empower: How do we become?

v.20 If Jesus is with us to 'the very end of the age' what is stopping us from being more courageous in sharing our faith? How do we overcome those things?

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³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

LUKE 6:36–38 (NIV)



REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 4

Listen: What is our Church?

Read Luke 6:36-38. Notice what strikes you – a word, a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes of silence. In twos or threes share one thing that struck you from that passage.

Celebrate: What are we like?

When do we most closely follow the way of Jesus? When we avoid falling into the trap of judgementalism! When do we show mercy, forgive, and give abundantly?

Imagine: What could we be?

What could we do that would give something extravagantly worthwhile to our local community, or demonstrate mercy?

Empower: How do we become?

There may be stumbling blocks either in ourselves or in our lack of resources. Both matter. How do we tackle them in the light of Jesus' call for us to match what we have been given?

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¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. ⁵ 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. ⁸ 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

LUKE 10:1-9 (NIV)

REIMAGINING CHURCH REFLECTION 5

Listen: What is our Church?

Read Luke 10:1-9. Notice what strikes you - a word, or a phrase or an image. Keep 5 minutes silence. In 2s or 3s share one thing that struck you from that passage.

Celebrate: What are we like?

v.3 Jesus said "Go!" In what ways are we going to our parish? How is our church like a lamb? What are the wolves that threaten our mission and ministry?

Imagine: What could we be?

v.5-6 We are proclaimers of God's peace. What might that peace look like in our parish? When we 'go' we will meet people of peace outside the church. Who are those people in our parish, how would mission with them change what we do?

Empower: How do we become?

v.8-9 If we go to those outside the church how would accepting their hospitality change us? What do we need to do to become healers of community? How will telling of the nearness of God's kingdom transform us?

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