

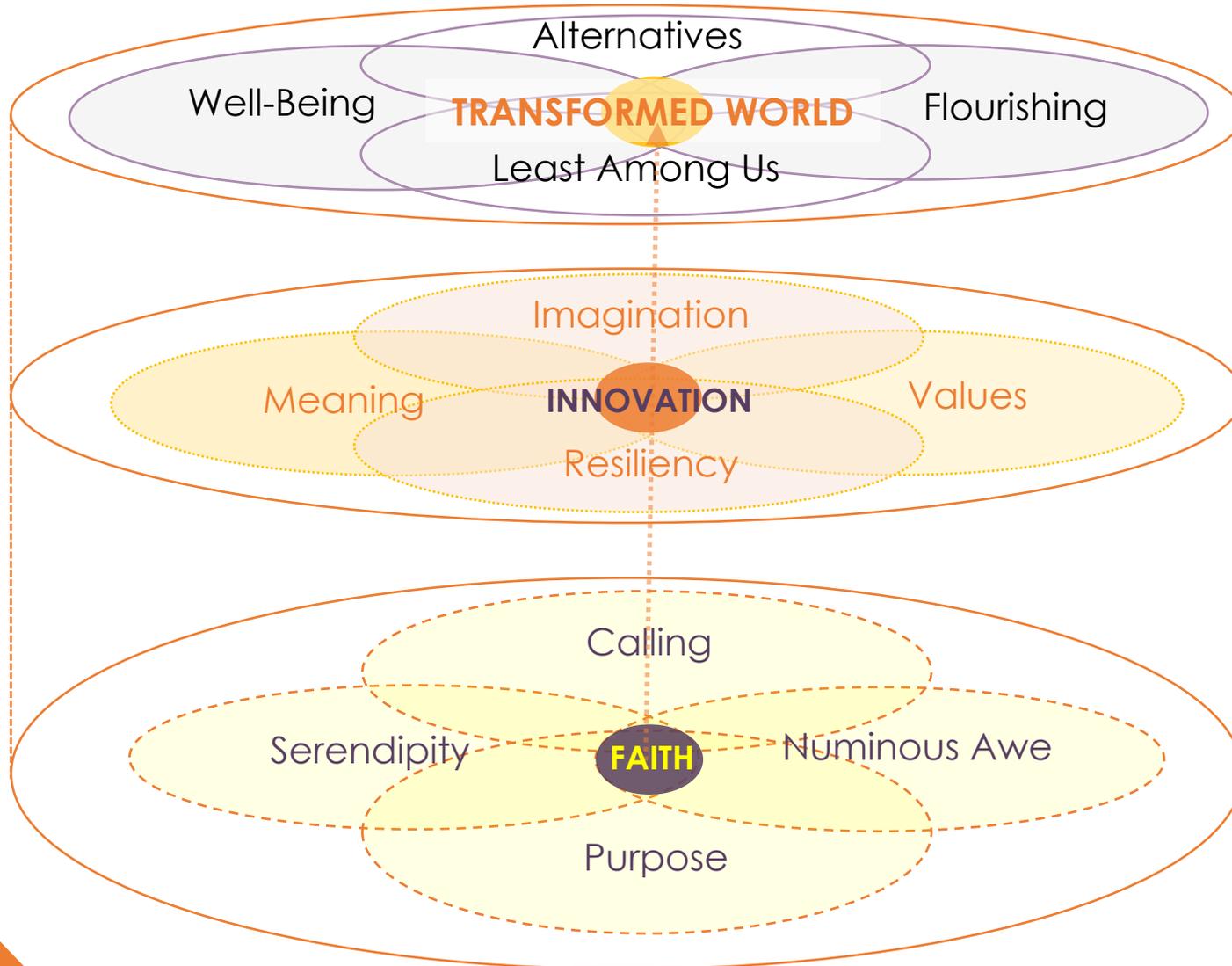
Resources from Stephen Lewis, President of the FTE

- [Heber Brown](#) video (referenced at 1:54)
- Articles on Brown's Black Church Food Security Network
 - <https://www.goodfoodjobs.com/blog/reverend-dr-heber-brown-and-the-black-church-food-security-network>
 - <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/news/black-church-food-security-network-brings-fresh-food-baltimore>
- Stephen's recommended resources
 1. [Creativity, Inc.: Overcoming the Unseen Forces That Stand in the Way of True Inspiration by Ed Catmull](#)
 2. [Frugal Innovation: How to Do More with Less by Nav Radjou](#)
 3. [Creative Confidence: Unleashing the Creative Potential within Us All by Tom and David Kelly](#)
 4. [Little Black Book of Innovation: How it Works and How to Do It by Scott Anthony](#)
 5. [Innovator's Dilemma: The Revolutionary Book That Will Change the Way You Do Business by Clayton Christensen](#)
 6. [The Innovator's DNA: Mastering the Five Skills of Disruptive Innovators by Clayton Christensen, Jeff Dyer and Hal Gregerson](#)
 7. [The Ten Faces of Innovation: IDEO's Strategies for Beating the Devil's Advocate and Driving Creativity Throughout Your Organization by Tom Kelly and Jonathan Littman](#)
 8. [The Art of Innovation: Lessons in Creativity from IDEO, America's Leading Design Firm by Tom Kelly with Jonathan Littman](#)
 9. [Christian Social Innovation: Renewing Wesleyan Witness by Gregory Jones](#)
 10. [The Difference: How the Power of Diversity Creates Better Groups, Firms, Schools, and Societies by Scott Page](#)
- **At 19:13**, Stephen begins referencing the PowerPoint on the following pages.



Purpose of Christian Innovation

Increase the quality and approach to innovation when faith is leveraged.

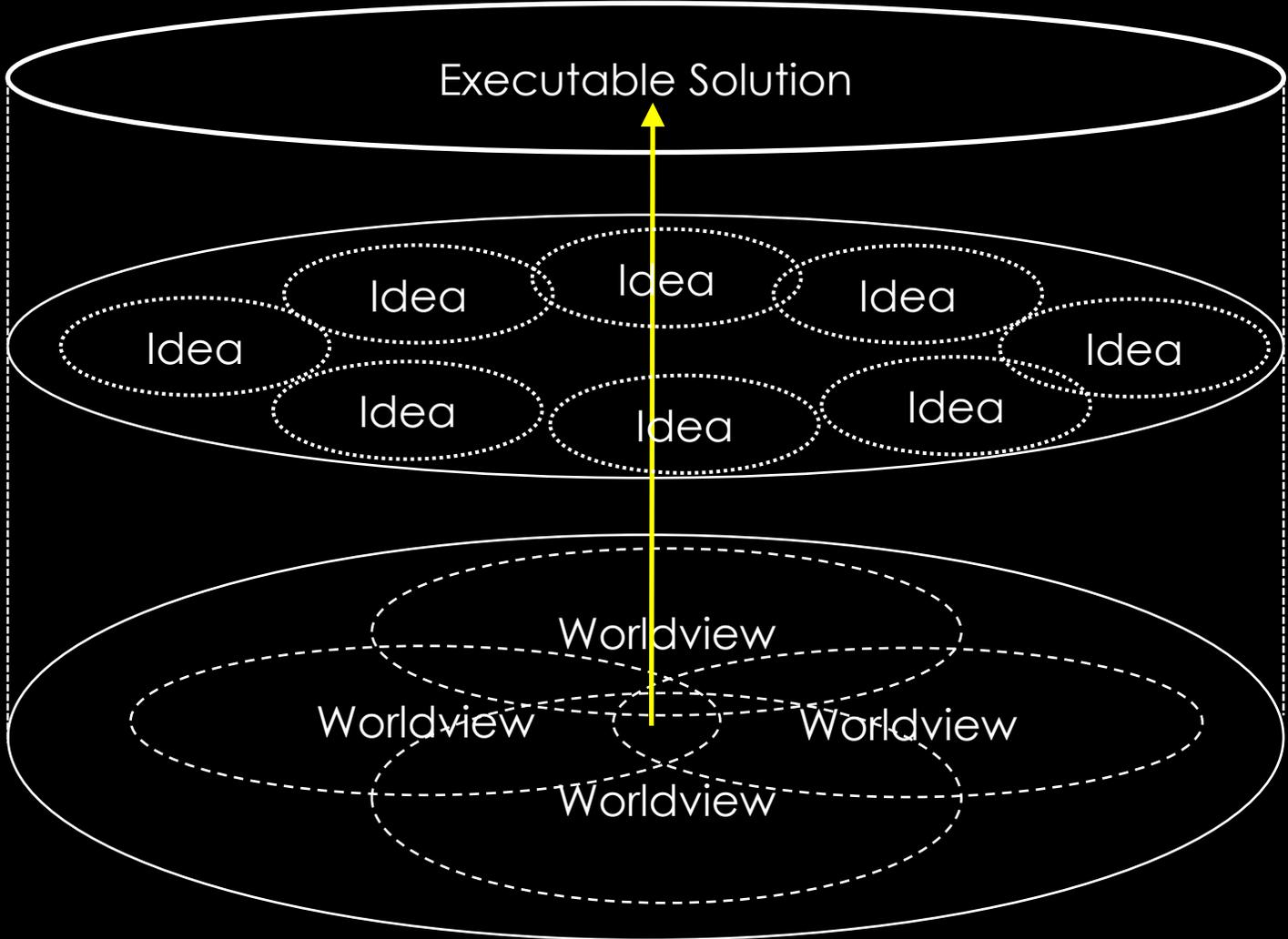


TRANSFORMED WORLD
Purpose or Goal
What's Possible

INNOVATION
Means & Quality
Shaped By

FAITH
Motivation and Approach
Connection & Awareness

Diversity & Innovation



INNOVATION
Integrative
Decision Making

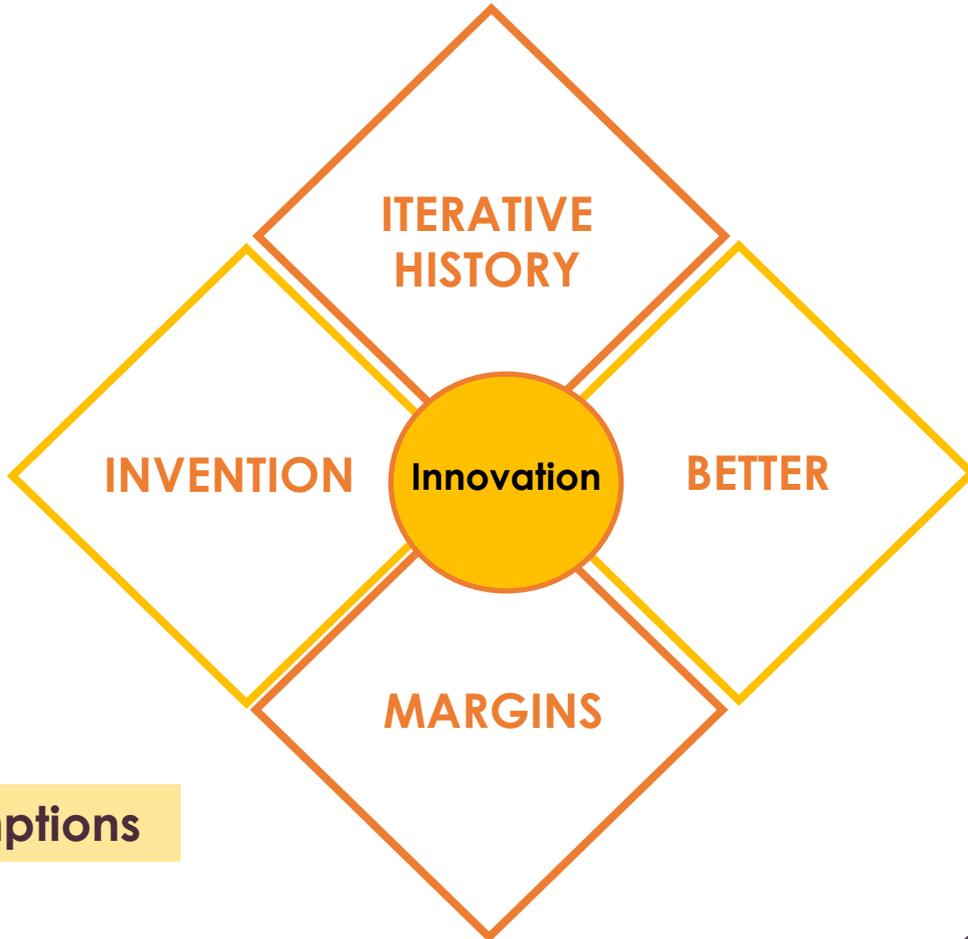
IMAGINATION
Discovery Driven
Learning

DIVERSITY
Collaborative
Problem Solving

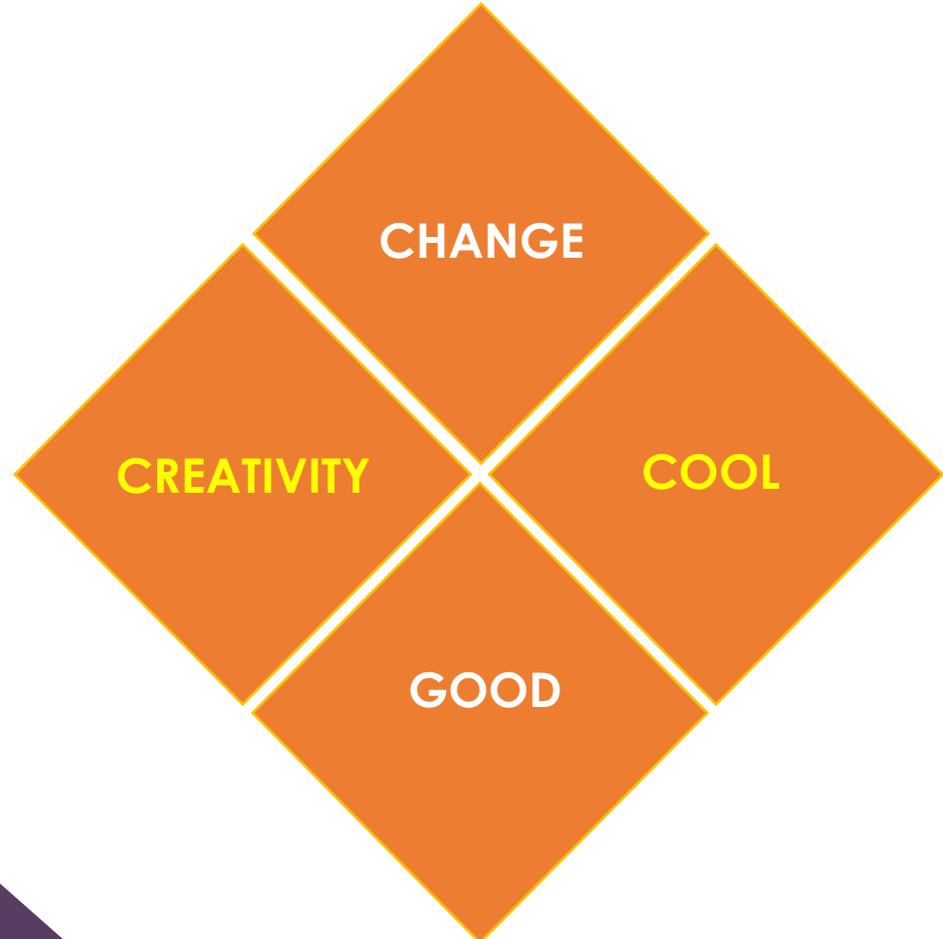


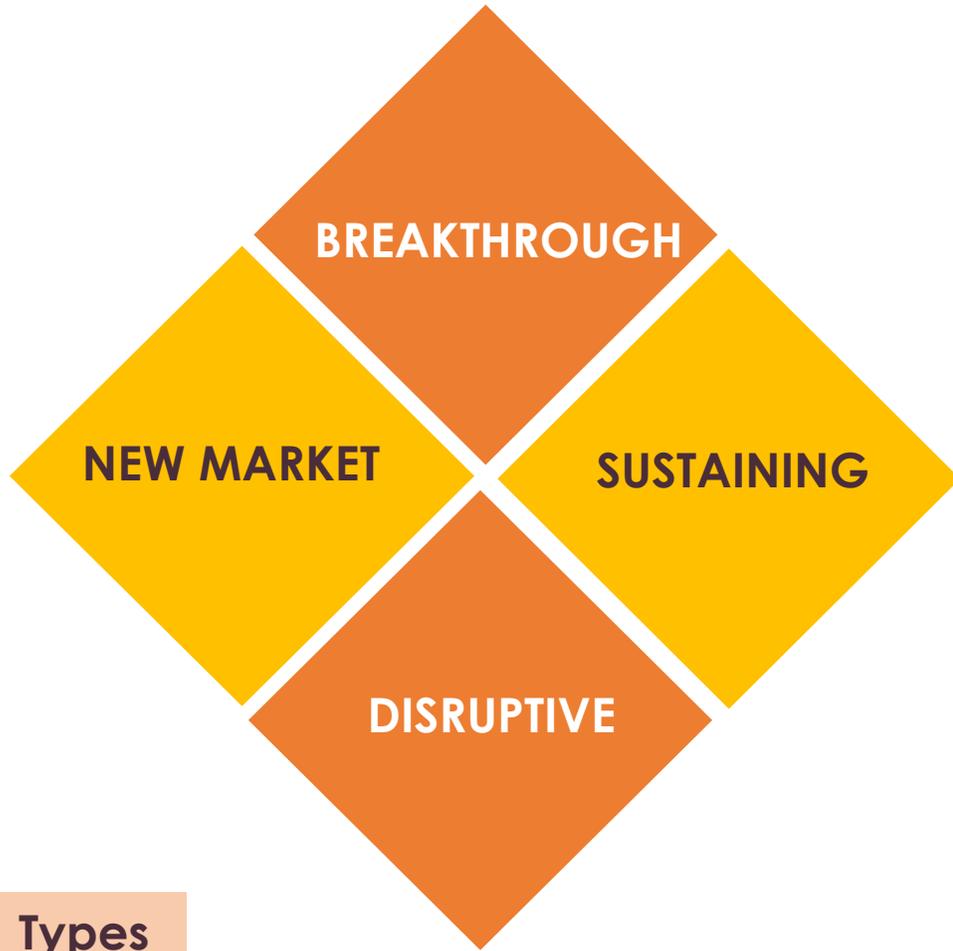
Christian Innovation Concepts

Imposters



Assumptions





Types

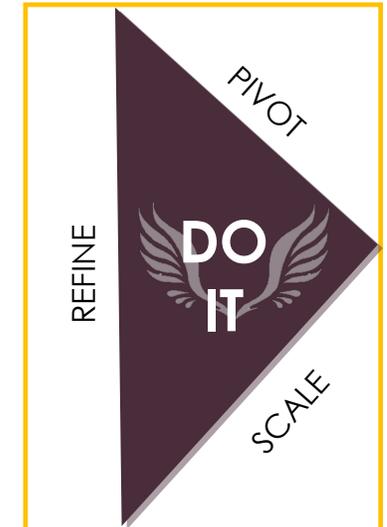
Categories





A Christian Approach to Innovation

Values and Motivations



Purpose

Invent Alternatives to the Powers that Be



Methods



GET CURIOUS. Innovation starts in community. Become an anthropologist. Pause from normal routines. Get curious and listen to the context, the people, their stories, longings and desires. Proximity is the key. Show empathy and humility. Listen for holy encounters and inspiration in others about what's possible.

Assumptions

Christian Innovation is...

- Focused on the least among us
- About creating new solutions to problems
- Experimentation in the margins
- New and alternative to what is or has been
- Enhanced by diversity and collaboration
- Ancient, ancestral, iterative and evolving



DO IT. You have determined that your solution has wings to fly and become something, but you have learned that you need to refine some things. You may have learned your solution will not fly, and you need to pivot some aspect of it or abandon it all together. Whatever the case may be, now is the time to just do it and refine, pivot and/or scale the solution.

Mindsets



MAKE MEANING. Suspend what you think you know. Be aware of your own subjectivity. Observe patterns. Understand the powers that be and who benefits from things as they are. Make meaning of insights in and with community and define what's needed.



BE OPEN. Imagine useful ideas that address the community's needs and desires. Don't brainstorm, leverage the arts to embody and build upon ideas through role play, improv, theater games, etc. Be open to the inner child and the world of imagination.



TRY THIS. Experiment by creating a prototype of a useable solution to what's needed now. Develop a test model, simulate an experience in order to learn, get feedback and discover what aspects of your experiment need to be improved.



PROVE IT. Does your solution address the community's need or problem? Does it improve the lives of people? Does the community want it? How do you know? What is the minimum thing you can do to validate that your solution has wings to fly?



In order to engage in a process of meaning making, embrace uncertainty, the mystery of the unknown. This is the doorway to new insights, interpretations and meaning.



Play fuels creativity, imagination and ideation. If you are seeking to come up with new solutions, be open to playing for a change.



Learning is embodied and comes best when it is experienced through all of our senses. Create prototypes in order to learn how a community of people think, feel and experience your solution in response to their problem or desire.



It's exhilarating to bring useful solutions to life that improve the lives of a community of people. It also can be scary. Desirable solutions have always required fierce courage, extreme risk and bold faith to validate their promise.