




Strategic Visioning Action

1. Post-Analysis and Strategy Assessment
2. Collective Ideation and Prioritization
3. Leadership Consultation and Priority Tanking
4. Formulating a Comprehensive Action with Timeframes

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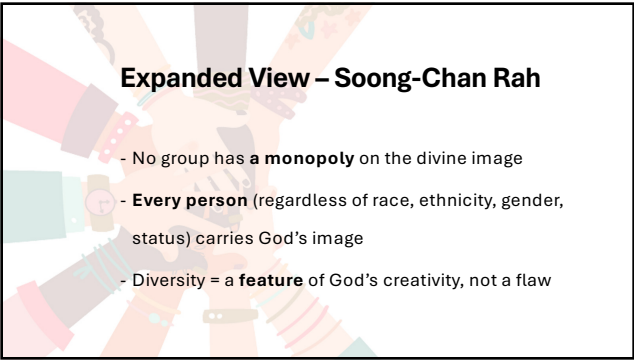
Traditional Theological Views:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Free will

John Wesley's Three Dimensions:

- **Natural Image:** Rational and Spiritual capacity
- **Political Image:** Responsibility in Stewardship
- **Moral Image:** Capacity to Love God and Others

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Expanded View – Soong-Chan Rah

- No group has a **monopoly** on the divine image
- **Every person** (regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, status) carries God's image
- Diversity = a **feature** of God's creativity, not a flaw

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Simple But Powerful Truth

The image of God stands against all forms of:

- **isms** (racism, sexism, nationalism, homophobia, etc)
- **Violence**
- **Discrimination**

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God on a Mission

- **Not our mission for God; God's mission**
- **God has been on mission since day one**
- **Mission = restoring broken relationships and communities**

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Imago Dei + Missio Dei

- Like peanut butter and jelly
- Distinct, but belong together
- **Imago Dei:** every person reflects God's image
- **Missio Dei:** restore and reconcile the world

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Question to Ponder

- As pastors and leaders, how does recognizing the Imago Dei and Missio Dei challenge and reshape the way you lead, shepherd, and serve your community?

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Questions about Your Community

- How do you see God moving in the life of your church now?
- What ministries or milestones have you witnessed God's hand in and how do they continue to inspire you?
- How would you describe the way God is at work in your church?
- What signs of God's grace and love do you see reflected in the work of your church?
- How is God inviting you and your church to be part of God's work in your community and beyond?

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The Heartbeat of Mission

- Recognizing Imago Dei leads us to:
 - Act justly
 - Love mercy
 - Walk humbly (Micah 6:8)
- No supremacy of race, gender, nationality, or group

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Hospitality is an act of
 “creating a free space
 where the stranger can
 enter and become a friend
 instead of an enemy.”

- Henri Nouwen

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What's Hospitality?

- Henri Nouwen: a free space for strangers to become friends
- Goeff Boyce: opportunity for the guest's self-discovery
- Soon-Chan Rah: safe, dignified space, celebrating diversity.

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Incarnation



Act of God's Ultimate Hospitality

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Question to Ponder

- In what ways might your church practices unintentionally limit the transformative power of hospitality? And how can we, as pastors, reimagine our communities as mutual transformation through divine friendship?

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Four Types of Ministry by Sam Wells

- Working For
- Working With
- Being For
- Being with

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Working For

- Acting on behalf of others
- Solving problems for them
- Food pantry, mission trip, Thanksgiving Basket, etc
- Risk: Dependency, not relationship

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Working With

- Collaborative efforts
- Partnering solve problem
- Habitat for Humanity, community garden, training programs, etc
- Better, but not yet fully relational

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Being For

- Advocating, supporting emotionally or morally
- May not require physical presence
- Public advocacy, the Sanctuary movement for undocumented individuals, etc
- Shows concern, but lacks shared life

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Being With (Well's Priority)

- Presence over performance
- Sharing life, consistency over time
- No hidden agenda, mutual giving and receiving
- Requires vulnerability
- Transformation through friendship, not solutions

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Question to Ponder

- How might shifting from "Working For" to "Being With" reshape your ministry into a deeper practice of radical hospitality and divine friendship?

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