



What Do You Do With An Idea?" by Kobi Yamada.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSfNv0-SgJM>

A story: Opawa Baptist, 2004

1. Two sermons - Peter (process) and Paul (event). What sort of church would encourage "Peter's"?
2. Saturday sharing: Evangelism as process
 - Share ideas
 - Groups gather around ideas that spark
 - Workshop ideas on A3 sheets
 - Return all ideas
3. If you want to get that A3 sheet, see me
4. Mission action: Evangelism as process; Birthing; next year - Spirituality resources; Grief seminars; Friday Intermediate programme; 3rd age (hymn service); Family movie nights

¹ Image from <https://tinyurl.com/ydabnqyv>

Apostle Paul as a "master" reframer/rethinker

One of the more interesting reframers/rethinkers in the Christian tradition is Apostle Paul.

My passport was global. My schooling was first class. Sensitive to my context, I was able to move rapidly through cities, whether capital, multi-cultural, commercial or religiously cosmopolitan.

My legacy of influence is the catalytic start-up of numerous transformative communities in the key urban centres of my world. Through my influence I brokered space for his new mission. To exert influence I employed the latest in contemporary communication techniques to persuade.

The communities I pioneered challenged the social fabric of society. My communities were socially radical; they included poor and city leaders, slaves and local government leaders, uneducated and successful businesswoman. All people, no matter their race, social status and gender, were welcomed as equal participants in one family. I pioneered an alternative way of living characterized by values of fellowship and love.

And for one community, after Paul has left, he sends a letter. And in that letter, we get a glimpse of what it means for Paul to be a *reframer/rethinker*. *It is the letter of 1 Corinthians. It is written to a church that Paul has begun. And in that letter he describes his innovation, in six images, in two particular chapters; 3 and 4.*

Servant (summary) act by listening

Paul: servant, with Apollos (3:5)

Servants, entrusted (4:1)

With the innovation called Corinth

Fresh expression of life from darkness (Acts 26:18)

Jesus: Servant, towel - fetcher, holder, washer – man

At Last Supper, Divine hands

Scrub apostolic toes, scratched by nails, Triune Love

Serving daily need and human body

Night prayer in action

Trinity: Divine descent (Phil 2)

Innovation; God down to earth

Very nature

Every tongue confess - servant, humble, obedient - praise, as
mataora (Maori - changemaker) serves, sssssshhhh *listen*

Gardener (plant diversity)

Paul: Gardener, with Apollos (3:5b-9)

Plant, water,

Participant partner with God the growth

Standing in the - innovation called Corinth, Fresh expression of -
field,

Treasure, sowing - as wheat many or mustard tiny - parables of
source, ground, measure - till the end of time (Matthew 13)

Jesus: True vine, pruned by Gardener (John 15)

A final cut "Your will"

On earth, at Gethsemane

As in heaven, at Resurrection,

Gardener (John 20:15)

- In whom all life buds, bears

Fruit of *diversity*

Trinity:

In Genesis 2

Maker

Former - of people
planet - new

Breather – of life

Planter – practical

Pleasing - beauty

In Rev 21:5; 22:1-2

Making

All things – people, plant,

Healing – of nations

Fruit trees - monthly

No curse

Builder (structure collaborative processes)

Paul: Builder plus others –
Sosthenes, Chloe's household, Crispus, Gaius, Stephanas's household, Apollos, Barnabas, Timothy, Churches in Asia, Aquila, Priscilla, Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus
- plus others always²
: *colloborative* with others: *structure*

Cornerstone is Christological bedrock – stabilising
Jesus: teckon (Matt 13:55)
Hammer wielder
Creative carer for stone and wood
Values: *structure*

Trinity: *epectasis*
Majestic in all the earth (Psalm 8)
Creation gifted - stars on a starry night – shimmer
Humans redeemed - lights a hilltop – shine
In a future – creative expansive as caring expand – forward
(Gregory of Nyssa)
As source, ground, measure: *structure*

Resource manager (face reality)

Paul: Entrusted
Count to stitch, plan to provide
Tent-maker tent-making

Jesus: Entrusting the trusting
Messiah's stomach fed by another
Invited - Mary, Joanna, Susanna – disciples in Luke 8, commissioned in Luke 10
Invited - Zacchaeus, Rich Young Ruler – disciple in Luke 18 – Not!
Luke 19 – Yes!
Radical as resource managers: practical
Entrusted in mission: reality

Trinity: Beyond Jesus, Spirit falls
Entrusting the trusting: ad-ministering
dihkonoun a serving noun
Invited – deacons 7 - practical resourcing in racial reality
Ad-ministering some
Invited – Tabitha/Dorcas – threads in fabric, sewing practical
Ad-ministering one

Luke 8 -> Acts 6 -> Acts 9 -> who?
Face resource reality
You?

² Sosthenes wrote 1 Cor. Paul + Timothy wrote 2 Cor, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, while Paul, Silas and Timothy wrote 1, 2 Thessalonians. The six letters written by Paul are Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, 1, 2 Timothy, Titus. 1 Cor is rich in alliances and networks. The letter is co-authored (1:1), the result of a report from Chloe's household (1:11). Paul has baptised Crispus, Gaius (1:14) and the household of Stephanas (1:15). Paul exercises

ministry alongside Apollos (3:5), Barnabas (9:6), Timothy (16:10), Apollos and the brothers (16:12). Paul greets the household of Stephanas (16:15) and shares greetings from the churches in Asia, Aquila and Priscilla and their house church (16:19). He is grateful that his ministry has been "resourced managed" by Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus ("they supplied what was lacking" 16:17). This represents ten individuals, three house churches and three other groupings of churches (from *Built for Change*, 120)

Fool (jump out of the box)

Paul: Foolish wisdom

With the innovation called Corinth

To Jew Jew;

Corinth Corinth;

geek geek

Foolish fresh expression

Of Wisdom

Jesus: Jumping “out of the box”

Wedding player, water to wine heavenly

Parable teller, stretching ordinary divinely

Donkey rider, treading palms royally

Jew

Roman

geek

Foolish fresh expression: Of Wisdom

Trinity: Proverbs 8 flipping Philippians 2

City gate crier reverses kenosis

Flips in creation play

Only, always, ever in central market

In creation, Divine plays

Tihei mauri ora, Dabbing rainbows

Foolish fresh expression: Of Wisdom

Parent (feedback)

Paul:

Fathers: Plural

As innovation shared

Pater familias patriarchy: Flipped

Ten thousand guardians - not

Imitate us: Paul, Timothy, Lois, Eunice

Jesus: Mothered by breast, held at hip

Imitate me, bottom wiped in aroma of fathered care

Learning language, of mothered love

Trinity:

Begat, begotten

Relationship – source, ground, measure

Interwoven love – clarity, identity, *feedback*

Reframing through micro-skills: an Opawa a story of change

	Servant	Gardener	Builder	Resource manager	Fool	Parent
Innovation action	Listen 3:5; 4:1	Plant diversity 3:5b-9	Structure collaborative processes 3:10-17	Face reality 4:1-7	Jump “out of the box” 4:10	Feedback 4:15
Micro-skills	LACE L-isten physically listen. Tend to the person A-cknowledge give some gesture that you are listening C-heck Paraphrase or clarify what you've heard E-xplore Ask exploring (open) questions	Last Word: A conversation protocol that allows people to dig deeper. Allow every person to speak their 'last word' on the one issue/topic before moving on. We often are busy wanting to take a conversation somewhere else that we don't dig in deep enough with where people are at	POP & AltBW P - purpose O - outcomes P - process This can be used for meetings / conversations / proposals / strategies / planning. W - what went well? B - what could be better? Alt - what could be done alternatively (differently) Used for review or debriefing	Talk Think Walk: Talk - about what is known-unknown Think - about what is needed by participants, stakeholders, guests in what is known-unknown Walk - away with the next step of action to be implemented	Random play: Use an idea generator. Either pick a Signposts guard or use https://tinyurl.com/7yrb2f3 ³ What might it say to this weeks lectionary/sermon text?	Feedback: D-escribe F-eelings S-uggestions "When you _____ I felt _____. Can I suggest (next time) you _____.
Mission teams at Opawa	Those who gathered and committed to take each idea forward	Those who shared initial “sparks” – had “Peter” process - ideas	Groups that gathered around “sparks”	Church Board, providing resources	The person who defended the process from critics	Steve provided Saturday workshop leadership

³ <http://ideagenerator.creativitygames.net/>