

# Reimagining Church

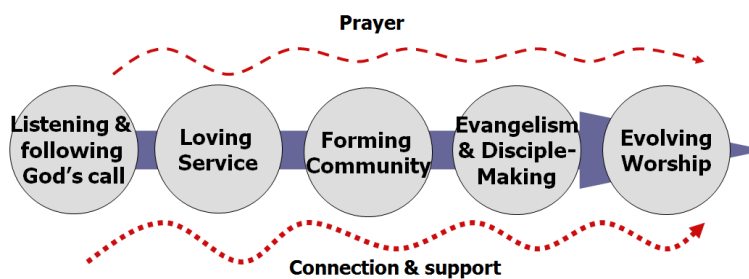
## Session 5: Where do we go from here?

**Bible study:** Matthew 7:24-29 What is the rock?

### A different definition of a “fresh expression of church”

“The attempt to go to where people are, listen carefully to the context and through service form new communities of faith which have the potential to grow into church in their own right.”  
*Bishop Steve Croft*

### Listening for mission: 360 listening



### Possible first steps:

1. Include neighbourhood outreach to weekly prayers. Have a sermon series on mission.
2. Offer \$500 for local outreach projects.
3. Survey the congregation: What gifts do you have that might be used in ministry outside the church?
4. Ask community leaders, “How might a church serve this community?”
5. Survey local people and store owners about the needs of the community.
6. Talk to other local churches in the neighbourhood: what are they doing? How might you co-operate?
7. Discuss the findings with church leaders. Pray. Make haste slowly!

### Some resources to help

- Fresh Expressions Canada (FXCA): [www.freshexpressions.ca/](http://www.freshexpressions.ca/)
- Fresh Expressions UK: [www.freshexpressions.org.uk/](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/)
- Mission Possible: Five week Bible study course <http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/mission-shaped-parish/mission-learn/>
- The Vital Church Planting conference: Toronto Jan 31-Feb 2-4 2013: [www.vitalchurchplanting.com/](http://www.vitalchurchplanting.com/)

