

A PATH TO REIMAGINE CHURCH

A Strengths Based, Positive Approach to
Congregational Change

A Prayer for Discernment

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*O Holy One, thank you for coming to us
anew this day. Prepare our hearts and
reawaken our love for you as we discern
your call within us. May we join with you in
making level the path for all people.*

Amen.

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Strengths Based, Positive Approach to Reimagining Church

Strengths
natural
abilities
gifts
Qualities
Core talents

The Reimagining Process



Step 3: Dream

Imagine what God might be calling you to become



Group Lectio Divina

Listening for what God might be saying to St. George's

Three Questions

We will read the passage three times



First reading of the passage:

Listen-As you hear the passage think about how the reading is speaking to St. George's. As you listen discover a word or phrase from the passage that attracts you.

Second reading of the passage:

Ponder-As you hear the passage again ask how the word or phrase you chose speaks to and connects to life here at St. George's.





Third reading of the passage:

Pray-As the passage is read a third time ask how is God speaking to St. George's in relationship to the reading. What is it that St. George's is being invited to do?

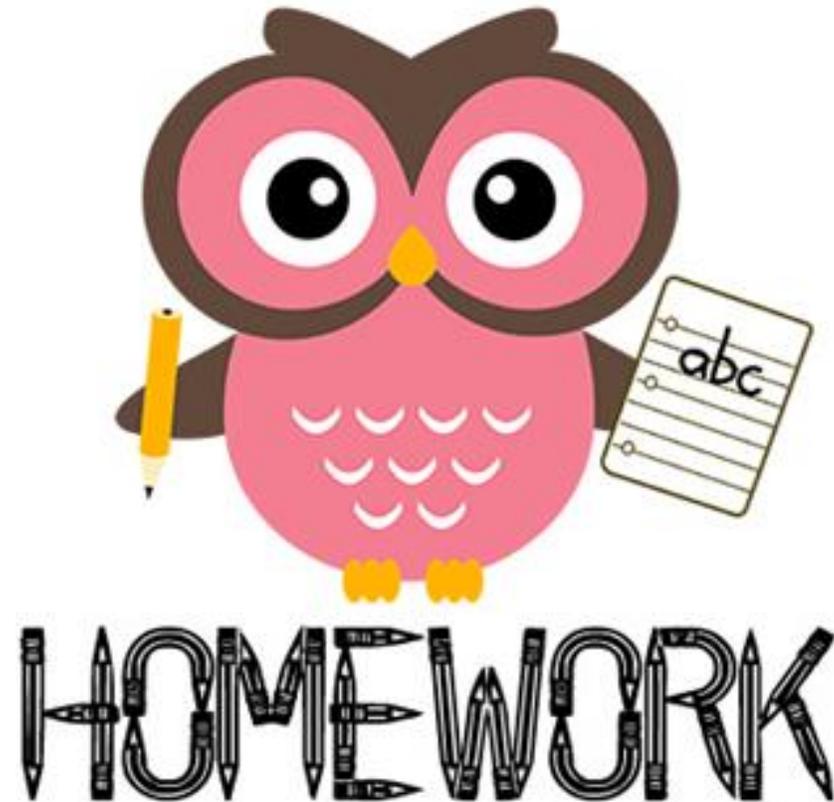
Luke 9:51-62

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As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Homework Check

- Report on the interviews you conducted with people who have knowledge about the issue/need you are exploring.

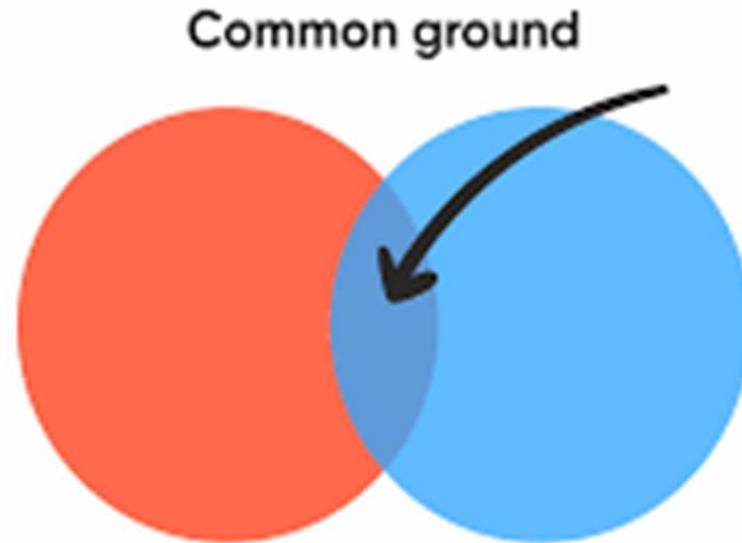


Goals of the Day

- The focus is to think about possibilities beyond the realm of present- day thinking.
- Explore what the revival of St. George's would look like.
- Determine what changes are required for St. George's to embrace its future.

Key Question

Where is the common ground among the different dreams of the future for St. George's?



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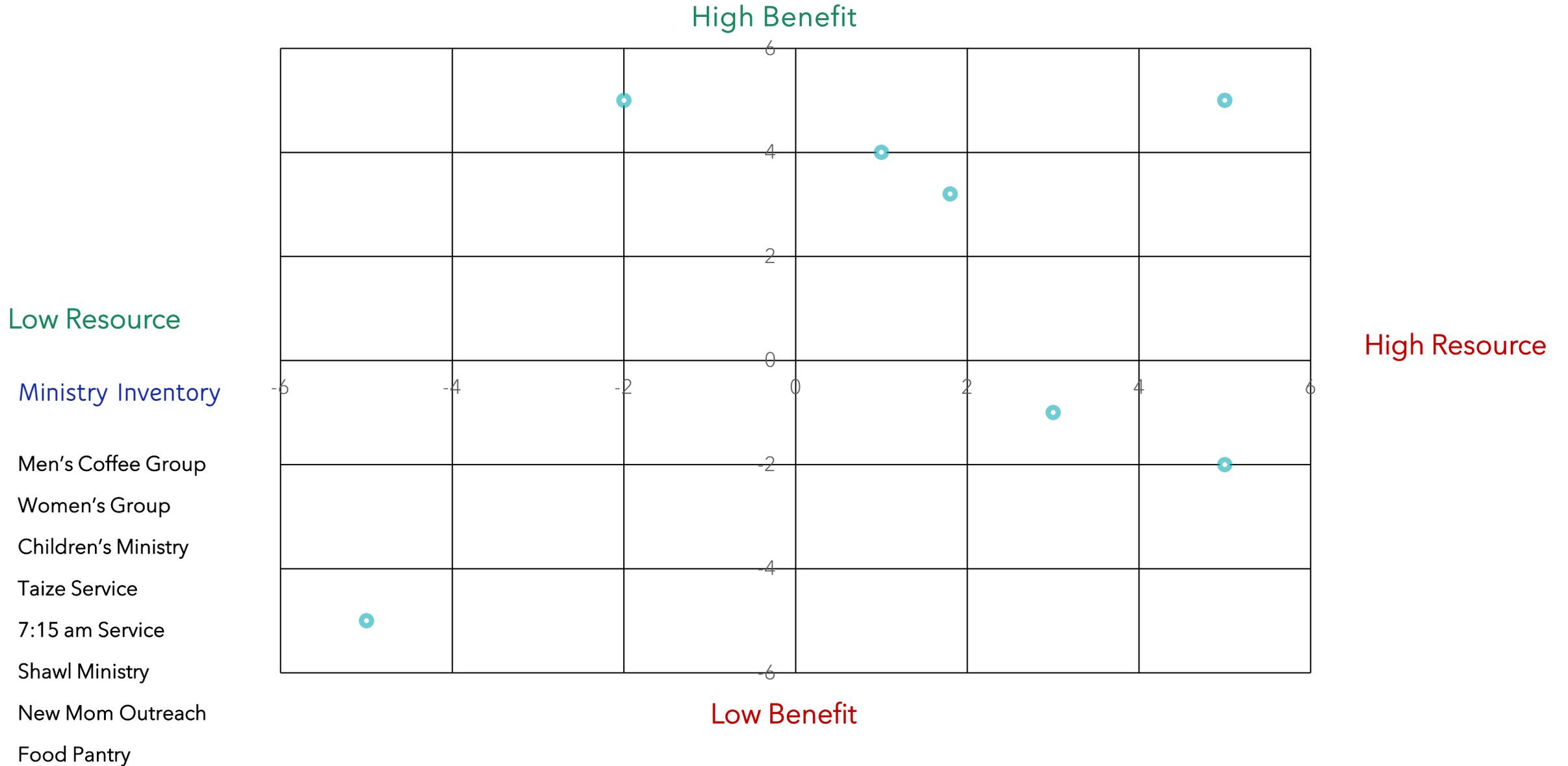
Remembering ministries and activities that have worked in the past, thinking about your gifts and resources, and the results of the interviews with potential partners, what does the revival Of St. George's look like?





- ❖ Write your ideas on a sticky note and place them on the wall.
- ❖ Once everyone has put their ideas on the wall, review the responses and search for common themes.

BENEFITS MAP



Theological Reflection

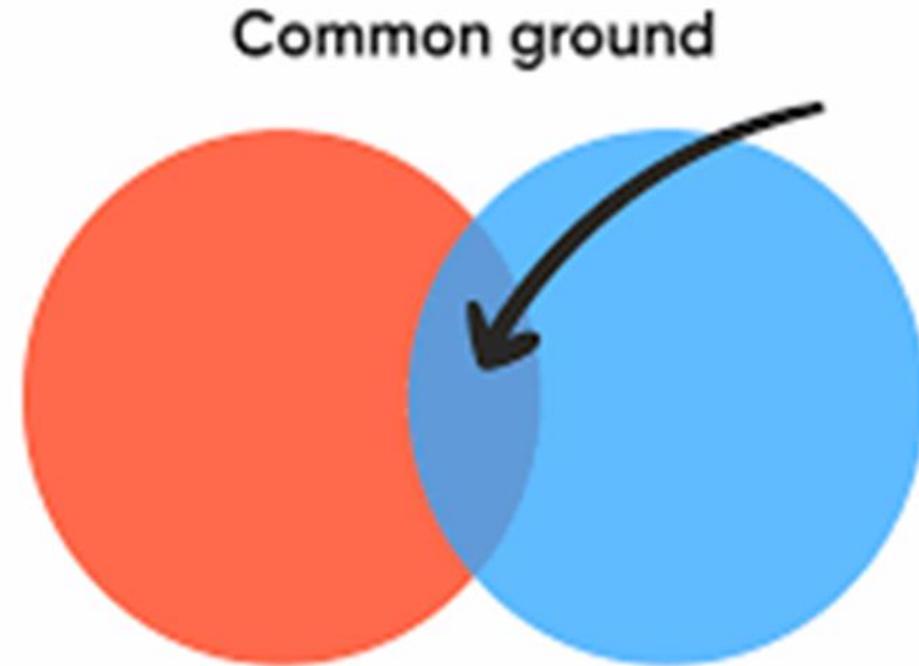
What does our Scripture from today have to say about our Benefits Map?

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What Needs To Change For This Revival To Happen?

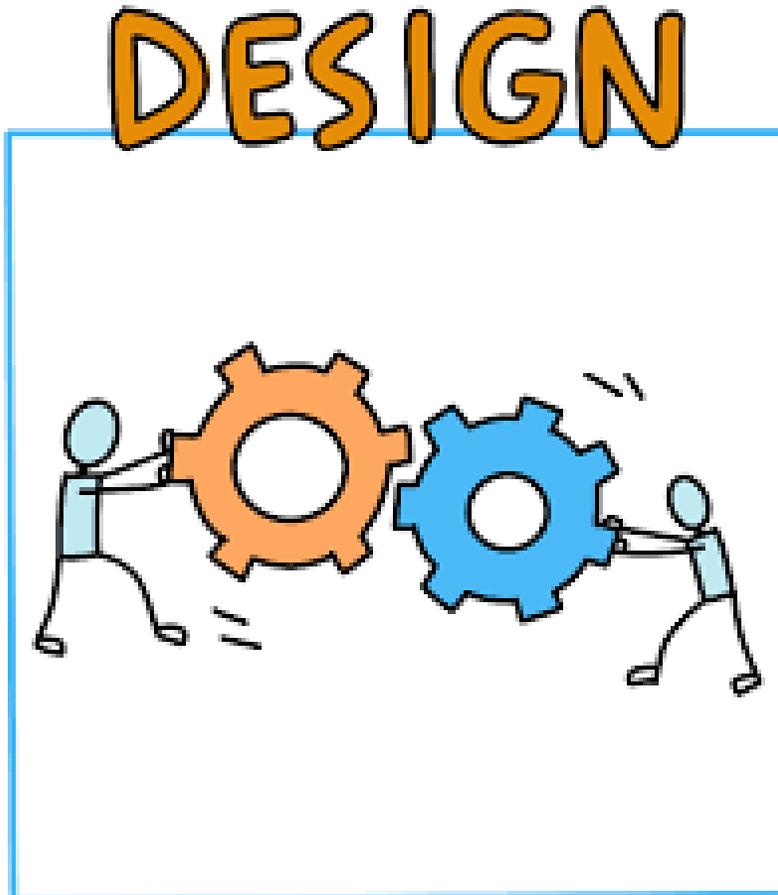


- ❑ Using the future images in the dream phase, and the gifts and resources identified in the discovery phase as inspiration, write an affirmative statement that describes the idealized future as if it has already happened.
- ❑ For example: St. George's flourishes as it (ministry/action) impacting (who) with (how).



Next Meeting: July 24th

*Design: Create the greatest impact possible with
your assets and strengths*



**Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.***

**Book of Common Prayer,
p. 832**

