

A string of colorful light bulbs (yellow, blue, green, orange, red) hangs across the frame against a dark, twilight sky. Below the string, a body of water is visible, and the foreground shows some dark foliage.

# Shaping for Mission

*What if...?*

**How can we release the power of our imagination to think bigger?**



**“Build to Adapt”  
rather than  
“Build to Last”**

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- Built to last.
- Modern marvel of engineering.
- Built to bridge one side of the river to the other.
- Built to enhance life and ease of social mobility.
- It could withstand the most inclement weather conditions.
- It withstood Hurricane Mitch 23 years ago.



# Choluteca Bridge Honduras

- But a freak of nature meant that within 12 months of being built – it's the Bridge to Nowhere.
- The river moved.
- The Bridge is now a monument.
- The Bridge in its original place is not fit for purpose.
- The world has changed but it couldn't adapt?
- How might this relate to the Church post Covid?



# Mark 2

- <sup>22</sup> “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins.”
- ‘What Jesus is doing can’t be fitted into the existing ways of thinking and living. They needed to think differently, think bigger, to get new wineskins for the new wine he had to offer. Most people are threatened by that sort of challenge.’ (Tom Wright)



# Activity....

A realistic (and likely) solution

Something free of cost/ resource (easy to make happen)

Something 'Big' – no limit on cost or resources (stuff of your dreams!)



| Imagination.....

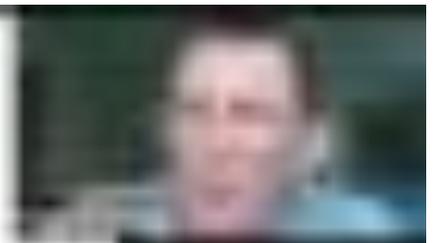


“The *imagination* must come before the *implementation*. Our culture is competent to **implement almost anything** and **imagine almost nothing**. It is our vocation to keep alive the **ministry of imagination**”

Bruggerman, W

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.” **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**

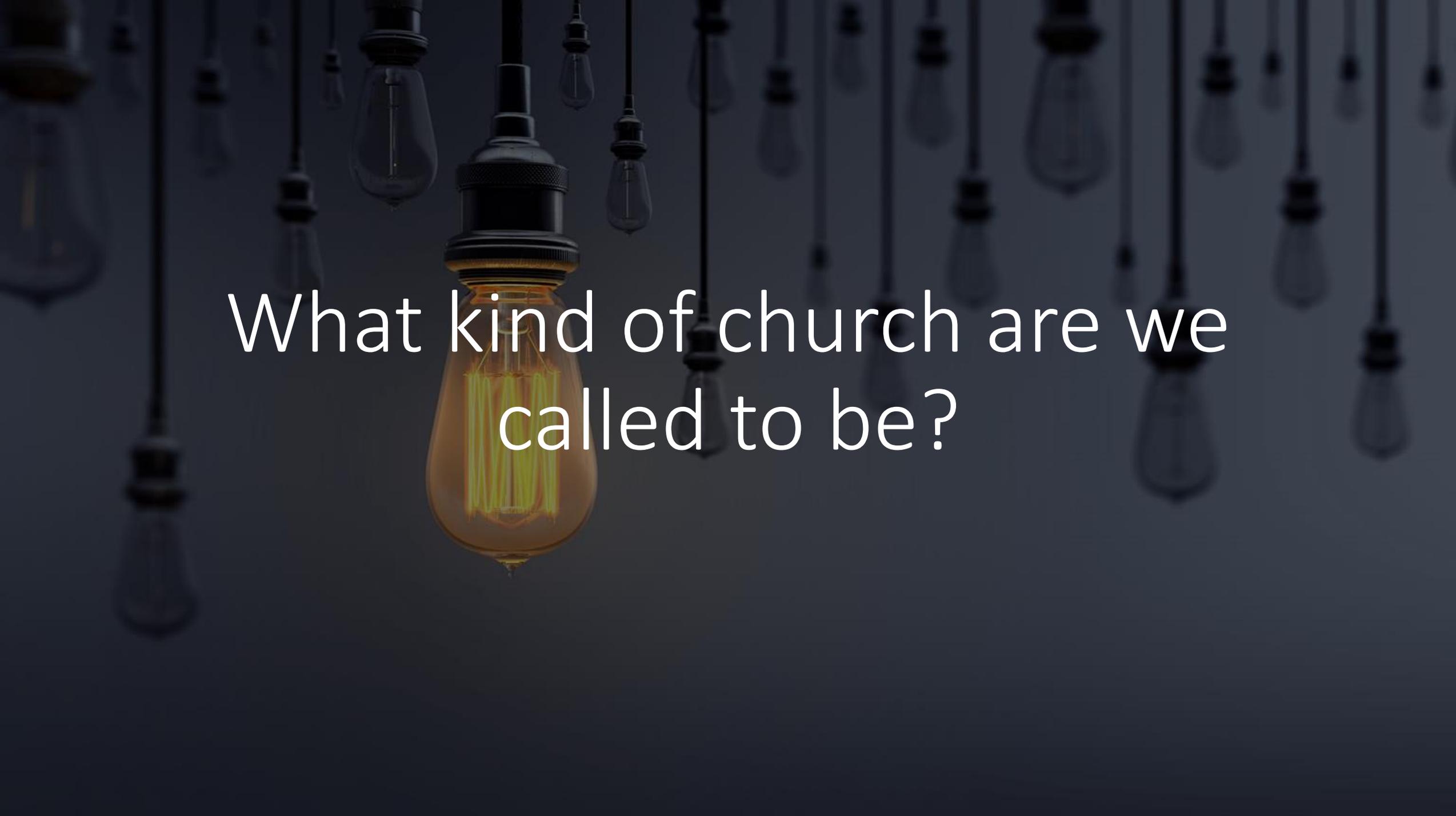




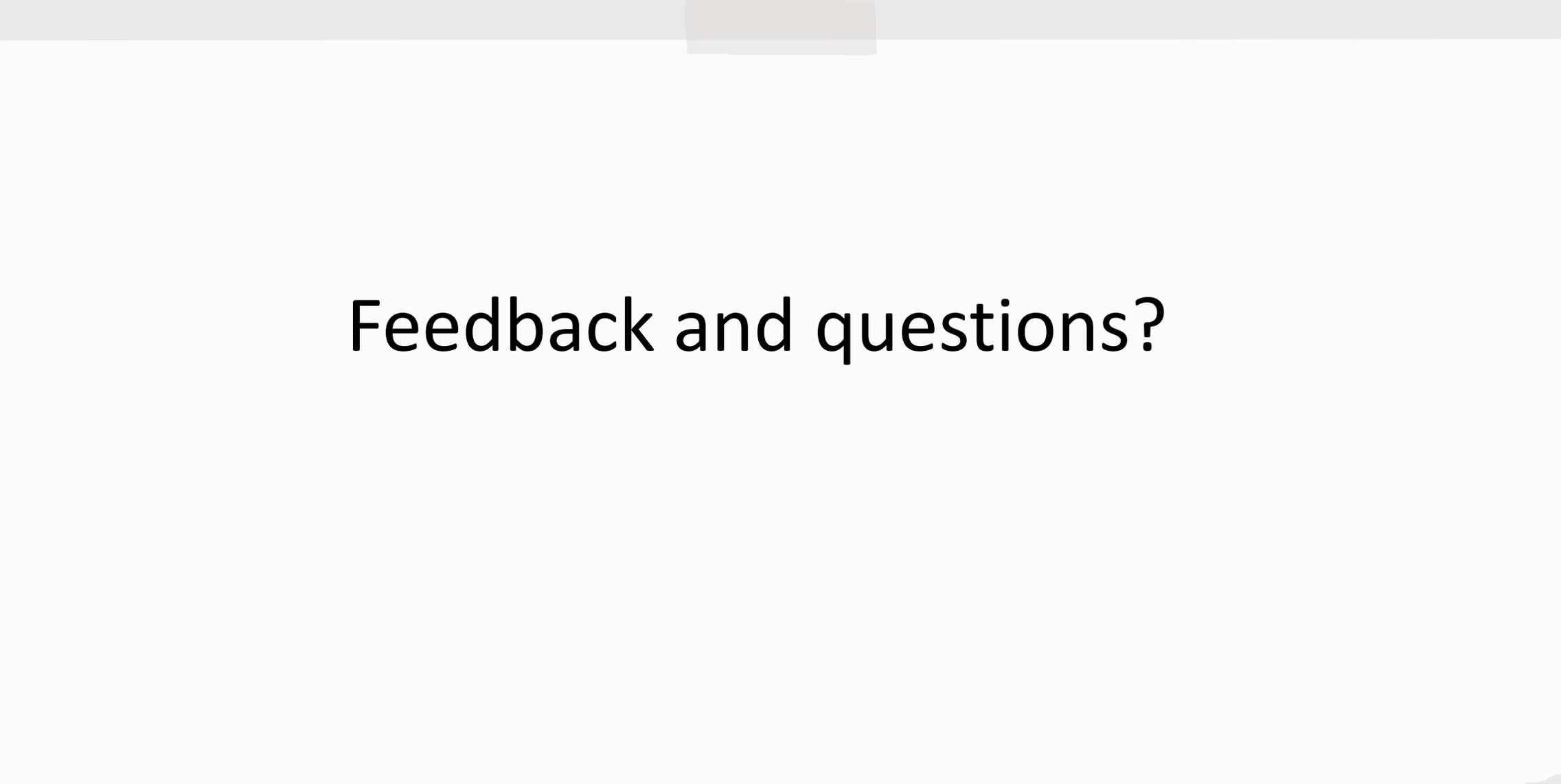
## Imagination

- Not a level playing field
- Needs met
- Landscape of Covid
- Reduction in budget
- Imagination vs reality





What kind of church are we  
called to be?



Feedback and questions?