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TITLE: **Our Need For Innovation in the Church Today**

There was a time when the Church pioneered much of the future, shaping culture in profound ways, from business to art to justice reform. But along the way, that redemptive, adaptive movement began to institutionalize, leaving us change-averse and frozen in time.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about innovation and leading change...

- 1. Innovation is a skill and it's a muscle you can grow.** You can learn how to do innovation. You weren't born to have it or not have it, and even people who think they're naturally good at it have a lot to learn. Fundamentally, in the world in which we now live, the Christian leader missing the skill of innovation is like a carpenter missing a hammer. It's not the only skill in the toolbelt, but not having it moving into the future, will be indefensible.
- 2. Be okay with something not working the first time.** Mistakes and missteps are part of the process—even complete failure. Fail faster... The sooner you get to failure the sooner you get to success. Innovation takes tenacity, and so much of this is about expectation management. If you think that something new and innovative is going to be a huge success right out of the gate you're in trouble. Plan to "fail forward" as a necessary and natural part of innovation and leading change.
- 3. Kingdom innovation is all about Jesus.** If you think that you can advance the kingdom without the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, good luck! It's about Jesus. We have been invited into this incredible relationship with him that will never ever end. The kingdom is unfolding and we have the pleasure to be part of it.

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~Caesar