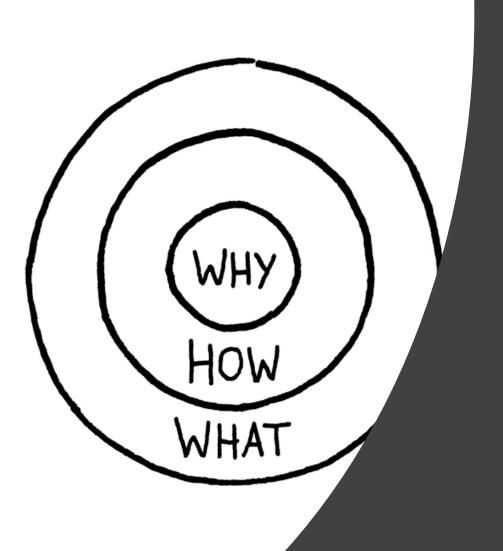
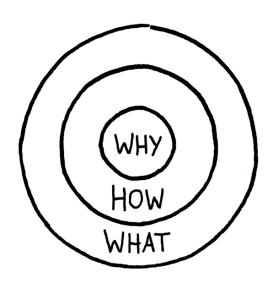


## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 13th Episcopal District Planning Meeting "THINKING BIG" November 5, 2021

"CHURCH GROWTH TO SOCIAL IMPACT: RECLAIMING YOUR CONGREGATION'S VOCATIONAL IDENTITY AND MISSION"

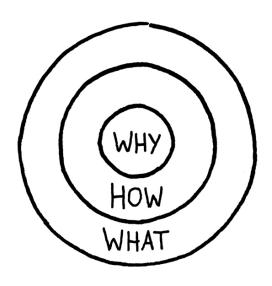
Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount Presenter





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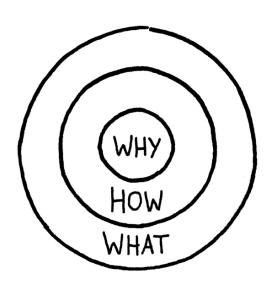


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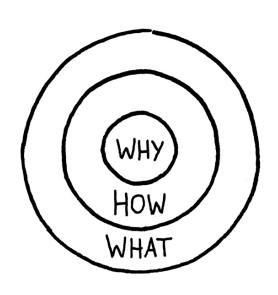
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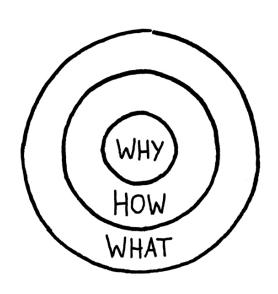
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#### Why

Very few organizations know WHY they do what they do. WHY is not about making money. That's a result. It's a purpose, cause or belief. It's the very reason your organization exists.

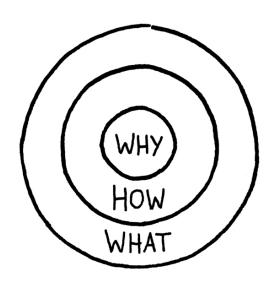


People don't buy WHAT you do, they buy WHY you do it!

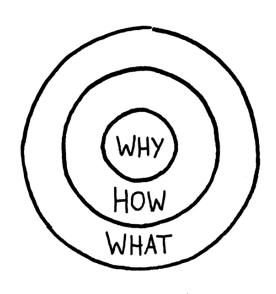


## Mission Drift:

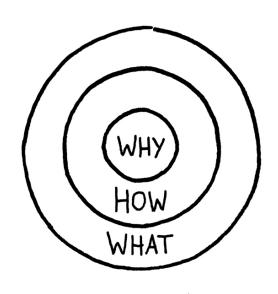
When an organization is slowly carried away from its core purpose and identity.



WHAT IS
YOUR WHY...?



WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH'S CALLING...?



WHAT IS IS
GOD UP TO IN
THE
COMMUNITY
GOD
ENTRUSTED TO
YOU...?

# FREE AFRICAN SOCIETY

Help support widows and orphans, as well as the sick or unemployed.

Supported the education of children, or arranged apprenticeships if the children could not attend one of the free schools that were developed.

Provided social and economic guidance, and medical care.

Helped new citizens establish their new sense of selfdetermination. Taught people how to spend their money wisely and how to save to build wealth.

Worked with the city to acquire land for a burying ground.

Performed and recorded marriages and births for the people of its community.

"If you know what matters to you, it's easier to commit to change. If you can't identify what matters to you, you won't know when it's being threatened. And in my experience, people only change their ways when what they truly value is threatened."

MARSHALL GOLDSMITH

### F.I.S.H. CAPITAL

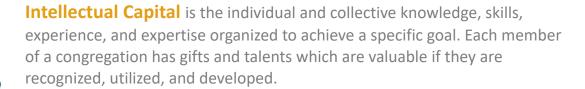
**Faith Capital** is comprised of the money and assets that communities of faith contribute to the work of ministry and the upkeep of the church's property. Generally speaking, this includes tithes and offerings that reflects a faith community's religious convictions.



Is what you collect on Sunday sufficient to finance your God-sized vision?



Are the gifts & talents of your members being fully recognized and maximized?



**Social Capital** is a network of relationships among institutions and people who live and work in a particular community or marketplace, enabling that marketplace to function effectively. Building Social Capital is an invitation to pause and ask, "Who, outside of our faith community, should we partner with in executing the church's ministries and goals?"



Who shares our vision but has not been invited to walk with us?



Is your congregation outwardly focused on encouraging and building up others?

**Human Capital** is about the implementation of projects and programs which are relevant and have demonstrable impact on human lives. As Christians, are we not responsible for assisting our neighbors in reaching their God-given potential?

What if you believed the destiny and call of your church was for such a time as this?

What if you believe your church can be an agent of change and transformation in a place that you've been planted?

What if you believed that your church truly was the body of Christ, and every member was vital to the church's thriving?

What if you believe that there was more available to you that you could see right now?

What if you believe that God can truly do more for you, your church, and your community than you could ever ask, think, or imagine?