# Defining the Vision and Planning for the Job Ahead

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#### Building scheme: disaster?

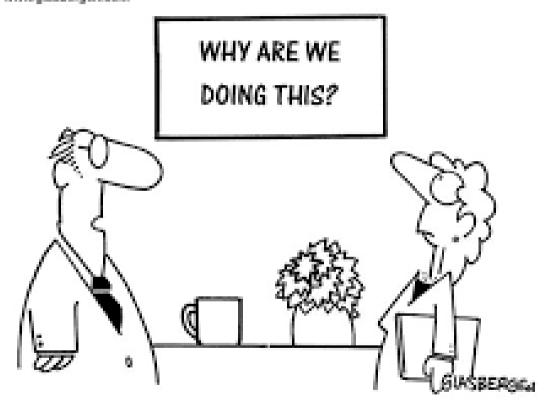
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#### Building scheme: distraction?

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"It's not a great mission statement, but we'll revise it if things get better."

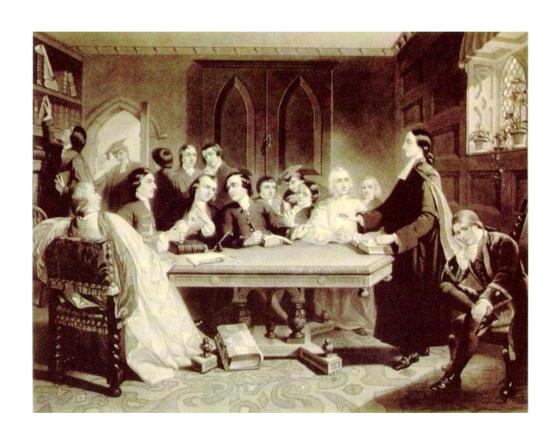
#### Building scheme: opportunity?



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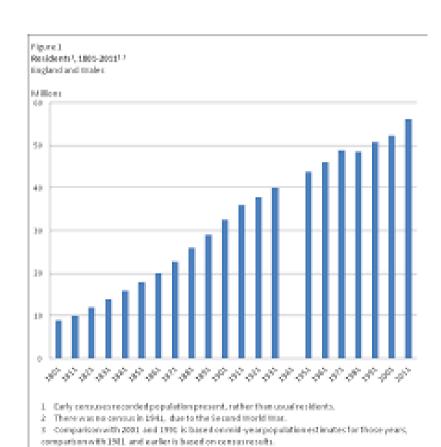
- Size
- Age profile
- Diversity
- Stories we tell about ourselves
- Stories others tell about us ...







#### Where are we?



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Who is here with us?

What is God doing here?

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What is God calling us to do here?

What have we got?

What do we need?

#### What will people do here?



# Capturing the stories



## Learning lessons from the past



#### Setting the good news agenda



# Letting your mission inform your interpretation

- What is the first thing people will see or read?
- What overall message do you want a visit to communicate?
- How can you engage and interest a wide variety of visitors?
- How do you help someone seeking faith?
- What impressions will people take away?

'Open to God, open to all'

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