

# Ephesians 以弗所书

1 <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a **spirit of wisdom and revelation** as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the **hope to which he has called you**, what are the riches of **his glorious inheritance** among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of **his power for us** who believe, according to the working of his great power. (1:16-19)

3 <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that **through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (3:8-10)

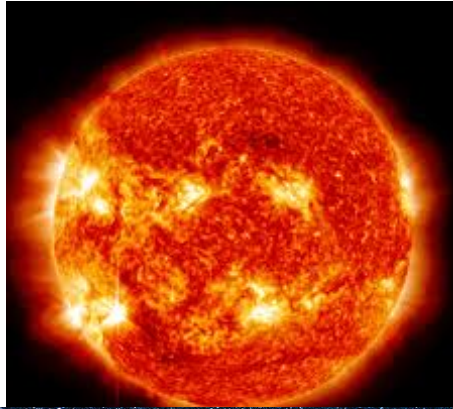
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**Longing for Glorious Church**

**嚮往榮耀的教會**





Credit Joe Marquez<sub>4</sub>



# Paul, in prison, writing Ephesians 保羅，在獄中，寫以弗所書





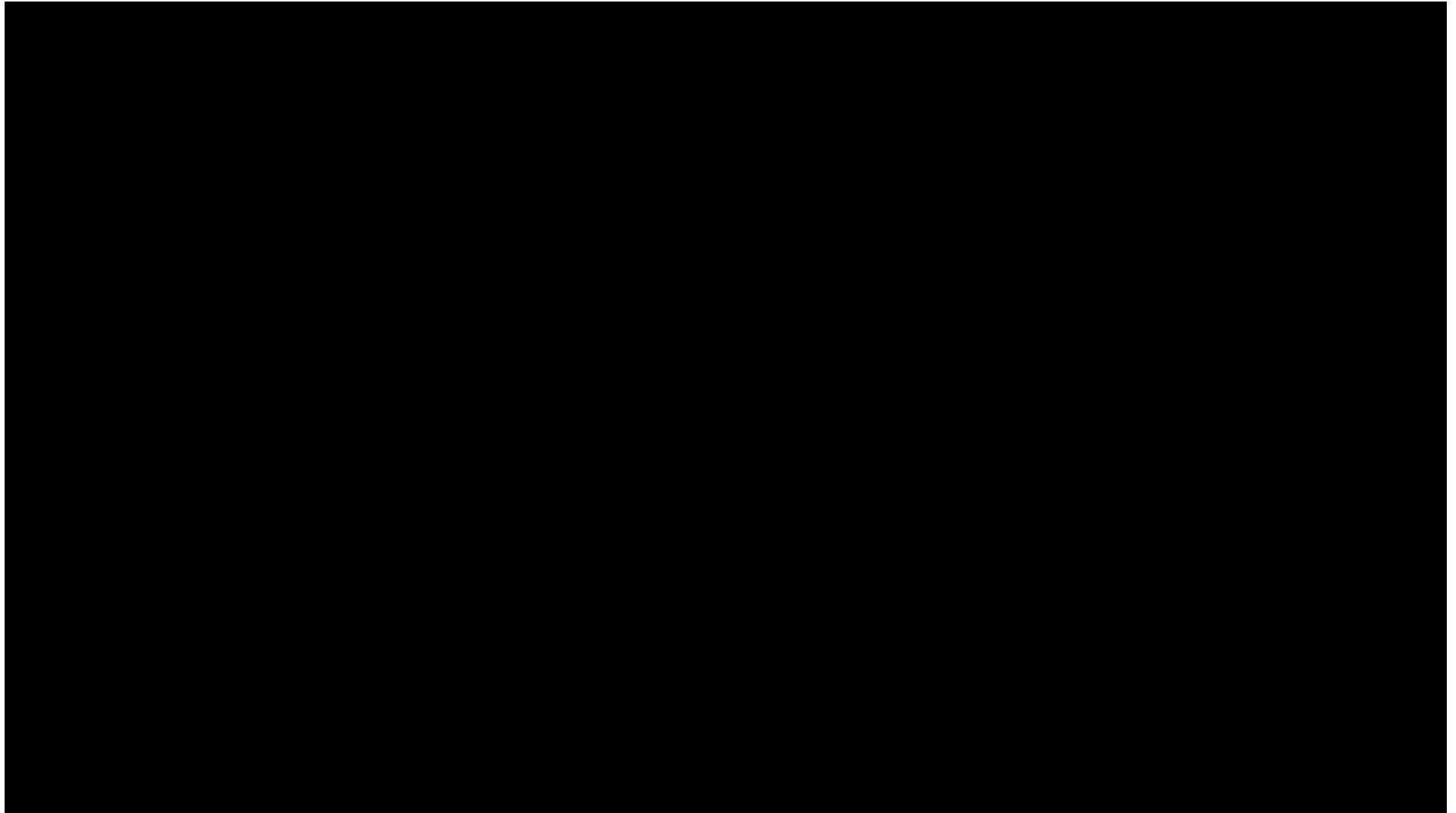
**So, what is a church?**

**什麼是教會？  
如何建造一個榮耀的教會？**

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# How do we build a glorious church?

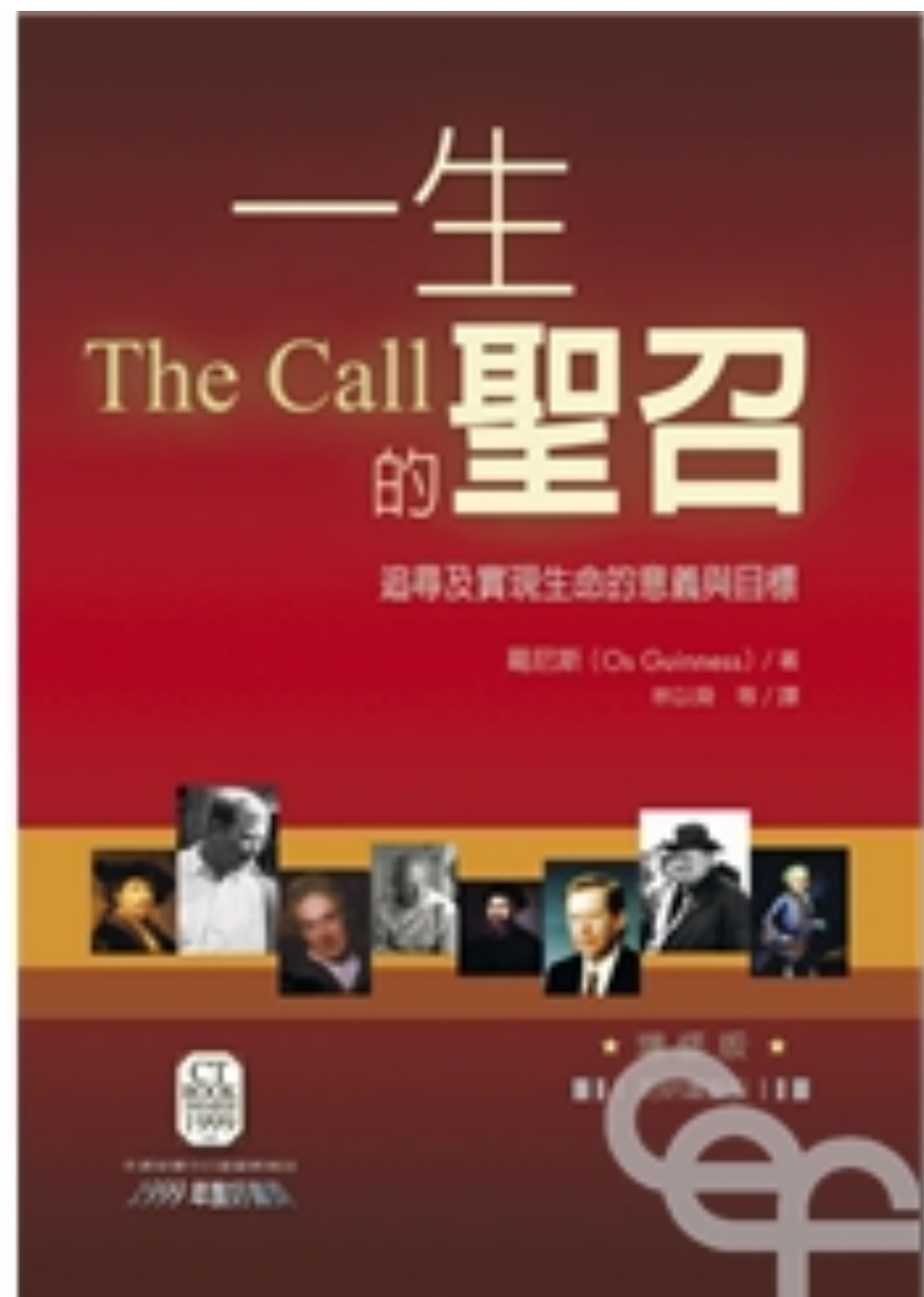
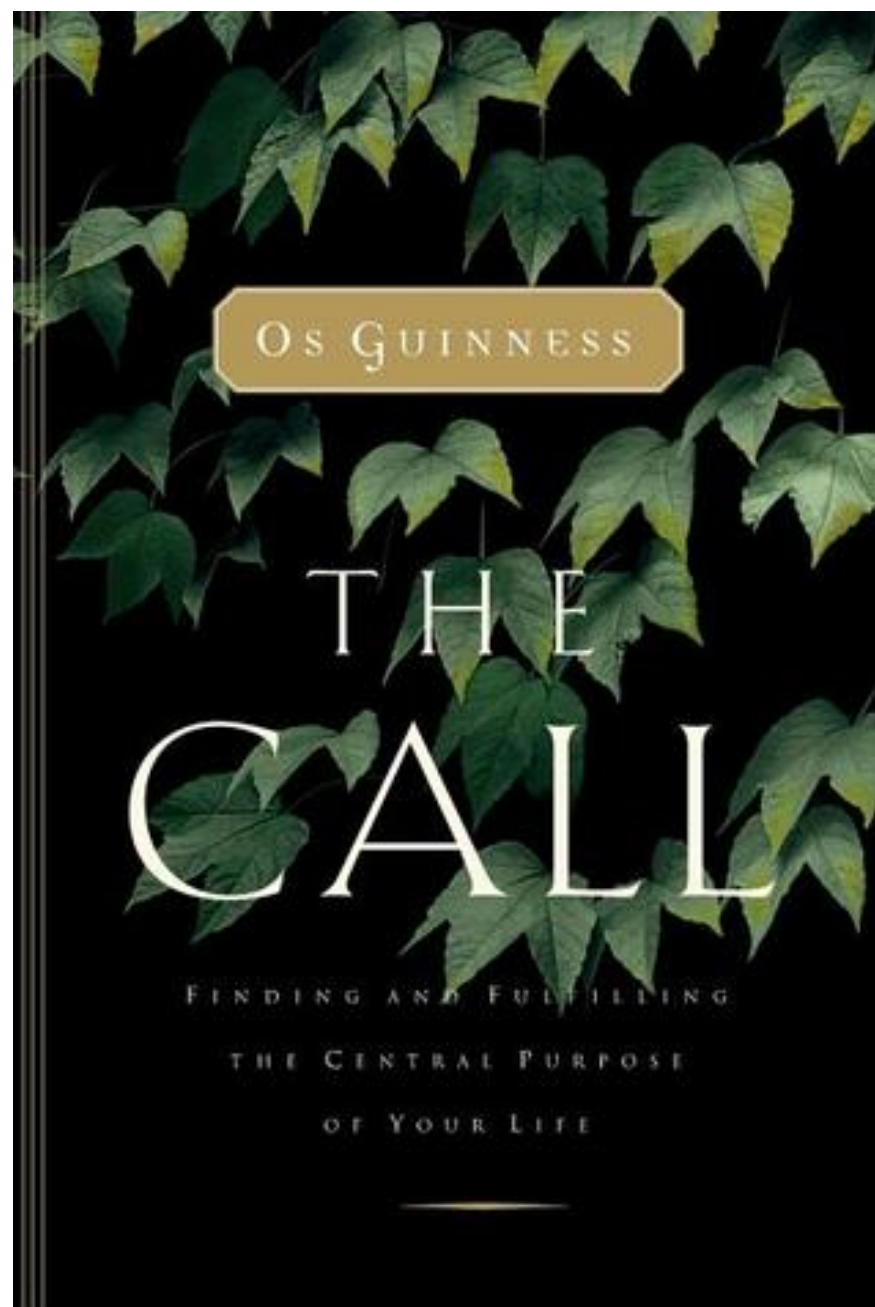
## (1) Calling Process

明白和進入呼召的過程

# Ekklesia: called out 被召出來的一群人

- 1) **Give us Spirit of wisdom and revelation:** 将那赐人智慧和启示的灵、赏给你们
  - **v18a: hope to which he has called you** 知道他的恩召有何等指望
  - **v18b: riches of his glorious inheritance** among the saints 圣徒中得的基业、有何等丰盛的荣耀
  - **v19: greatness of his power for us** who believe, according to the working of his great power 他向我们这信的人所显的能力、是何等浩大
- 2) **Paul is essentially teaching us the secrets of discipleship, i.e., having our spirit/heart nourished by these three things** 保羅實質上把如何成為主的門徒的要點教給我們，就是讓我們裡面的人經過這三方面來得餵養





# Three callings: 三重呼召

**1) Internal calling: disciple of Jesus, lovers of Christ, Matt 16:24** <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**內在的：耶穌的門徒，太16:24** 于是耶稣对门徒说，若有人要跟从我，就当舍己，背起他的十字架，来跟从我。

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# Three callings: 三重呼召 (2)

## 2) External calling: 外在的：

- History shows that the Lord has given the vast majority (99.999%) an assignment that involves few things and makes very little impact (that can be measured by man).
- Be faithful and dependable in your assignments.

**Matt 25:** <sup>21</sup> “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**太25:21** 主人说，好，你这又良善又忠心的仆人。你在不多的事上有忠心，我要把许多事派你管理。可以进来享受你主人的快乐。

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# Three callings: 三重呼召 (3)

## 3) Eternal calling: 永远的

### Corporate Calling 群體的呼召

<sup>19</sup> For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

**(I will not discuss these topics today)**

# Glory of God's Inheritance 神產業的榮耀

- 1) Father promised Jesus an inheritance – Church.
- 2) We are what God wants most and are what God is most committed to.
- 3) Guess what the Holy Spirit is doing?
- 4) This becomes the main reason and motivation for all things we do – calling.
- 5) That we being God's inheritance means: how dear we are to God (we are what He wants), how He feels about us (as we walk out our calling in weakness), what it costs Him to walk out this love, what He requires from those He loves and why we do the things we do in walking out our calling.



# How do we build a glorious church?

## (2) Obedience and Corporate Process

順服和群體成長的過程

# Lead a life worthy of the Calling

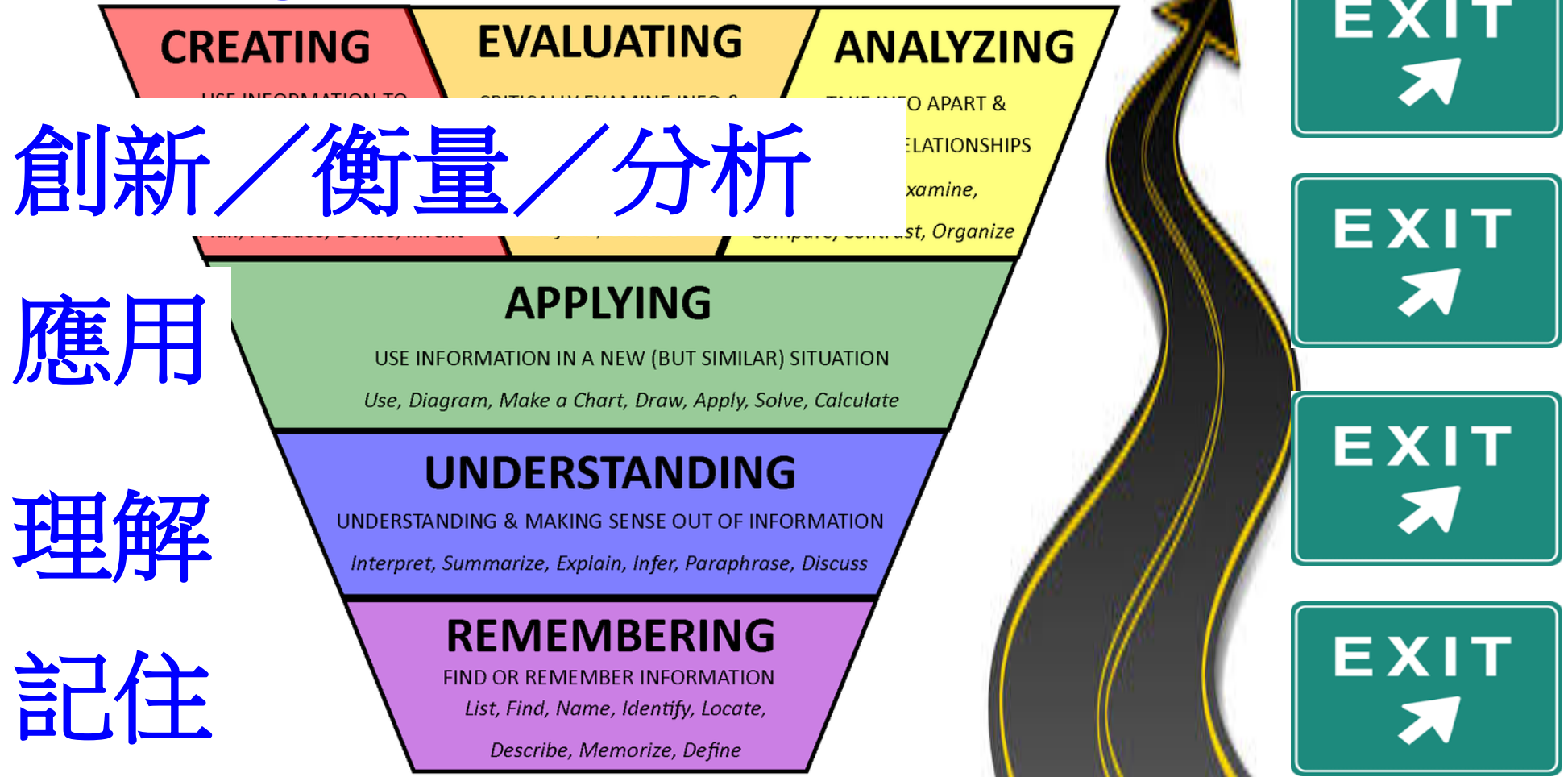
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***Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. -- Leo Tolstoy***

“ 每个人都想改变人类, 但没有人想到改变自己 ”。  
-- 列夫 • 托尔斯泰

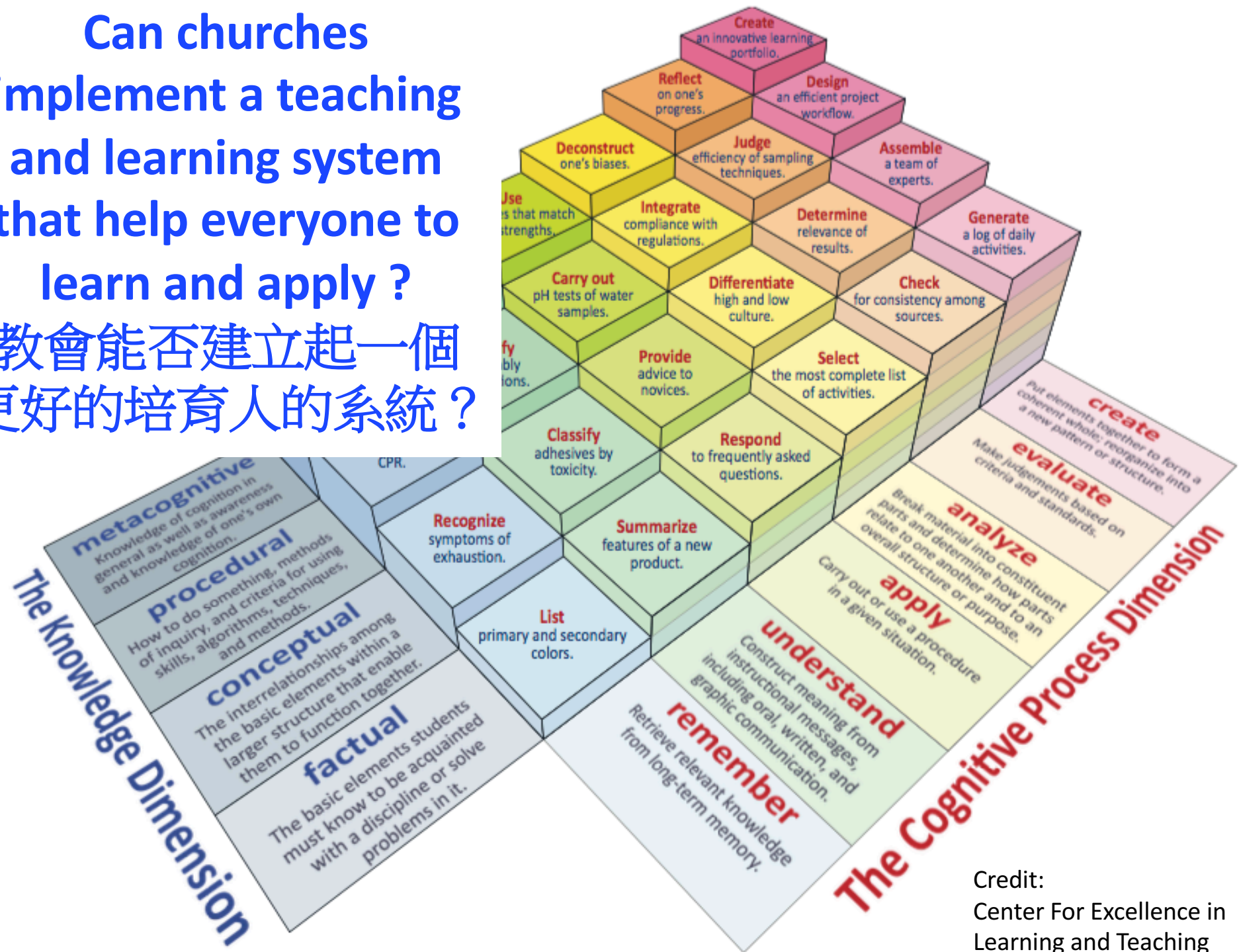
# Discipleship: An Obedience Process

# Cognitive Process 認知的過程



## 布鲁姆分类学 Bloom's Taxonomy

Can churches  
implement a teaching  
and learning system  
that help everyone to  
learn and apply ?  
教會能否建立起一個  
更好的培育人的系統？



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**Thank you, DiAnn Montoya and her team**

# Can we imagine? 我們能想像嗎？

- 1) The Church as Theological Education  
教會成為神學教育的中心
- 2) The Church Doing Theology in Culture  
教會積極把神學帶進文化
- 3) The Church as Missions  
教會是宣教的基地
- 4) The Church as a Hermeneutical Community  
教會成為一個解經和釋經的群體
- 5) The Church as Christian Education  
教會是基督化教育的中心

## One Pearl of Great Price 無價的珍珠

**Matt 13:**<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

13: 45 天国又好像买卖人，寻找好珠子。46遇见一颗重价的珠子，就去变卖他一切所有的，买了这颗珠子。