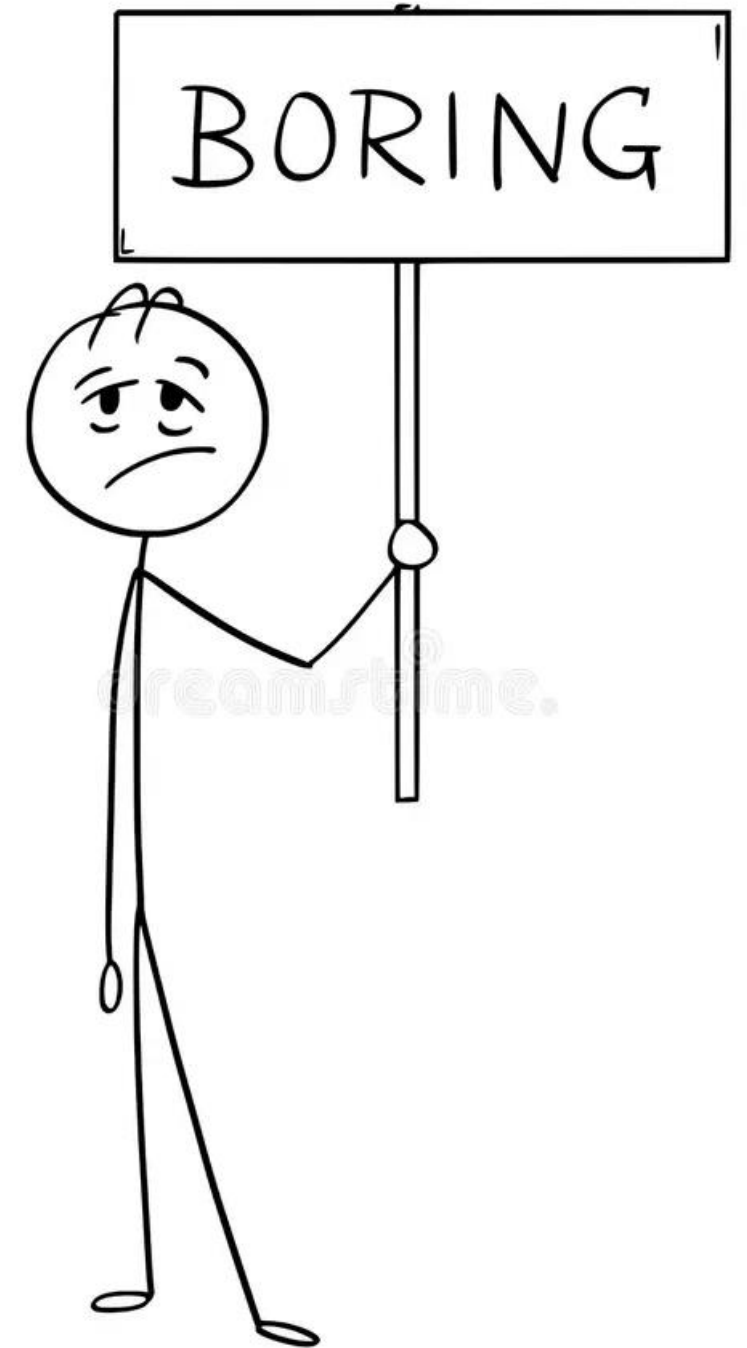




Innovation and CrEatiVity in the SeRvιCe

This is a creative Outline

- What?
- Why?
- Who?
- How?



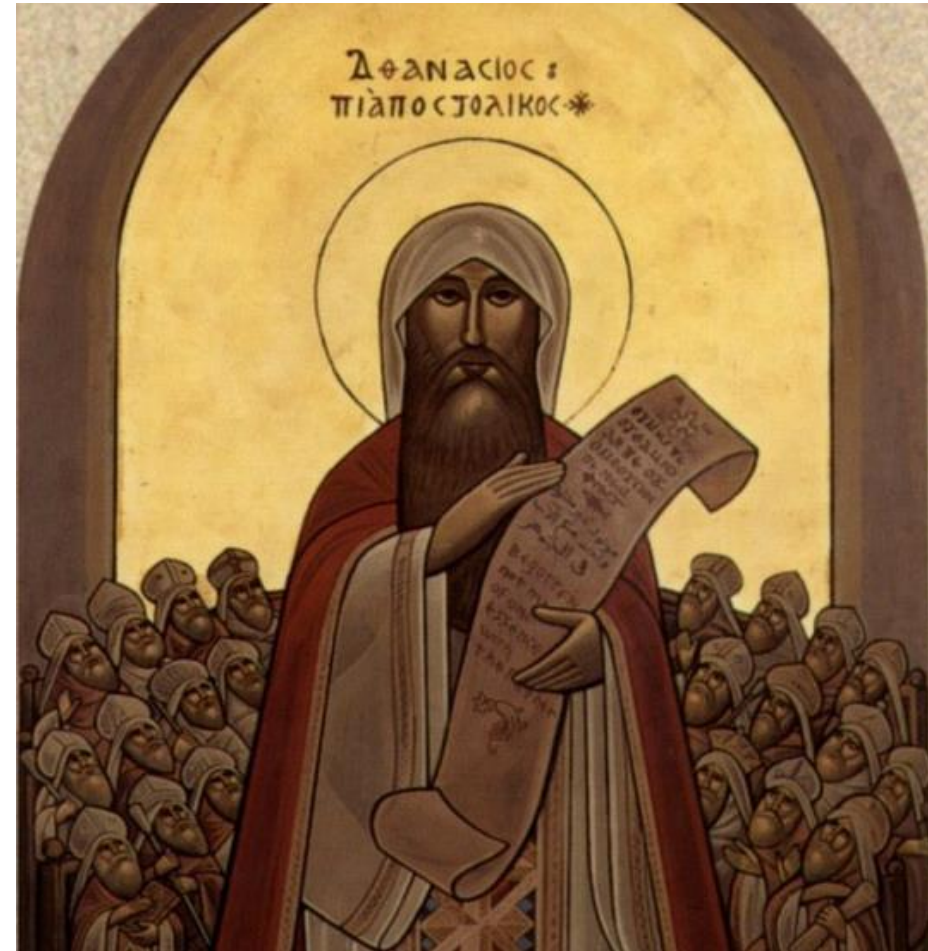


What is creativity in the service?

- Introduce the True Orthodox Faith, Rites and Dogma in an innovative and creative method.

What is Creativity in the Service

- 1st Ecumenical Council of Nicaea →
 - Debating a Verbal Bully
 - The one person who was against the whole world
 - ...



Why do we need to be creative in the service?



- Target: Plant the right seed of knowledge of God and the right ideas in the hearts of the kids to get to the right fruits.

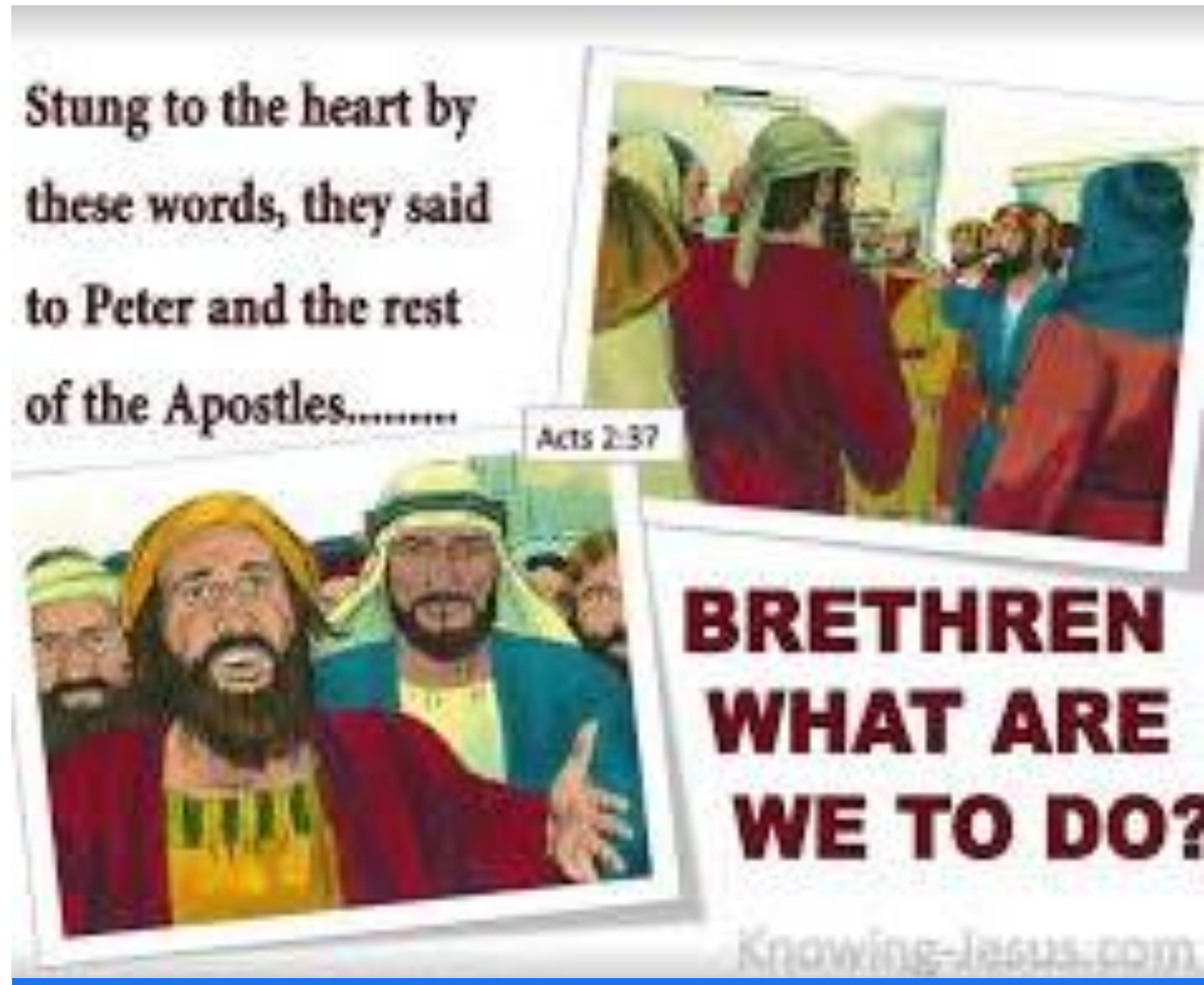
Who can be an innovative and a creative servant?

- Short Answer: EVERYONE
- Long Answer:
 1. **Grace of God:** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" Eph 3:20
 2. **Hard Work:** "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Peter: Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37

Nehemiah:

- "So I prayed to the God of heaven." Neh 2:4
- "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors *of the region* beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah" Neh 2:7
- "that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon." Neh 4:17



How can we be creative in the service?

1. No Stereotypical Service:

- “Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Matthew 9:10-12
- “And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” Luke 19:5
- “And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.” Matt 8:2-3



How can we be creative in the service?

2. Tenderness in the service

- “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” Matt 9:36
- But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt 19:14



How can we be creative in the service?

3. Renew your approach
 - Jesus talking about Kingdom of Heaven
 - Introduction → This is the Bait
 - King David Sin with Bathsheba
- King David on TikTok



How can we be creative in the service?

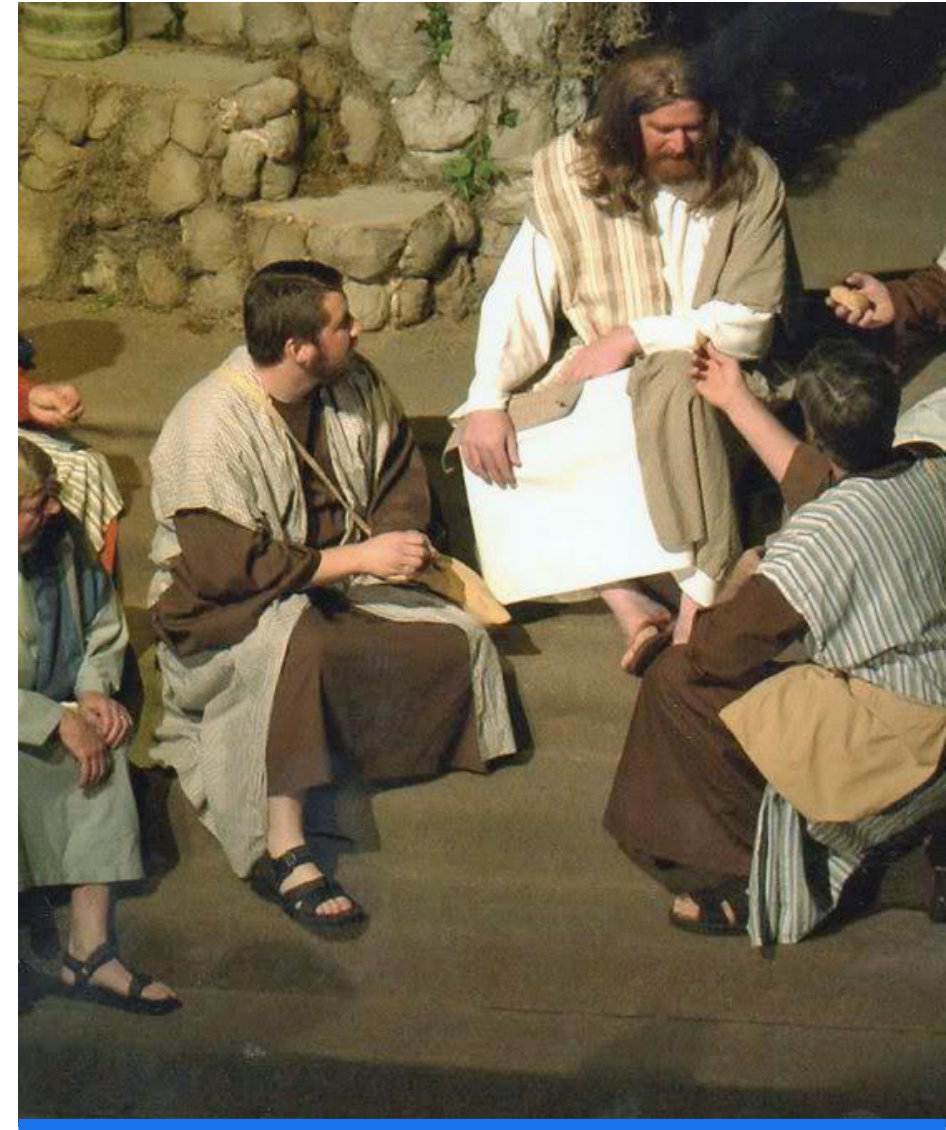
4. Expand your Knowledge
 - **AVOID:** Take it as it is (It is just like that)
 - Baptize New Ideas



How can we be creative in the service?

5. Discuss – not lecture

- What happens when we lecture?
 - They lose focus
 - They don't participate
 - We lose their point of view
- What happens when we discuss?
 - We learn their point of view
 - They will enjoy expressing their ideas
 - They will feel equal
 - We remember that we are not better





NOT AN Innovative Summary

- What?
 - → Deliver True Orthodox Faith in an Innovative Means
- Why?
 - → Plant the right seed of knowledge of God in kids hearts
- Who?
 - → All of us
- How?
 - → No Stereo Typical Service, Tenderness, Renew our Approach, Expand our knowledge, Discuss not lecture