

# Setting God's People Free

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# The Question

How do we - lay and ordained  
- grow in our capacity to live  
out the Good News in all of  
life?



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# Our dysfunctions

- ▶ **For the few**

  - We look like a service organisation for office holders

- ▶ **Just another special interest group**

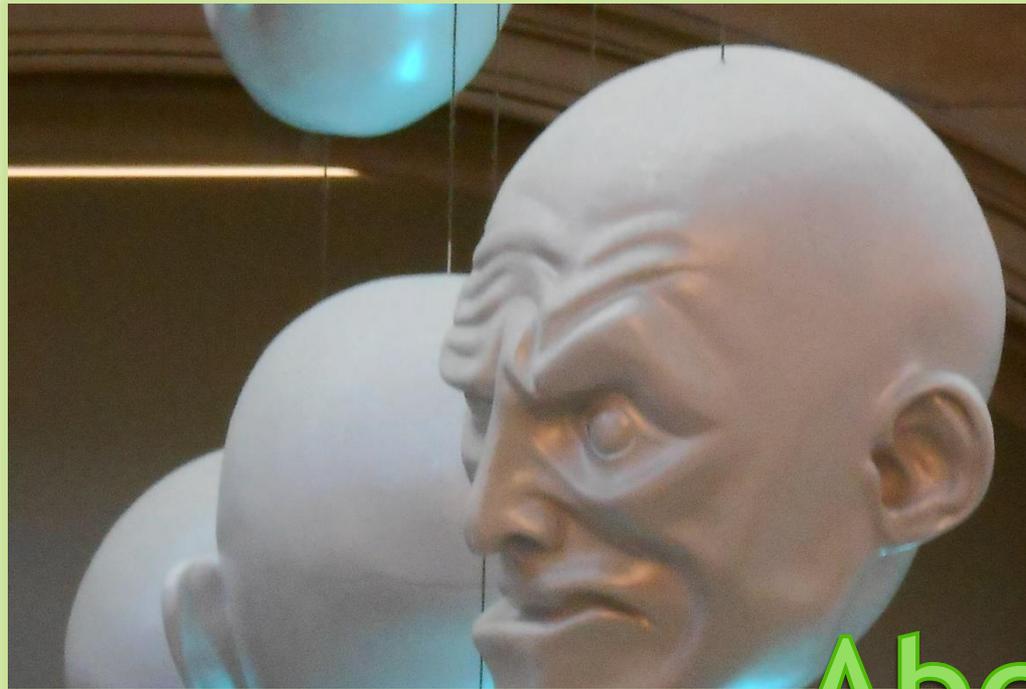
  - Appear preoccupied with church life



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# Our dysfunctions

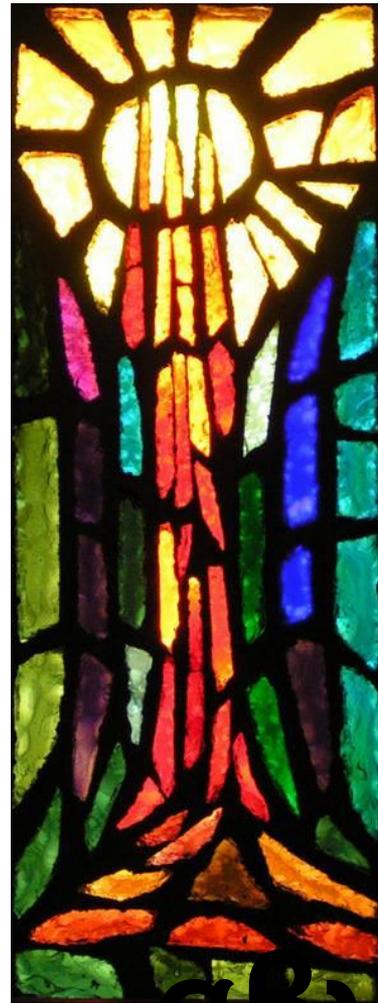
- ▶ **Can't talk about faith in everyday terms**  
Connection faith and ordinary life just assumed



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# Culture change (fresh alphabet)

1. All together
2. Baptised equals



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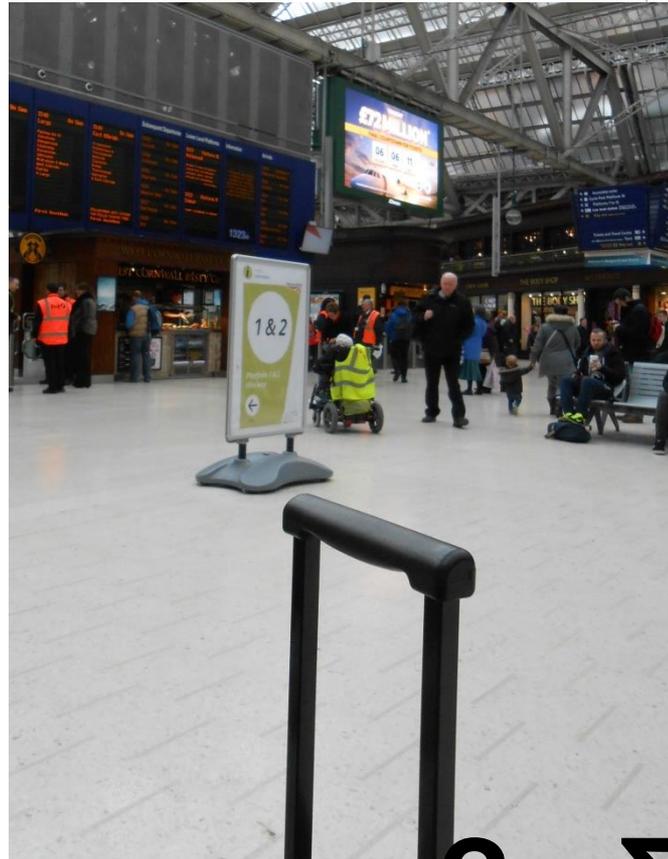
3. **Confidently**

4. **Disciples**



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## 5. Evangelising



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# Two Principles

- ▶ Until, **together**, ordained and lay, we form and equip lay people to **follow Jesus confidently in every sphere of life** in ways that demonstrate the Gospel we will never set God's people free to evangelise the nation.

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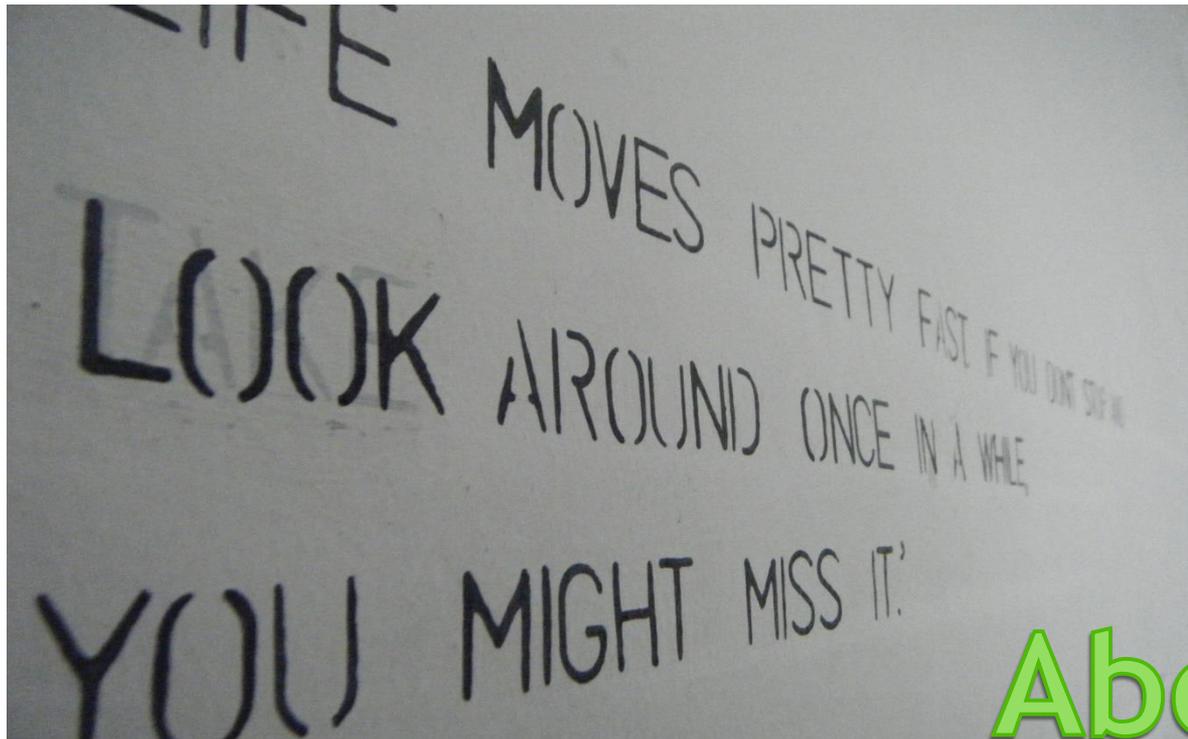
## Principles

- ▶ Until laity and clergy are convinced, based on their **baptismal mutuality**, that they are **equal** in worth and status, **complementary** in gifting and vocation, **mutually accountable** in discipleship, and **equal partners in mission**, we will never form Christian communities that can evangelise the nation.

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# Four Key Mission Themes

- I. Common baptism priesthood of all believers
- II. Whole of life discipleship



# Key Mission Themes

III. Church as sign and expression of the Kingdom of God

IV. Renewed purpose and vision for formation of lay leaders



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# Eight levers of change

1. A theology of lay action
2. Voicing and hearing lay experience
3. Bishops give priority to lay discipleship
4. Quality resources to advance lay discipleship



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# Eight levers of change

5. Worship the work of the whole people of God
6. Clergy must understand, support and develop lay discipleship



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# Eight levers of change

7. Change institutional structures to reflect wide understanding of lay discipleship
8. Tell a new story

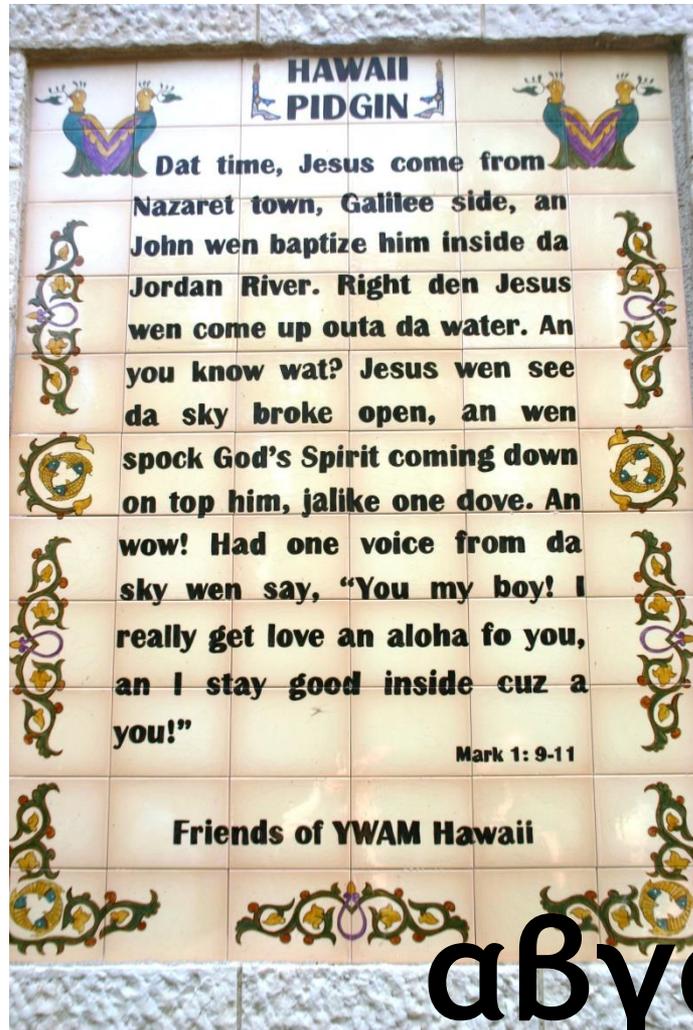


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# Why culture change?

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- ▶ **Vocabulary**  
*Our language  
not good  
enough*



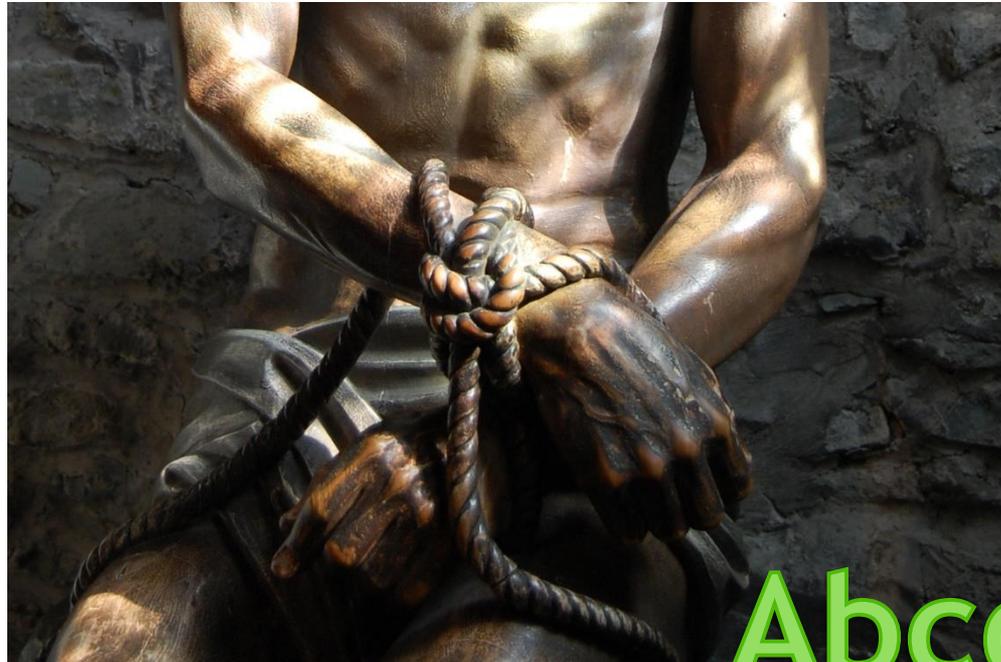
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### ▶ **W**hole life

*Our effort too constricted*

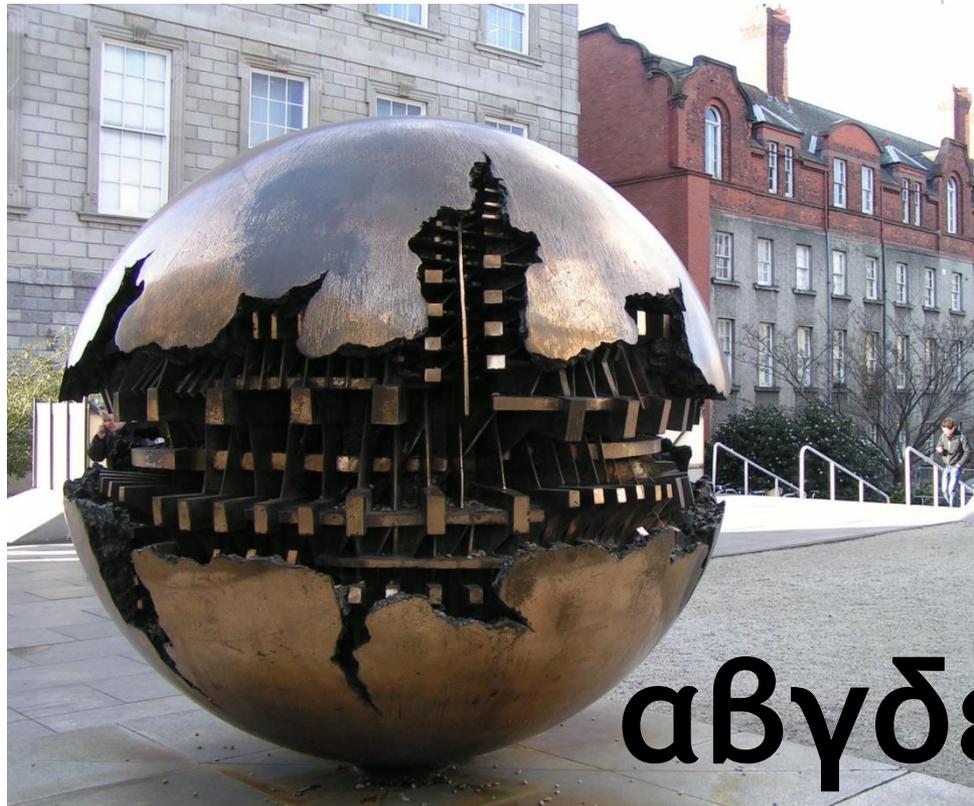


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- ▶ An e**X**pression of the Kingdom  
*Our vision  
too small*



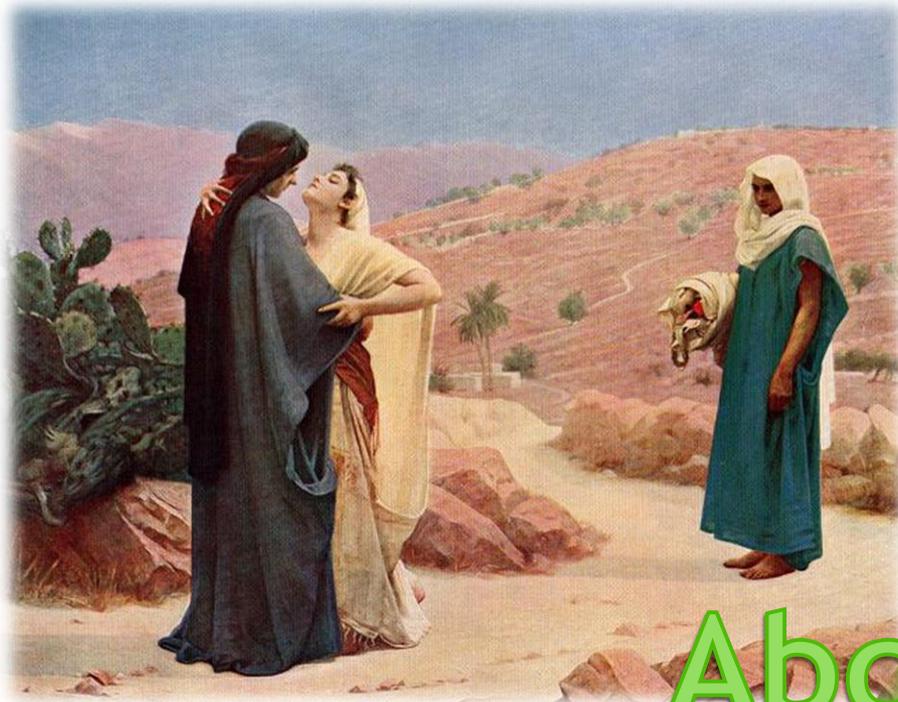
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### ► Yes to God

*Our spirituality too reserved*



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# Why culture change? The vwxyz

- ▶ **Z**eal  
*Our liveliness  
muted*

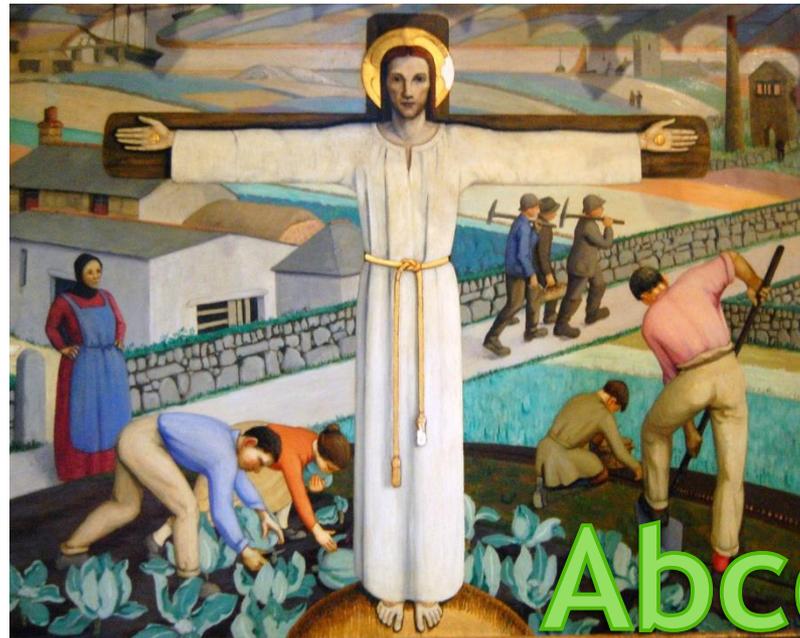


Follow Jesus confidently,  
joyously, and engagingly

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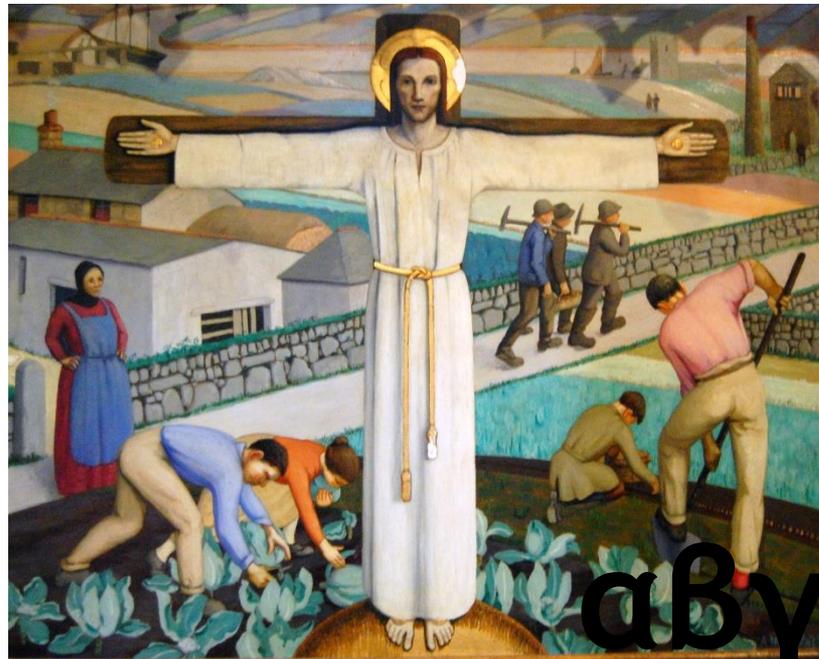
# Implementation

1. Bishop Champion for whole-life discipleship
2. National Internet portal of resources and networks



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3. Pilot dioceses
4. Remodel clergy selection, training and development in light of lay discipleship



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# Setting God's People Free

1. Do you recognise what the report describes? Identify one specific example from your own experience.
2. What do Christians need to better express faith in Christ in the workaday world? Suggest one thing that you would find helpful.
3. What do you understand by the 'priesthood of all believers' and what could we do to better live it?

