



The World in Front of You is Nothing Like the  
World Behind You

# Canoeing the Mountains

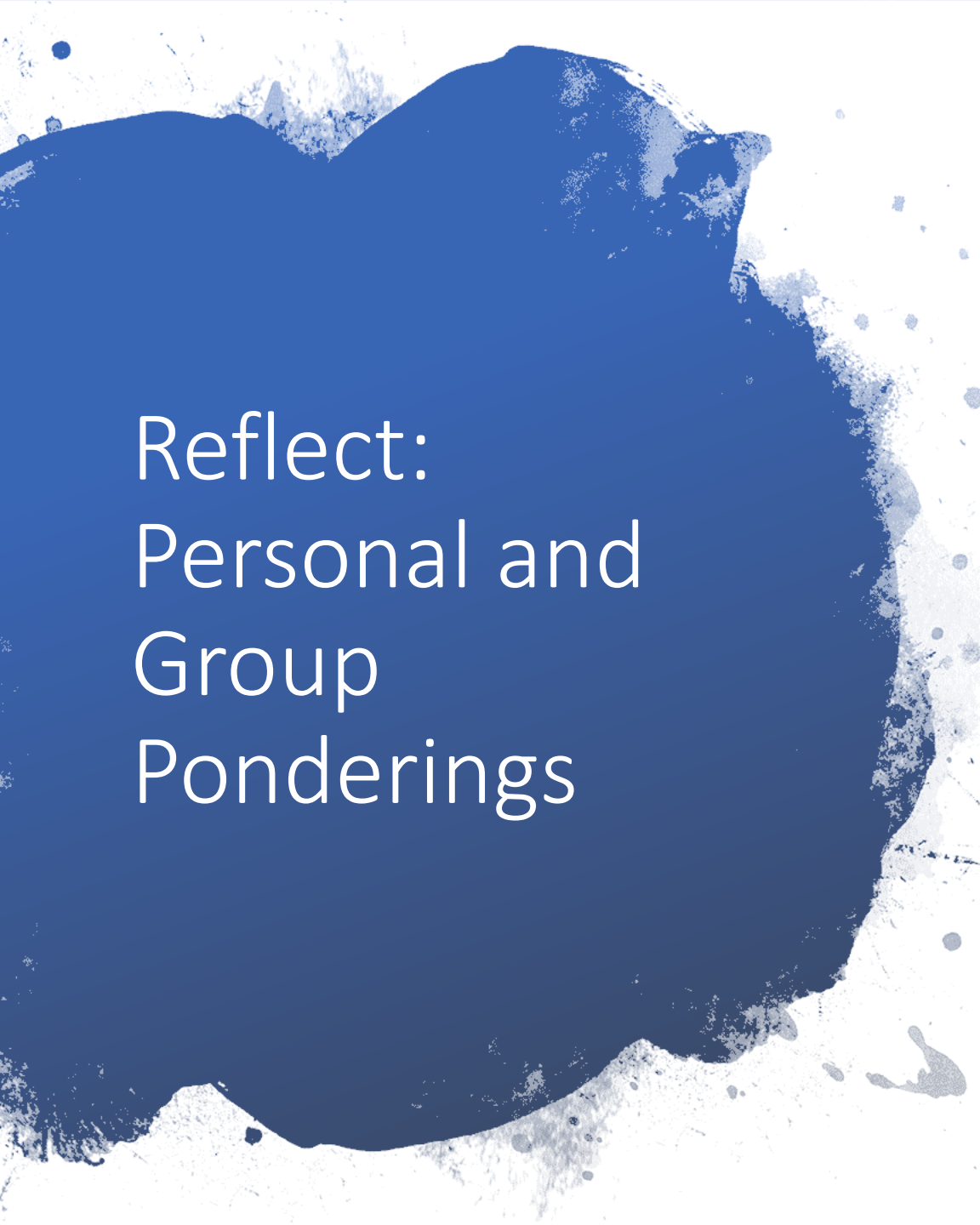
# Exploring the Series





# Learning: Key Leadership Lessons

- Being trained for Christendom doesn't always prepare us to lead in uncharted territory
- In a moment of crisis, the temptation is to default to your training



Reflect:  
Personal and  
Group  
Ponderings

Brainstorm list of the ways the world and church have changed in your lifetime

# Brainstorm

## World

- No Sunday Blue Laws
- Increased roles of leadership
- Increased technology is positive and negative
- Stay at home moms are less common
- Larger role in world for women beyond teaching, nursing, etc.
- Global society, international influences
- Need to accept change and learn about other ethnic groups
- Liberal vs. Conservative

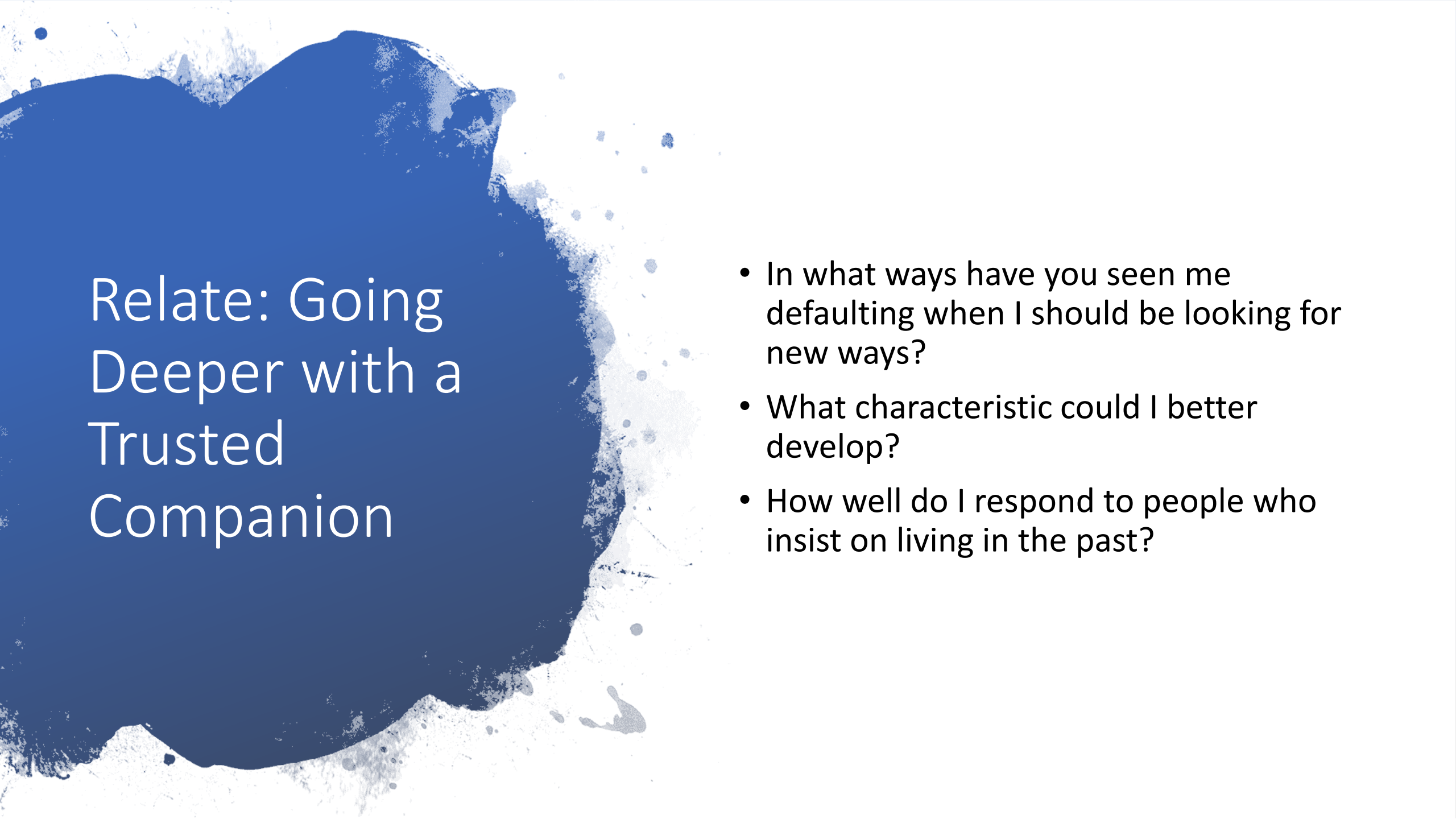
## Church

- Increased role of women in leadership roles in church
- More inclusive instead of divisive
- Church was dependent on women to get church stuff done
- Allow contemporary music, relaxed services
- Broader global religious world views and exposure to other faith systems
- Fewer baptisms/no baby boom/church is not the norm
- Divisions in Christianity
- Freedom to question/inquiring heart



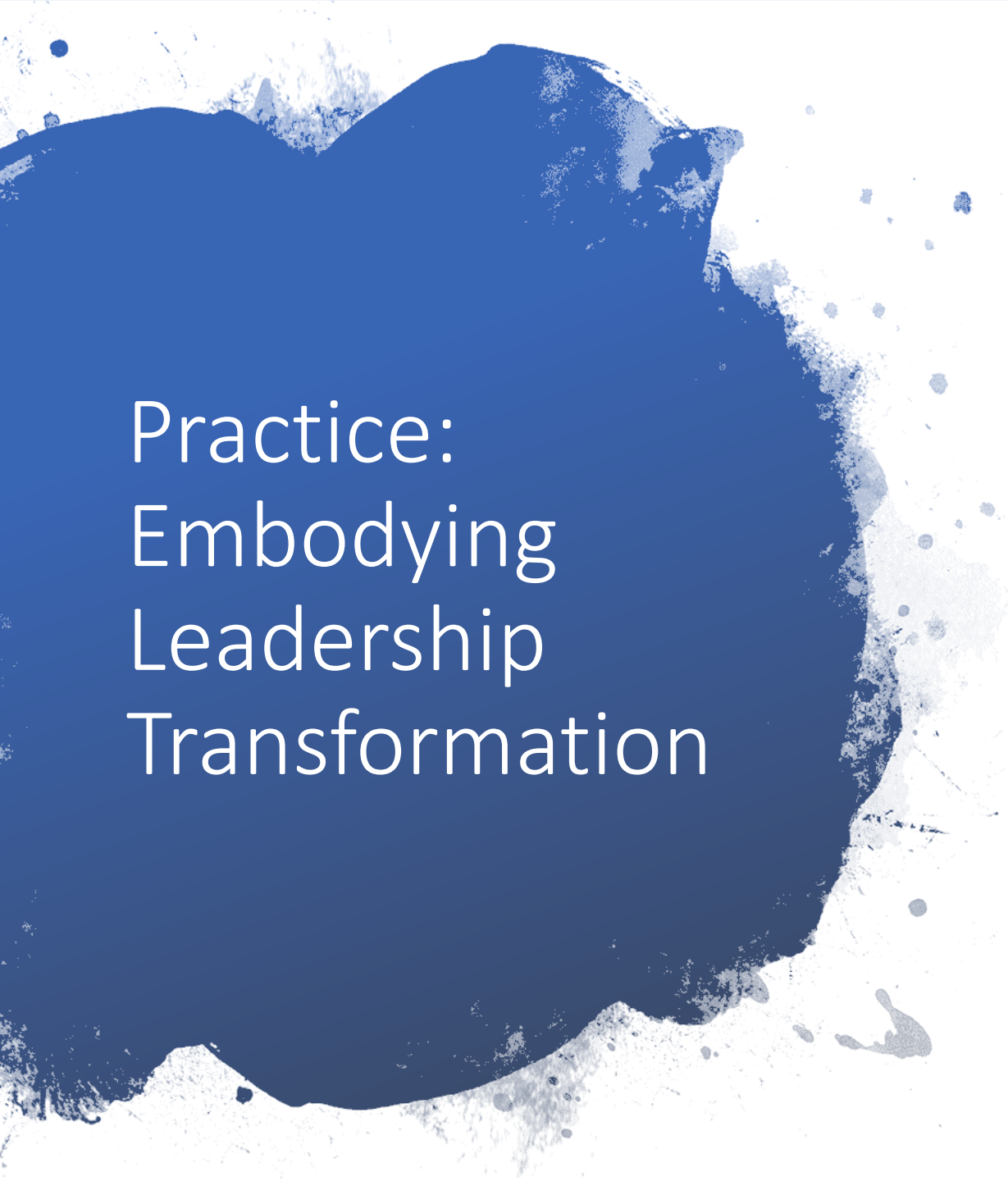
# Reflect

- What evokes strong reaction?
- What resonates?
- What challenges?
- In what ways have you been prepared to lead in this changing world? In what ways do you feel ill-equipped?



# Relate: Going Deeper with a Trusted Companion

- In what ways have you seen me defaulting when I should be looking for new ways?
- What characteristic could I better develop?
- How well do I respond to people who insist on living in the past?



# Practice: Embodying Leadership Transformation

- Seek voices or opinions dramatically different from your own. Listen with empathy & understanding, not to change their views.
- Take up a new hobby. Note how you experience being a learner.



# For Next Week

- Consider doing the exercise with a trusted companion
- Do the exercise on Embodying Leadership
- Read Chapters 4-6