

Creativity & Imagination

Living a Global Witness Ministry that Transcends ... Connectional Lay Organization

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Creativity and Imagination in the New Normal

Pandemic has forced us to make Innovative Change

**Used to be will
never be
again,**

**and what has
been will never
be the *SAME*.**

POT CHANGERS*



► Innovative Change

Innovative change is taking a principled tradition and enhancing it by merging an existing method with a newer, more effective approach to make the tradition more relevant and useful for the present culture and setting in which it currently exists. *Dr. J. Elvin Sadler, page 5

Don't throw away the recipe (tradition), there maybe an innovative way to cook the pot roast (implementation).

PROVEN
TRACK RECORD

RESET / REIMAGINE

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God is calling a remnant to **RESET**, but this is a calling not to go back, **but** a calling to Reevaluate - Rebuild – Review and **REIMAGINE** **Ministry** like never before.

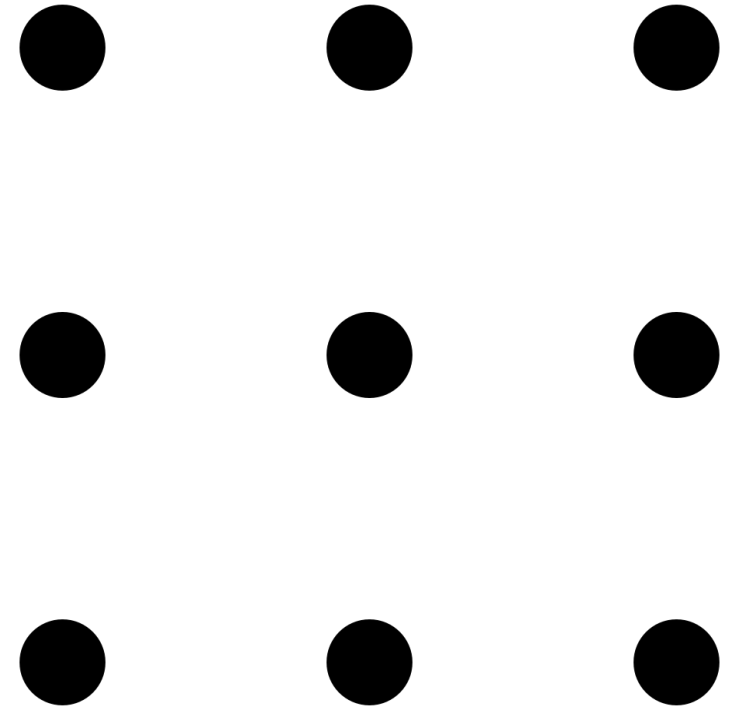
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Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

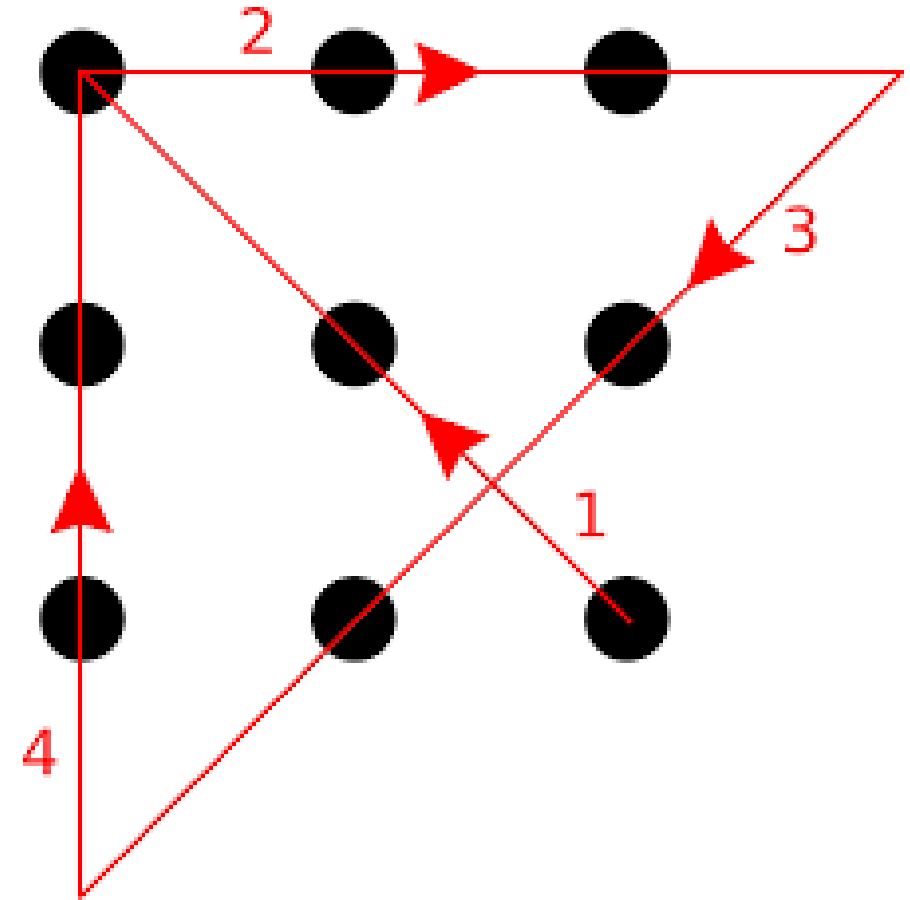
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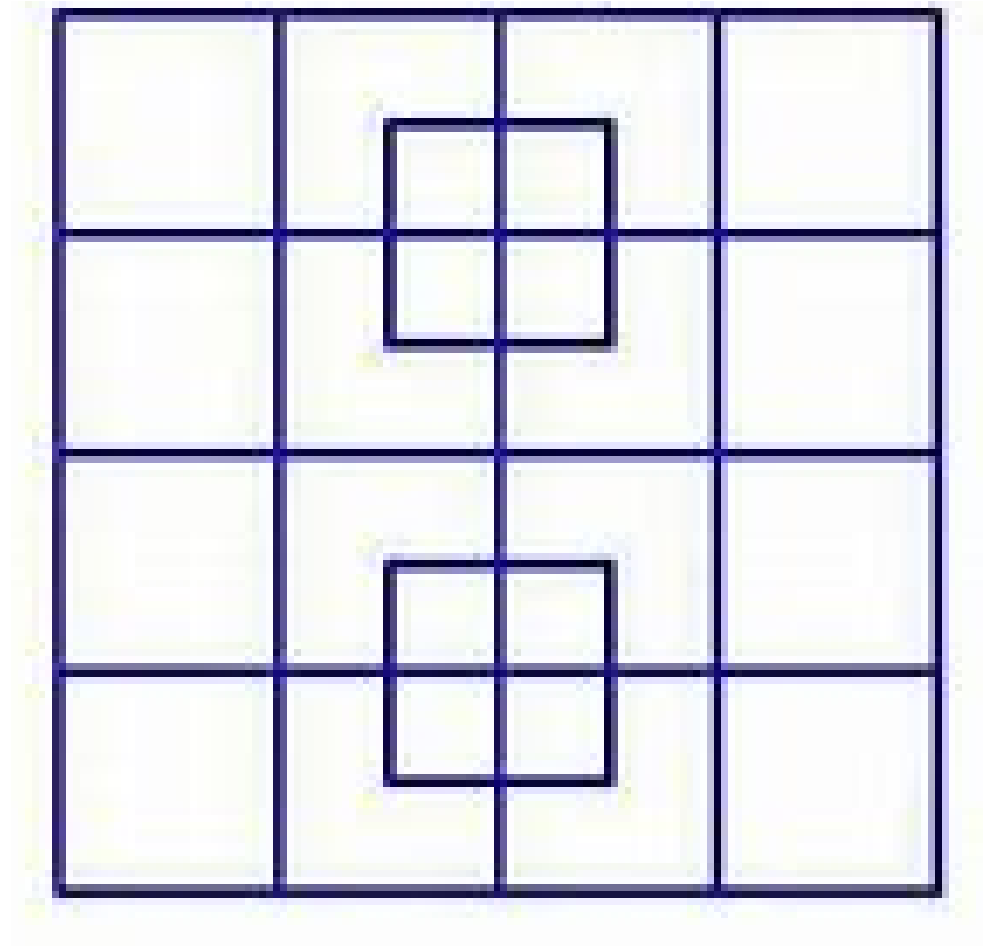
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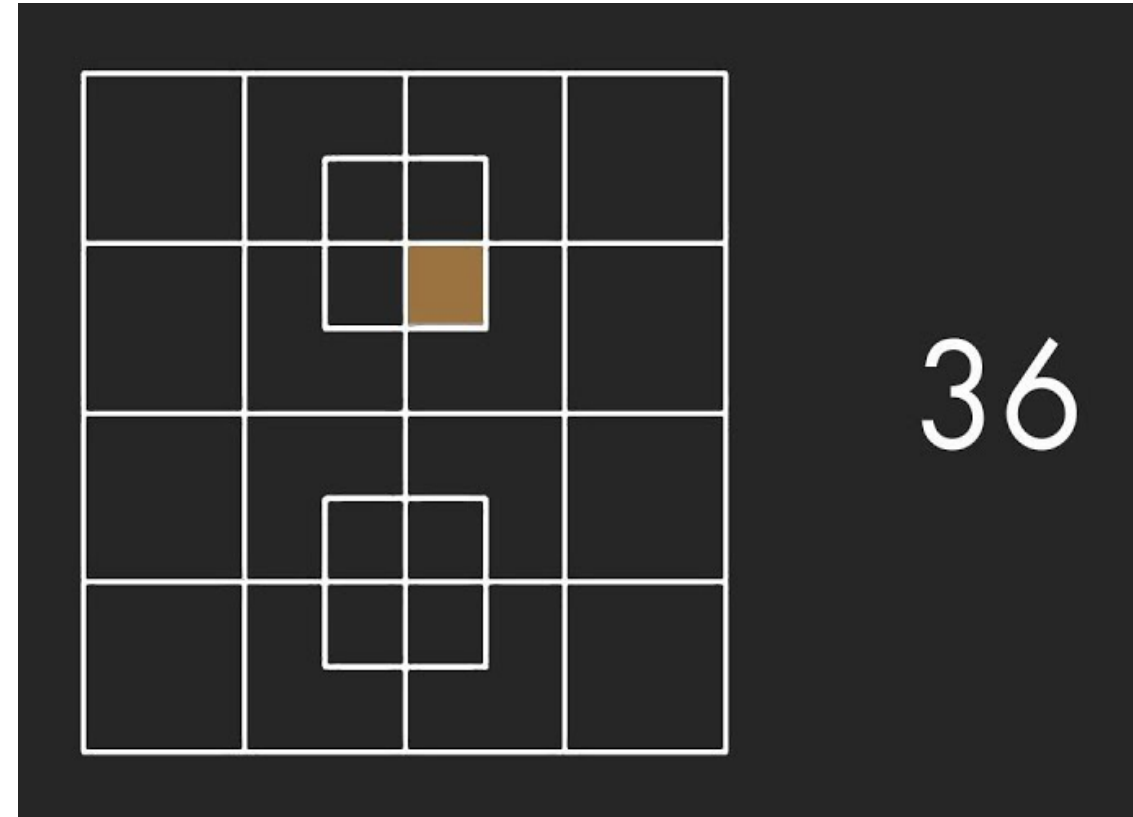
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How many squares can you count?



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Ministry in Teams

Mark 3:13-15

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴He appointed **twelve** that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and to have authority to drive out demons.



Ministry In Teams

A team is a group of people with **complimentary** and **diverse** skills, gifts, and strengths who are **committed** to furthering a common purpose, supporting one another, achieving the team's mission and holding one another **accountable**. (Growing Dynamic Teams)

Collaboration is essentially bringing **spiritual gifts** together to be used in ministry.

Keep Praying ... Keep Dreaming

Psalm 126:1-3

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who **dreamed**.

² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

If you keep praying, you'll keep dreaming, and conversely, if you keep dreaming, you'll keep praying. ...

The more you pray the bigger your dreams will become. And the bigger your dreams become the more you will have to pray.

Nothing honors God more than a big dream that is way beyond our ability to accomplish.

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