



Imaginable: How to see the future coming and feel ready for anything – even things that seem impossible today
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SUPER-EMPOWERED HOPEFUL MINISTRY Needs...

URGENT OPTIMISM

- The desire to act immediately to tackle an obstacle combined with the belief that there is reasonable hope of success.
- Gamers always believe that an epic win is possible, *AND* it is always worth trying and trying now.
- The urgent (now) intersects with optimism (real hope of success)

BLISS PRODUCTIVITY

- When gamers are playing the game, they are happier working hard at it than they are at relaxing or just hanging out.
- We are optimized as human beings to do hard and meaningful work.
- While we need relaxation, we also need hard and meaningful work.
- Gamers are willing to work hard if they are given the right work to.

SOCIAL FABRIC

- Gamers are virtuosos at weaving a tight social fabric...
- It takes a lot of trust to play a game with someone.



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- We trust that they will spend their time with us, play by the same rules, value the same goals, and stay with the game until it is over.
- Playing a game together builds bonds of trust and cooperation and the result is stronger social relationships.

EPIC MEANING

- Gamers love to be attached to awe inspiring missions.
- Gamers are moved by large-scale even human-planetary-scale stories.
- The desire for building an epic story and the thirst for knowledge is motivational.
- The thirst for whole-scale changing the world—even saving it.



CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do..**

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2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? **I do.**



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- 3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

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- 4. Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

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5. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit? **I will.**

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6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

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7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

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8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

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9. Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

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