

Choosing our Missional Experiment

MEG Process





Decision Making v's Discernment



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- God is not neutral about our mission or our choices
- God is self-disclosing
- The Holy Spirit is our ongoing guide
- Opening of spirit and attitude is required
- God's will is revealed in community

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Spiritual Discernment Process

- Framing the issue for discernment
- Grounding it in core values and guiding principles
- Shedding ego and biases
- Listening for the promptings of the spirit
- Exploring our options
- Weighing

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Spiritual Discernment Tools

- Consensus
- Prayer/silence
- Scripture
- Listening circles
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Story-Telling

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All invested parties

Two to Four Options





Spiritual Discernment





What can we learn from the waves?



Spiritual Discernment Questions

1. Converse with God about the options before us. What makes the choice difficult?
2. What would it feel like or look like for God to open the door on clarity?
3. Ask God to give you clarity on which option is best and list the insights you receive
4. Any other insights or comments?



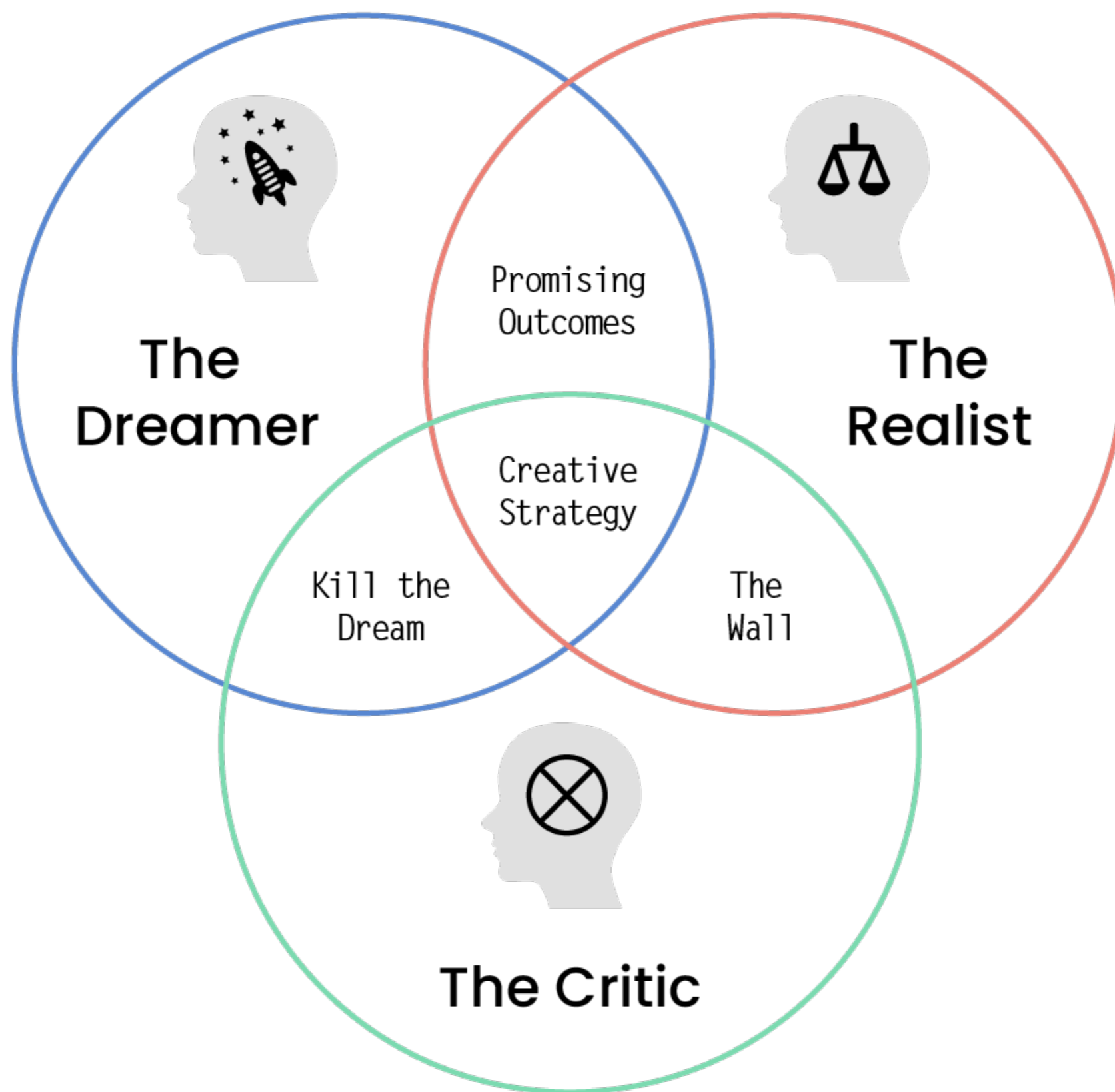
Whiteboard Learnings and Insights





Decision Making





The Disney Method



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