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Formission Resources

Coming Soon:

The Jesus I Never Knew: Jesus in the 4 Gospels

by Dr. Bradley T. Noel

Study guides and the complete video series will be available in January. Study guides will be available in booklet form and as a PDF. Keep checking online for additional resources at: formission.org

Recommended Reading by Reggie McNeal:

Get Off Your Donkey

Missional Communities

Practicing Greatness

A Work of Heart

Missional Renaissance



Available at RBBH

Regional Summits Feedback

Many of you submitted feedback, as requested, after the first three Formission Regional Summits. Thanks to all of you who attended. Your feedback has indicated that you found the Regional Summits both informative and rewarding. We are grateful for the many positive comments and encouragement we received; thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Here's what some of you had to say:

- *It was nice to have some space to ask questions and contemplate some of the major issues we are facing. I'm very grateful to have been able to attend!*
- *It was a great day. So wonderful to see the leadership of the PAONL being so transparent and honest.*
- *This is long overdue!! God bless you all.*
- *Excellent material and engaging speakers.*

Some felt that more time should have been given to talk about "next steps" in our efforts to reach our communities. That time will come. The focus of these Summits was, however, on our own health as pastors. This we must address before we move to other concerns. The immediate "next steps" the Commission has in mind may be found in the material we distributed at the Summits. Having taken the Discipleship Dynamics Assessment, we would ask that all of us consider the steps outlined in the materials relative to our results from the Assessment.

Assessment in Local Churches

Have you been wondering how to help your congregation and church ministries assess

10 SIGNS YOUR SHADOW IS UNDERMINING YOUR PREACHING:

1. You are overly concerned with people's approval and affirmation after you preach.
2. You exaggerate, spin, or tell half-truths from the pulpit for impact or to get laughs.
3. You preach about things you don't live.
4. You spend an excessive amount of time focusing on being clever, smart, and finding great illustrations rather than taking time to allow the biblical text to transform you.
5. You use the pulpit to inappropriately manipulate a particular response, failing to do the hard work of developing your speaking gifts.
6. You use the pulpit to indirectly address conflicts and tensions.
7. You think more about how you are doing rather than how the people are doing when you preach.
8. You are unaware of how your own triggers and history cause you to avoid or to overemphasize certain biblical themes (e.g. money and giving, sex, marriage, gifts of the Spirit, forgiveness, spiritual warfare).
9. You are often anxious or angry before you preach. (You fear failure or are frustrated/ impatient with others.)
10. You drop names of people you have met or of your accomplishments in your messages (in passing of course).

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themselves? It's important that we teach those whom we lead the importance of self-assessment. All Christians need to ask themselves, "Am I a healthy disciple?" and "Are there areas in my Christian life that need my attention so that I can grow?" Taking stock of our spiritual lives is the starting point for growth.

Here are some helpful ways to help people in your ministry take stock of their own spiritual health:

1. *Assessment tools, such as the Discipleship Dynamics Assessment, are invaluable.*
2. *Small groups lead people into deeper relationships, which can lead to greater spiritual awareness. Iron sharpens iron!*
3. *Preach and teach on the importance of self-assessment in spiritual growth.*
4. *Have your ministry teams assess their own departments to discover what is working and what is not working. Share with them the importance of doing this in their personal lives.*
5. *Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to reveal areas of weakness and to bring conviction in areas of sin.*

As we continually draw closer to christlikeness, we will naturally lead others to do the same!



Get ready for the **Formission ADVENTure**! We are challenging every PAONL church to find creative ways to serve their communities during the Christmas season and report back to us on their exciting initiatives! More information can be found online at formission.org and also in the Nov-Dec edition of Good Tidings!