



NT Evangelism Conference

"Practical Steps Every Congregation Can Take"



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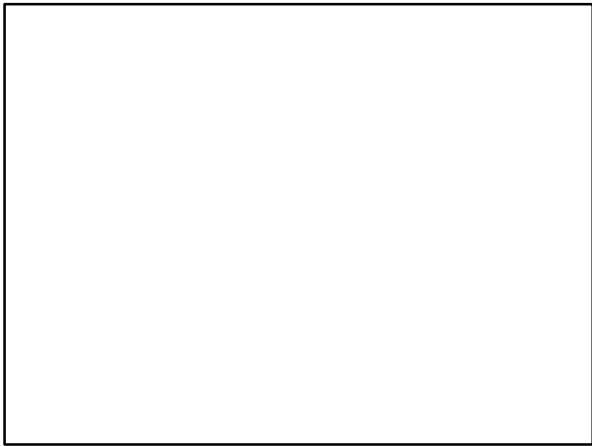
CLARIFICATION
DEAD HORSES = DEAD IDEAS
REFORMATION WHERE POSSIBLE
REPLANTING WHERE NECESSARY



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Recipe For Evangelism Success:

- Generate 10% growth within 60 days
- Generate 35.6% growth in 6 months
- Easy to do – does not require much change
- Click [HERE](#) to see the recipe





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There are no "silver bullets"
There are no quick solutions
We are planting an orchard, not tomato plants



God's Ways Work

Researching Marriages:
"What principles make a good marriage?"
1,000 Marriages
All Continents
All Major Countries

Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. — John 4:35



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God's Ways Work

What Would Research Discover?

Functional	<i>Dysfunctional</i>
Caring	Selfish
Honor/Respect	Trashing
Honesty	Lying/Deceit
Intimacy	Distant
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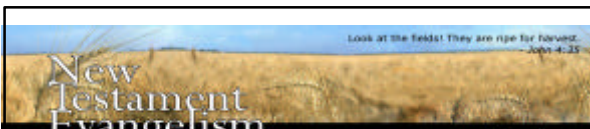
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Why Is God Any Different?

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Quality Churches Grow

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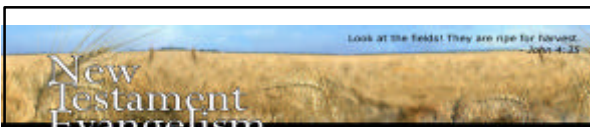
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Nasty Fact From Research

Almost every evangelism effort works in high quality churches

Almost every evangelism effort fails in low quality churches

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Nasty Fact From Research

There Is NO Substitute For Quality In Churches

People Like Being In a Healthy, Functional Environment



Nasty Fact From Research

Doctrine Doesn't Overcome Poor Quality

Matthew 23:1-4 ¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ²The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.



Nasty Fact From Research

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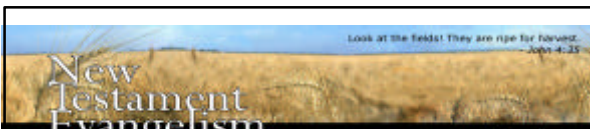
Matthew 23:15 ¹⁵Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, **you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.**



Nasty Fact From Research

Pure Doctrine Doesn't Overcome Poor Quality

Our Challenge: Truth AND Quality



Key Review

Luke 19:10

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."

¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."



Key Review

Luke 19:10

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SEEK – Active and outgoing effort

SAVE – Salvation



Key Review

Mark 4:26-29

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸**All by itself** the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."



Key Review

Eph 4:11-16

¹¹It was he who **gave some** to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²**to prepare God's people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."



Key Review

Eph 4:11-16

¹⁴Then we will **no longer be infants**, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



Key Review

Eph 4:11-16

The biblical role for MINISTERS is to **“¹²to prepare God's people for works of service,”**

THE BIBLICAL ROLE FOR THE LAITY (GOD'S PEOPLE) IS TO DO WORKS OF SERVICE – INCLUDING EVANGELISM



Key Review

Eph 4:11-16

- There are **ministers** – ordained to teach, preach and lead
- There are **ministries** – works of service performed by the laity – the people of God
- God wants MINISTERS to support the people of God's MINISTRIES



Priesthood of All Believers

- From the Protestant Reformation
 - Luther's attempt to reform the Catholic Church
 - Gross abuses by the priests
 - Calvin and others removing the priest from standing between the believer and Jesus Christ – He is our High Priest. He is our intercessor
- In the xCOG community of faith, ministers are not priests



Priesthood of All Believers

- In the xCOG community of faith, ministers are not priests – I reject the idea that there is a Priesthood of All Ministers with no ordained ministry as being unsupported by Scripture
- There IS an ordination into the ministry. There ARE responsibilities for elders to teach, preach and lead



Priesthood of All Believers

- I reject the concept of clergy seizing all authority and usurping the role of the laity to perform the works of service – ministries.
- Rather elders are to TRAIN them to perform the ministries to which they have been called and given spiritual gifts to perform.



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¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;" (NKJV)



Key Review

How can we be a better tool for Jesus to use in **SEEKING WHAT IS LOST?**



Key Review

Healthy Churches Grow:

- How do we accurately assess church health?
- How do we refine the vision, goals and strategies of a congregation?
- How do we measure and develop our essential values?
- How do we focus resources appropriately?
- How do we produce lasting health and growth?



Natural Church Development

- NCD is a framework to organize the growth and development of a congregation to become a more useful to for God to use in evangelism
- NCD provides diagnostic tools for congregations to measure the quality of their congregation and how it changes over time
- NCD identifies the areas of focus
- NCD research shows what kind of congregation repulses people and what kind of congregation helps people to “stick”



Natural Church Development

What Does NCD Do?

- It reminds us that **God brings the growth** and it is their role to partner with Him, not generate the growth themselves.
- It helps them focus on **principles not programs**.
- It provides a **regular accurate “snapshot”** of a church’s health.



Natural Church Development

What Does NCD Do?

- It outlines a **process for improving quality**.
- It helps leaders focus on **essential growth values**.
- It provides concrete input for **developing or refining vision**.
- It helps **direct limited resources** effectively.



Natural Church Development

NCD Is NOT:

- NCD is not a prescriptive "silver bullet" program guaranteeing church growth.
- NCD is not a substitute for spiritual leadership motivated to achieve healthy growth.



Natural Church Development

NCD Is NOT:

- NCD is not a substitute for the unique vision that God has for each church. Every church leader must seek God for that vision. NCD will, however, undergird, clarify and stimulate that vision.
- NCD does not bring unity where there is division. The Survey is most suited to churches with members united and committed to the ongoing life and healthy growth of the church.
- NCD is not a short term solution. Deciding to "try NCD this year" will miss the riches of exploring the paradigm.
