

HOW CHURCH WORKS CONFERENCE SERIES

OUTLINE OF *THE CENTURY CHURCH*

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No organization lasts forever. But *some* remain effective for decades. This seminar will outline the issues that shape long-term effectiveness and guidelines for creating it.

SECTION 1: DEFINING EFFECTIVENESS

- A. The Core of Effectiveness
- B. The Limits of Effectiveness
- C. Three Arenas for Faithfulness
- D. Understanding “Making Disciples”
- E. Understanding Disciple Training

SECTION 2: HOW CHURCHES GO OFF TRACK

- A. What Does God Want in a Church?
- B. Developing the Organization
- C. Typical Scenarios
- D. Surviving and Thriving
- E. External and Internal Success
- F. So What’s the Problem?

SECTION 3: GUIDING THE ORGANIZATION

- A. Key Organizational Problems
- B. The Church and Organization
- C. Curing Organizational Naivete
- D. Breaking Growth Barriers
- E. The Life Cycle Ageing Problem
- F. Excessive Diversity
- G. Strategy For Self-Renewal

SECTION 4: PASSING LEADERSHIP TESTS

- A. Select Qualified Leaders
- B. Understand Your Stewardship
- C. Watch For Declining Leaders
- D. Steer—Avoid Drift From...
- E. Use Effective Strategies

SECTION 5: COUNTERING SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

- A. Routine Problems for Christians
- B. The Enemy: Spiritual Forces of Evil
- C. Countering Satanic Strategies
- D. Two Other Enemies
- E. Leadership Cautions
- F. Grading Churches
- G. Seeing with the Eyes of Christ
- H. Summary

APPENDIX

- 1. How Church Works Conference Series Comprehensive Outline—2001 to 2008
- 2. Levels of Learning by Felt Need
- 3. Jesus' "Profile" of the Disciple He Wanted
- 4. What It Meant to be a Disciple of Jesus
- 5. The New Testament Program for Spiritual Growth
- 6. Character Development in Church
- 7. Instructional Tools
- 8. Systematic Evangelism
- 9. Evangelism and Growth: Systemic
- 10. What Went Wrong?
- 11. The Needs of People
- 12. Emphases that Shape Our Style
- 13. Hope Mission, Methods, & Values
- 14. Organization and Community
- 15. Defining the Local Church
- 16. Key Questions for Organizing Churches
- 17. Societal Forms and Church
- 18. The Fundamentals of Organization
- 19. How Leaders Embed Culture
- 20. Decision Making and Group Size
- 21. Leading the Stages of Change
- 22. The Adoption of Change
- 23. Tension Points in Ministry
- 24. Thinking Systems Overview
- 25. Layers of Systems
- 26. Battling the Enemies