

Table discussion on Missional Church Leadership

(#5 - Saturday afternoon)

Following the presentation of **Zack Ingles, Fresh Expressions**

Group One

Story telling

Putting new parishioners in the driver's seat.

Possibly have a child preach a sermon from time to time.

How do we make an impact – a lasting impact – on people?

Be courageous. Be daring. Make change and listen to the response.

Group Two

If you had a new church attendant choose what happens next Sunday you would

- Likely scare off the new person
- If they accepted, likely anger the regulars.
- It would be unrecognizable
- Likely make the person think the church is desperate
- Might have a different result if it's outside of the regular Sunday service

What is holding us back from putting those we minister to into the driver's seat?

- The people resist... "That's what the minister is there for!"

The job of a minister is to help encourage and guide people into discovering and performing their own ministries... what ever they may be; not to shove people into a ministry unprepared or untried.

Some concern that missional churches always seem to be centered on music ministry. What do non-musical church leaders and communities do?

Group Three

What compromises a fresh express in a church?

Example: double decker bus picks up youth – stop, do an exercise and take the youth back.

Example: Minor crime; have to do something about this. Built a skate park inside the building; worship in café area. The minor crime was reduced.

Example: Find ways to develop relationships with youth.

Example: A person opens up his/her home; invite people in and discuss ideas/circumstances develop positively.

Example: Empower people who have talent.

Example: There are people out there on rafts. We have to swim out to the raft to meet people where they are.

Example: We have to find individuals; meet people where they are.

Example: Take seniors on trips (several denominations together organize bus tours to point of interest).

Group Four

Intergeneration events not usually successful. If developing something different for one group it works best if restricted to that group. Eg. Messy Church on Saturday afternoon not on Sunday morning. Often immediate opposition to a new idea.

First timer liturgy

In traditional model highly disruptive so would result in opposition. People like the routine and do not like change. Do different things at new times.

If never been to church may not know what to do.

Perhaps the tradition members would be open to the change.

What is holding you back?

Clergy may be in conflict with bishop. The fear of letting go of control and not able to trust. Who do you trust? Mistrust learned from experience. The fear is still controlling and not letting go and allowing chaos to result. Often one lives up the trust you have placed in them.

Sometimes age makes it easier to give up control.

Have to be careful of someone deliberately being disruptive. A failure can have an impact on future attempts.

Missional leader as agitators.

We need to get away from the rules which can confine us.

Perhaps that new person in church is Jesus.

“We was always H’Anglicans.”

Group Six (Dream Team)

Q1) Thematic sermons – sermon series would probably not be seen as important as a new person will feel lost.

Passing of the peace might not stay?

Music may very well change.

The reception of communion – at altar, standing/kneeling, two or 4 hand out/administer to one another.

Use of real bread.

They might not want to change anything.

Its about the atmosphere most importantly..... welcoming, inclusive.

Q2) Trust – as perfectionist and learned it wont go the way it should

Fear

They will do better/be liked than us.

Letting go of control.

They don’t have the “right” to (from the established and well invested long time members).