**We Can’t Compete!   
Curing Competitiveness in Mission, Church, and Ministry**

Competitiveness is a major blind spot for people in Christian ministry. This session will explore the historical roots of competitiveness as a motivator in Western culture and its ubiquity in the contemporary world and Church. In light of Scripture, it will critique this pervasive value and suggest an alternative vision for grace-motivated cooperation.

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1. Reflection
   1. The drift in meanings
   2. Rating your success and competitiveness
2. Competitiveness – everywhere?
   1. Benefits of competition?
   2. Is competition the only way?
      1. How does life work?
      2. Sports – a parable of society?
   3. The genesis of competition
   4. A lesson from history?
3. Competitiveness and Christ
   1. Competitiveness in the church
   2. God’s vision for God’s people
   3. Curing competitiveness? (Mark 9:33-50)