

## **Entering the World of a Nonbeliever: Loving People and Sharing the Gospel**

Some people seem to live beyond the reach of our typical ministry efforts. We often try to create attractive activities or events that we hope are compelling enough to draw people to our setting, giving us a Gospel opportunity. However, the Incarnation may suggest we use a different paradigm to develop our strategies. This incarnational perspective will challenge us to penetrate the settings of others in such a way that it creates meaningful relationships, which in turn, leads to ministry impact. This session will provide a ministry model developed in the world of motor-sports which will stimulate innovative thinking and conversation.

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### I. Personal Development

- A. Life experiences
- B. Leadership responsibilities
- C. Formal training

### II. Structural Development

- A. Accountability sources
- B. Mentors
- C. Teammates

### III. Mission Development

- A. Marketplace knowledge
- B. Prayer & faith

C. Support systems

D. Motive clarification

IV. Obstacles to Fruitfulness

A. Fear

B. Isolation

C. Time

D. Personal inadequacies

V. Paths to Fruitfulness

A. Taking little initiatives

B. Praying and responding

C. Serving others

D. Conversing the faith

E. Partnering

F. Letting the Scriptures speak

G. Relational skill development