Why Does Missionary Work Fail?
How to do Transnational Ministry

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples of all nations. What strategies are most effective when we seek to serve Christ in a new place and culture? How do we establish effective and healthy cross-cultural partnerships? In this session, Sam Ko will share practical lessons learned from decades of transnational ministry experience in Europe.

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I.   **The Importance of Prayer in Transnational Ministry**

   A. Prayer is vital, not just individually but as a church together.

      1. At SaRang church, a committed group of 1200+ prayer warriors pray daily for our partners in Europe. This creates a sense of unity among the ministry leaders and the supporting church.

II.   **Serving Behind the Scenes**

   A. Encouraging the local churches from the side-lines, serving through prayer ministry, and facilitating support through sending financial help from time to time.

   B. Seeing the name of Christ exalted and not our own. We want the focus to be on Christ and his kingdom rather than on individuals.

   C. A colonial mindset has created some difficulty for missionaries around the world in recent times.

III.   Encouraging Local Leaders

      A. Encouraging and supporting local leaders and pastors to raise up indigenous disciples, leaders, and workers for the local churches

      B. Seeing local people empowered to reach their own people with the Gospel