

Challenges and Opportunities in Missional Leadership Building

With the recent significant growth in the number of missionaries and mission agencies in every corner of the world, it is critical that we grow and develop healthy missional leadership. God has gifted people from every society with gifts for the entire Church. Identifying the gifts Europeans bring to the table to bless others is an important first step. But we must go beyond that step to see how we can best use these gifts cross-culturally. In this session we integrate insights from contemporary intercultural communication with biblical truths to offer practical insights in cross-cultural mentoring and leadership development.

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I. Are we missing the proverbial boat? A look at leadership, culture, and gifting

II. Paradigms of leadership development: biblical values AND cultural realities

III. Building blocks: Leadership roles and functions in light of culture

IV. In whose image?

Suggested Readings:

- *Leading Across Cultures* (Plueddemann, IVP)
- *Effective Intercultural Communication: A Christian Perspective* (Moreau, Campbell and Greener, Baker)
- *Developing Indigenous Leaders* (DeNeui, ed., William Carey Library)
- *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* (Gladwell, Little, Brown and Company)