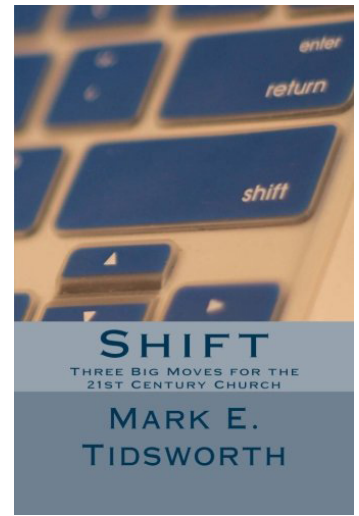




Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church

A Video Series with author Mark Tidsworth



Video 1: Contexting

Developmental Response Continuum is below:



Developmental Response Clusters

Cluster One: Abandonment, Overwhelmed Apathy, Denial, Hyper-Control, Conflict

Cluster Two: Trying Harder, Spiritualizing, Quality Improvement

Cluster Three: Letting Go, Purpose Seeking, Holy Experimenting, Proactive Adaptation

Questions:

Where would the majority of the disciples in your congregation cluster? In Clusters one, two, or three?

What then does this tell you about what the next developmental step for you as the leaders of this congregation may be?



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Video 2: Member Identity To Disciple Identity

I am a church member or I am a disciple of Jesus Christ

We are the members of this church or We are the disciples who gather as this church

This is a shift in identity; more toward our identity as God's own.

Question:

To help your congregation make this shift toward disciple identity, what actions might be helpful?

Video 3: Attractional Church to Missional Church

-God's mission is not to save your church, but to save the entire world.

-“It's not the church of God that has a mission, it's the God of mission who has a church”

There are people in your congregation who have already embraced this calling and are serving in their context in significant ways.

Questions:

How might you identify these stories, and then share them?

How else might you encourage missional engagement through your congregation?

Video 4: Consumer Church Culture to Sacred Partnering

“We exist to be an excellent provider of religious goods and services, resulting in contented members.”

-De facto mission statement of the Consumer Church

Driving question of Sacred Partnering church:

“What kind of faith community cultivates invigorated disciples of Jesus Christ who join God on mission in the world?”

Questions:

If your congregation decided to form itself to answer this driving question, what might it start doing and what might it stop doing?

What would the disciples in your congregation need from each other in order to live this way?