



Amplify Conference 2024

Featured Breakout

Leading Your Church to Mission

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All the forces of hell and human frailty work against the mission of Jesus. It will not "just happen." This is why our Savior said, "Go!" "Make!" Baptize!" "Teach!" And this is why we need our Lord with us every step of the way. If we are going to see a lasting movement of discipleship that leads believers on mission with the Savior, it will mean that we, "Deny self!" "Die daily!" And, "Follow faithfully!"

I don't know how that sounds to you, but that sounds really hard to me.

Five examples of creating a culture of sustained mission for the glory of Jesus:

1. Self-Leadership and the Law of Love!

- **A Biblical truth:** If our love dies, so does our vision. If we are going to lead a church on the mission of Jesus, it will mean loving God, the Church, and the lost with ever-increasing passion. This demands relentless soul care and growth in holiness. **Biblical Text:** Matthew 22:34-40 and Psalm 139
Ministry Resource (Book): *Leadership from the Inside Out*
- **A real-life example:** Words from a local church leader...
- **A practical challenge:** Tend your soul and check your love levels on a regular basis (and do this in community)

2. Leading Your Board (and Other Volunteer Leaders) on Mission.

- **A Biblical truth:** Jesus' last words should be our first priority! We need to relentlessly infuse spiritual growth that leads to evangelism in every ministry and person in the local church. **Biblical Text:** [Matthew 28:16-20](#)
Free Web Resources: [OrganicOutreach.org](#)
- **A real-life example:** Words from a local church board member...
- **A practical challenge:** Infuse spiritual growth around outreach every 30 days until Jesus returns.
 - o Inspiration
 - o Accountability
 - o Learning
 - o Planning

Three free 5-7 year curriculum options: **The Full Meal:** 1.5 hours;
A Cup of Coffee: 30 minutes; **A Shot of Espresso:** 15 minutes

3. Leading Your Staff on a Mission of Discipleship and Evangelism.

- **A Biblical truth:** Understand and expect four generations of discipleship. Every believer needs people who are investing in their spiritual life. They also need to be stewards of their own growth in faith and mission. Then, every believer should be investing in the spiritual growth of the next generation of believers who will be equipped to do the same!
Biblical Text: [2 Timothy 2:2](#)
Ministry Resource (Book): [Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus](#)

- ***A real-life example:*** Words from a practitioner and leader...
- ***A practical challenge:*** Start with you! Model a 2-2-2 Lifestyle and teach your key leaders to do the same.

4. Leading a Church on a Mission of Culture Change.

- ***A Biblical truth:*** Keep evangelism on the front burner of your local church ministry (on every level) until Jesus returns or brings you home.
Biblical Text: Matthew 9:35-38
Ministry Resource (Book): *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People: Sharing Good News Naturally*
- ***A real-life example:*** Words from a leader in a multicultural and relentlessly evangelist church in the LA area...
- ***A practical challenge:*** Don't let evangelism be a fad, "ministry emphasis," or an afterthought. Instead, make it central in every part of your ministry.

5. Keeping Mission in Mind in Times of Ministry Transition.

- ***A Biblical truth:*** Times of change and transition
Biblical Text: The Book of Judges...see the cycle
Ministry Resource (Book): *Organic Outreach for Churches: Infusing Evangelistic Passion in Your Local Congregation*

- **A real-life example:** Words from a ministry couple in Wellington NZ...
- **A practical challenge:** Recognize and prepare for off-ramps and roadblocks to staying focused on the mission of the church.
 - o Leadership transitions
 - o Financial challenges
 - o Busy ministry seasons
 - o More...

RESOURCES TO GO DEEPER:

Books:

- *Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus*
- *Organic Outreach for Churches: Infusing Evangelistic Passion into Your Local Congregation*
- *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People: Sharing Good News Naturally*
- *Organic Outreach for Families: Turning Your Home into a Lighthouse*
- *Organic Prayer: Discover the Presence and Power of God in the Everyday*
- *Leadership from the Inside Out: Examining the Inner Life of a Healthy Church Leader*

Online Resources:

- Monthly Outreach Infusions (register on the OOI website: OrganicOutreach.Org)
- Church Infusion Resources ([Full meal](#), [Cup of Coffee](#), and [Shot of Espresso](#) agendas)
- Pathways
- Free coaching: OrganicOutreach.org/contact-us

