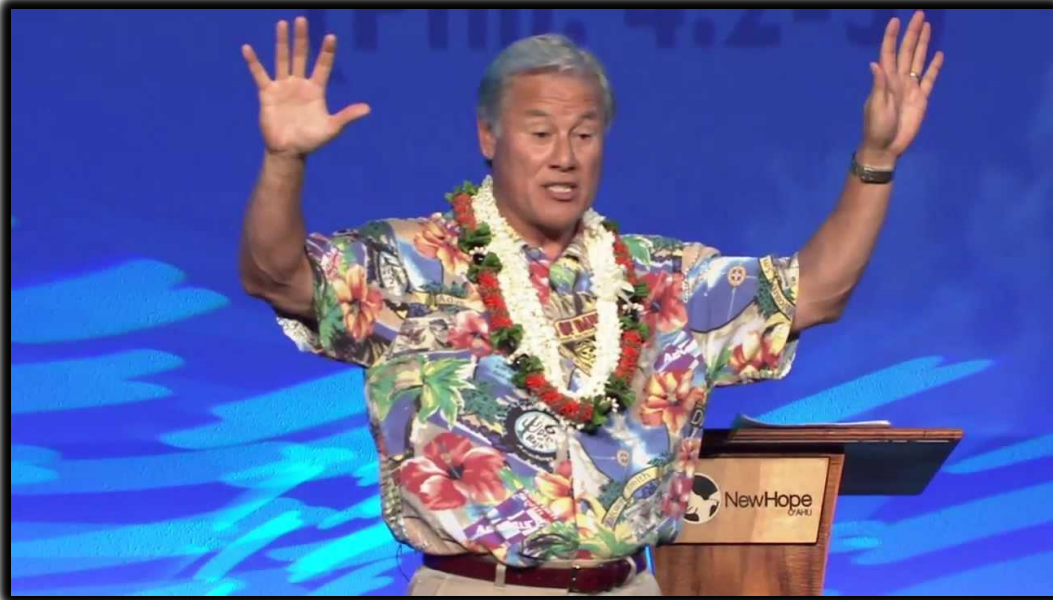


Finding the Keys to Unlock The Harvest In Your City

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Some years ago I attended an evangelism conference with Pastor Wayne Cordeiro. In that conference Wayne shared that he began his church by asking God to show him the “Keys” to unlock the doors to the Harvest to reach his city.

Wayne’s “keys” were unique to his city (Honolulu) and his own ministry. As you pray for the keys to your region God will show you the keys that are unique to you and your context.



Finding The Keys to Unlock The Harvest in Your City

Pray for insight and understanding
of the spiritual culture of your city and
ask God to give you the Keys to
Reaching The Lost.

“Familiarity Breeds Contempt”

Be Aware of Blind Spots!

It's not uncommon for local ministers to make assumptions
about their ministry area but not really understand it.

Seek God's Calling for a Specific Region



Completely Understand Your Region!

The Mind Numbing Reality of Planting Churches in Portland, Oregon

The Portland metro area is the most religiously unaffiliated city in the United States, with 42 percent of residents identifying as atheist, agnostic or no religion in particular.

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20% or less regular church attendance

Limited Pool of Potential Christian Leaders to Help Plant a New Church

Post Christian Culture:
Suspicion of Institutional Religion and Hostility & Indifference



Portland is Spiritually Fragmented by Regions (E, SE, N, Inner Neighborhoods, S, SW, W, Outer Rim)



**Portland is Spiritually Divided by “Psycho Barriers”
(psycho barriers are invisible impediments that people tend not to cross in
deciding where they will participate in a church**

In an ever dwindling pool of Portland “church goers”, *Convergent Churches* (Spirit, Word, Sacrament) are not appealing to most Church Shoppers. I can’t compete with attractional churches to reach them, even if I wanted to...

Spirit



Word



Sacrament



NO THANKS

This may not be true for your area. Some areas may have a significant number of Christians who would be very interested in Convergent churches: Evangelical, Charismatic, and Sacramental.

Who Can I Reach –vs- Who Do I Want to Reach?

Many Church planters “target” young families and, demographically speaking, it makes a lot of sense. However, there may be other demographic groups that are more reachable. For example, baby boomers are flocking to retirement communities and they may be very reachable in your area.

Be certain you are focusing on who you CAN reach,
rather than who you think would be cool to reach.



What are Your Conclusions for How to Plant a Church in Your Region? Below are my conclusions:

I must focus on reaching the non-churched; rather than church shoppers.

Since my church will not attract church shoppers I do not need an attractional church strategy.

I must build a core group from the ground up: Reaching the non-churched and training new leaders.

Since the Portland metroplex is spiritually fragmented with psycho barriers I must initially focus on one area.

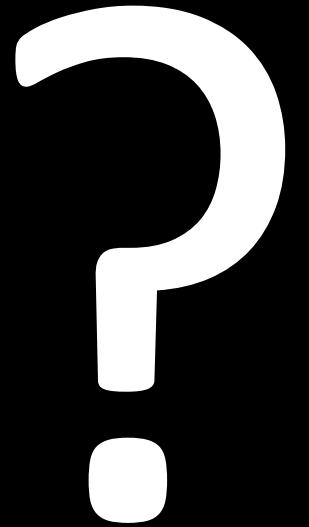
Focusing on house church planting and the Abbey Church model appears to be the best strategy for ministering in my region.

Huge Question: “Am I able and willing to be co-vocational and self supporting?”

Pray for the Keys to Your City!



**What Are The Keys to
Unlocking the Doors to The
Harvest in the People and
Places I am Called to Reach?**



The Key of Hospitality

Opening our lives and homes to people and sacramentally sharing the life of Christ that is alive in us



Felt Need: Relationships, Friends, Family

Spiritual Need: Belonging in Jesus' Family: The Church

The Key of Spiritual Family & Spiritual Community



Many millennials are technologically & socially isolated and lonely. Many grew up as spiritual orphans and long for spiritual father's, mother's, sisters, and brothers.

Our Neighborhoods are walled off by the enemy from the Kingdom Community of God.

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Spiritual Need: Belonging in Jesus' Family: The Church

The Key of Christian Spirituality

Millennials are not generally interested in Church, but they are interested in Christian Spirituality. Unpacking the contemplative and mystical tradition of our Christian faith can help revitalize and reinterest young adults who are hungry to encounter God.

Spiritual Formation

Our Journey with Christ

The Mystery of our Faith

Interactive Seminars on Practicing
Christian Spirituality

The Story of God's Plan of Salvation

Continuing Experiences of God's Love

Felt Need:
Experience
with God

Spiritual Need: Awakening to the Grace and Love of Jesus



The Key of Ancient – Contemporary Worship

Ancient Worship with a Contemporary Edge

Litanies

*“Lord, make me an
instrument of your
peace!”*

Candles

Praise & Worship

Communion

Contemporized Hymns

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas

Participatory Worship!

Multimedia

ALTAR

Crosses

Felt Need: Spiritually Connective Worship Using
Music, Mystery, Sign, & Symbol

Spiritual Need: Holistically Worshipping The Triune God

The Key of Supernatural Experience through the presence, power, and gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Post-Christian spiritual culture of our day much more resembles the 1st century context than the 20th century context. Religious eclecticism, occult practices, paganism, and practical agnosticism calls us to repack Paul's signs and wonders ministry as means of proclaiming the Gospel (Ro. 15:19)

A Gospel without accompanying power is largely unnoticed in our spiritual cultural context.

Tangible
manifestations of the
Holy Spirit
Romans 15:19

Spirit Filled
Evangelism

Nine Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Radical Transformation

Receiving and Abiding
in the Intimate Love of God

Passionate
Worship

Healing,
Deliverance,

Other Keys to Pray About?

Key People?

Business People?

Pastors?

Educators?

Professionals?

Coaches?

Gov't Officials?

Key Institutions?

Schools?

Colleges &

Universities?

Clubs?

Guilds?

Unions?

Sports Leagues?

Ask God to Give You The Keys to The Harvest in Your City!