

LESSONS FROM THE GLOBAL CHURCH: RENEWING MISSION, COMMUNITY, & DISCIPLESHIP



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LEARNING FROM MAJORITY WORLD CHRISTIANS

The Changing Distribution of Christian Believers (number of Christians in millions, in 1900, 1970, 2010, and 2050):³

	<i>1900</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2050</i>
Africa	10	143	493	1,031
Asia	22	96	352	601
North America	79	211	286	333
Latin America	62	270	544	655
Europe	381	492	588	530
Oceania	5	18	28	38
TOTAL	<i>559</i>	<i>1,230</i>	<i>2,291</i>	<i>3,188</i>

- Majority World (Developing World) Christians
- Indigenous, Aboriginal, & First Nations Christians
- Diaspora (Immigrant) Christians

TAKE-AWAYS: WHAT DO WE LEARN?

What can Western Christians learn from the global church today? Here are 13 key things:

1. Growing churches emphasise *mission and evangelism*
2. Renewed churches emphasise *the Holy Spirit and renewal*
3. Spiritual churches emphasise *prayer and community*
4. Multiplying churches emphasise *intentional church planting*
5. Confident churches emphasise *biblical power and authority*
6. Effective churches emphasise *local leadership*

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7. Inspiring churches emphasise the ***“Priesthood of all Believers”***
8. Prophetic churches emphasise ***justice and human dignity***
9. Expanding churches emphasise ***simple, cell, and house models***
10. Reproducing churches emphasise ***churches planting churches***
11. Healthy churches emphasise ***rapid reproduction***
12. Impacting churches emphasise ***whole-of-life faith and mission***
13. Maturing churches emphasise ***contextual theology, faith and mission***

PRACTICES: WHAT CAN WE DO?

10 practices we discover from the global church:

- 1. REIMAGINE CHURCH: THE FIRST PRACTICE:** Reimagine the church as the new humanity in Jesus Christ.
- 2. RENEW LAMENT: THE SECOND PRACTICE:** Renew our ability to lament together.
- 3. REPENT TOGETHER: THE THIRD PRACTICE:** Repent of white cultural captivity, and racial and gender injustice, and of our complicity.

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- 4. RELINQUISH POWER: THE FOURTH PRACTICE:** Relinquish (give up) our own righteousness, status, privilege, selfish ambition, self-interests, vain conceit, personal gain, and power.
- 5. RESTORE JUSTICE: THE FIFTH PRACTICE:** Restore justice to those who have been denied justice.
- 6. RELISH DIVERSITY: THE SIXTH PRACTICE:** Relish diversity (choosing to be a people of every nation, tribe, people, and tongue), while cultivating unity in diversity.
- 7. REINFORCE AGENCY: THE SEVENTH PRACTICE:** Reinforce agency, which is people's ability to make free, independent, and unfettered actions and choices.

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8. RECONCILE RELATIONSHIPS: THE EIGHTH PRACTICE:

Reconcile through repentance, forgiveness, justice, partnership, and relationship.

9. RECOVER LIFE TOGETHER: THE NINTH PRACTICE: Recover life together as a transformed community that lives out the vision of the Sermon on the Mount.

10. REVITALIZE CHURCH AND MISSION: THE TENTH PRACTICE: Revitalize church and mission through new, life-giving, transforming practices.

GLOCALIZATION: THE LOCAL IN THE GLOBAL – THE GLOBAL IN THE LOCAL

1. What is glocalization?
2. How do the local and global enrich each other?
3. How do we hear historically silenced voices?
4. How do we practice global-local faith?

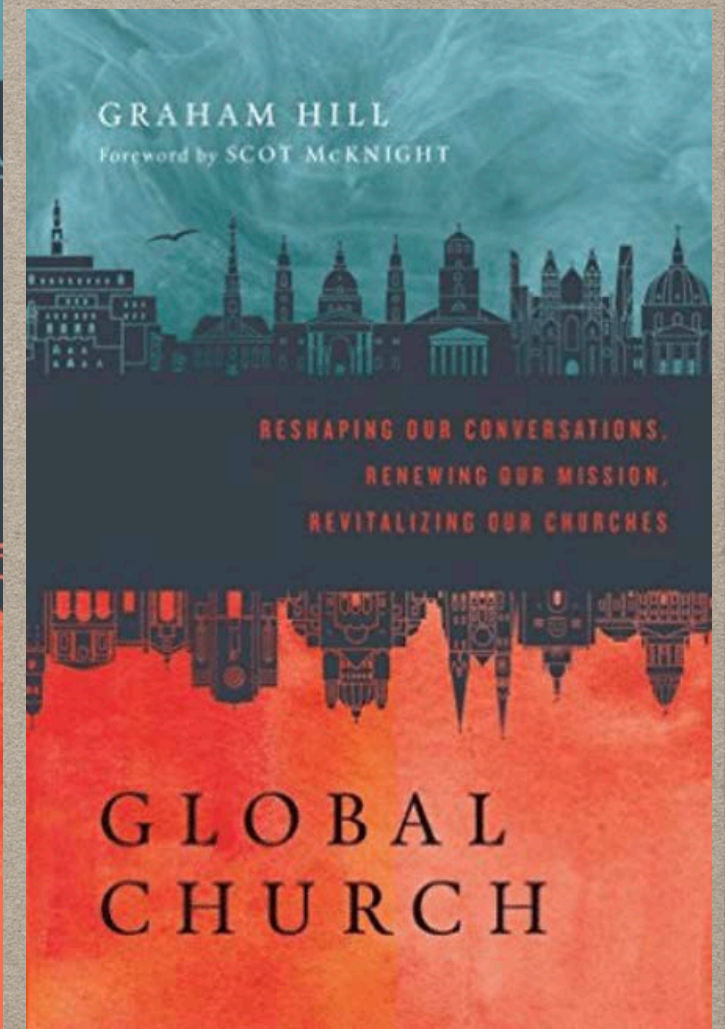


Values # Humility & openness
Expansiveness # Conversion
Attention # Embrace
Discernment # Conversation

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you about the growth of the church in the Majority World and among diaspora communities?
- What lessons do Majority World church planting movements have for us in the West?
- Which defining feature of Majority World Christianity stood out to you, and why?
- Which take-away do you want to explore further, and why?
- How do you see the global and local enriching each other in your church and neighbourhood?

WANT TO LEARN MORE?



A BENEDICTION & A PRAYER

