

# The Future of Church Mission and Leadership

*with Josh Laxton and Daniel Yang*

Understanding the levels of shifts in missional formation and how pastors and church leaders can lead their people as we re-emerge to renew.

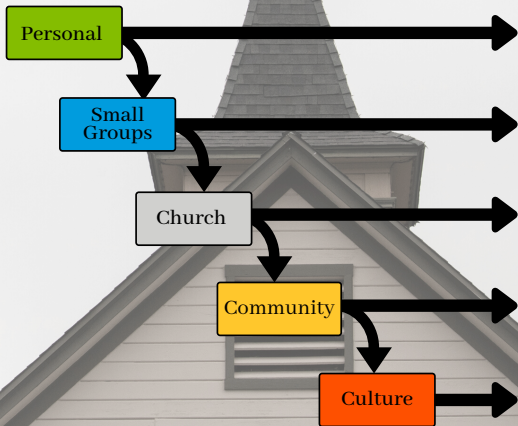


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Far from independent, church leaders need to recognize how each level is simultaneously a force for mission and feeds into the missional effectiveness of subsequent levels.

As a result, churches need to pay attention to shifts in the context and method of each level to equip their people to be a missionally effective organization.



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Personal



*1) My missional effectiveness in the world begins with my faithful presence to God.*

2) Providing a biblical worldview (framework) for my family rather than just teaching my family biblical truths. In previous generation we just gave them the “Thou shalls and the thou shall nots. We have to move one step beyond that and give them the story of the WHY we Shalls and the WHY we shall Nots

3) How you shepherd your family is really how you shepherd your church



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*From family and mission to family on mission.  
Instead of providing streaming services for families to  
observe, we can prepare families to better minister to  
those around them.*

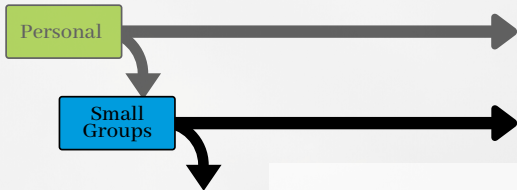
Practice: Use the Spring to develop family worship  
content or provide books. Teach family prayer walks.



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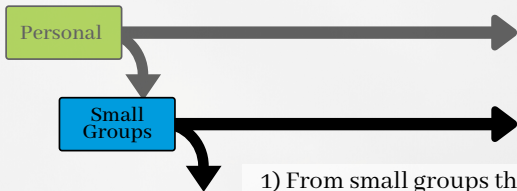
- 1) *We need to become a church of small groups rather than a church that has small groups.*
- 2) We need to shift from a one-size-fits-all small group model to an organic one.
  - a) Alpha Groups (exploratory)
  - b) Missional Groups
  - c) Community Groups



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- 1) From small groups that support the vision of the large gathering to the large gathering that supports the vision of the small groups.
- 2) From assimilation to missional discovery and belonging.

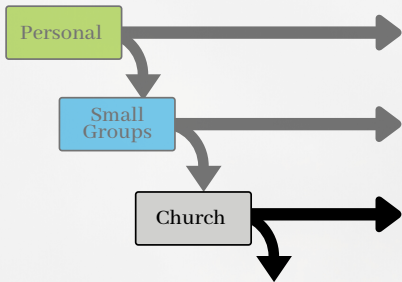
**Practice:** Use the Spring to invest in your small group leaders before you release them to gather this Summer. Do small missional engagement projects with your small group leaders to teach them to do more than just host a homegroup.



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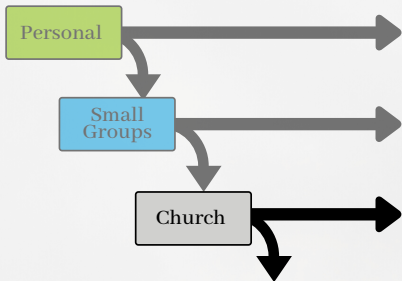
- 1) In an over saturated world, shift from content creators to coaching experts (coaches focus on equipping the players)
- 2) In a isolated world, shift from a focus on the internal uses of online tools to external one; emphasize the missional element of online tools.
- 3) In a secularizing world, shift from being mono-lingual—only being able to Christianese—to being bi-lingual, being able to talk Gentile.
- 4) In a market driven world, shift from metrics of attendance and clicks to transformation and fruit.
- 5) In a financial unstable world, shift from burying to multiplying your talents (Matt 25) by leveraging facilities and staff.
- 6) In a digital world, shift from staffing for an analog church to positions that address the needs for online expertise and innovation



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- 1) From Sunday services as the primary place of ministry to putting it in the proper context of a bigger ecosystem of other ministries.
- 2) Change of staffing job descriptions and skillsets.
- 3) A more balanced approach to team development.

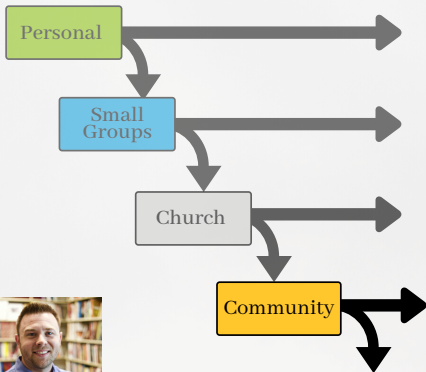
**Practice:** Use your online services to mobilize; Even after you begin meeting in person, continue to create post-service videos to mobilize.



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1) Engage your community socially (ministries of mercy —partner with or create organizations; counseling centers; abuse centers; housing centers...)

2) Engage your community culturally (help local businesses, leverage your property to rent out or lease to a business or organization; use your commercial kitchens for an incubator business; create a business— lawn care, tele-community for senior... etc.)

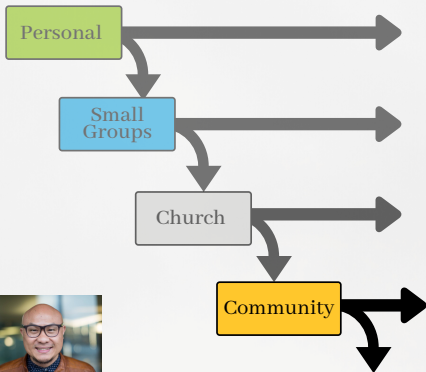
3) Engage your community digitally (what kind of content and conversation are you creating for the community at large?)



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1) From asking how is my church doing to how is my community doing.

2) Strive to portray non-partisan civic engagement as ministry.

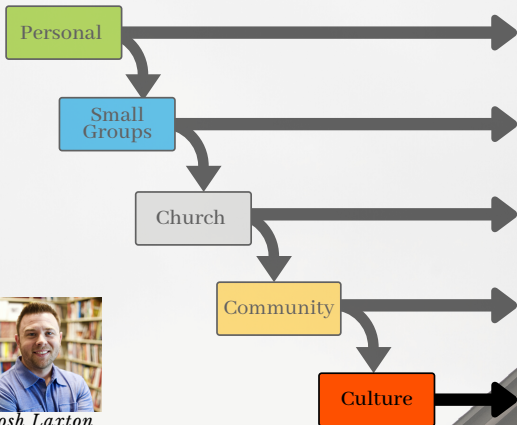
Practice: As a pastor, spend a day, or at least a few hours a week helping some non-ministry entity re-open.



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1) Shift from entangling ourselves in cultural affairs, we need to engage our culture for the common good. (Third Way People; Avoid the political toxicity; Seek the good of others)

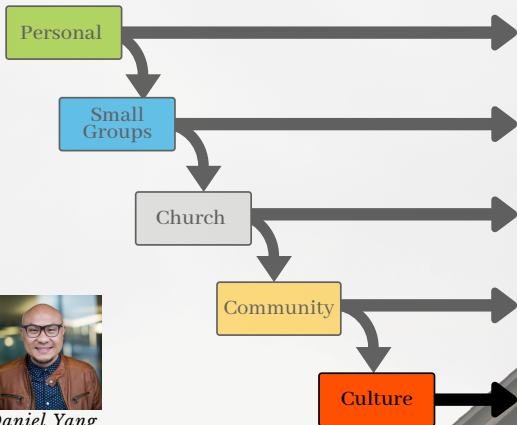
2) Shift from engaging the culture wars to modelling winsome engagement across the battle-lines within their congregations and communities.



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1) Shift from maintaining systems and structures that preserve tradition to developing systems and structures to engage and create culture.

Practice: Church planters need to be trained to think like community developers and organizers.



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