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GoStrategic: Founded in 1979 by Dennis Peacocke who serves as President, GoStrategic is a prophetic ministry committed to training and equipping leaders of every cultural sphere in discipling nations and transforming the world. GoStrategic operates internationally, educating Christians through our Business Leadership School and Strategic Life Training correspondence schools, events, educational products, networking, and consulting services. Our ministry headquarters are based in Santa Rosa, California, with affiliates and schools in Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and New Zealand.

GoStrategic equips believers to be leaders in the communities where they live, work, and serve. We specialize in bridging the gap between spiritual truth and the practical implementation of those truths in confronting real-world problems. With over three decades of experience educating, modeling, and connecting like-minded individuals, we have seen first-hand the fruit of Christians applying Biblical principles to the most complex challenges. It is our sincere hope that the services we provide result in thousands of communities transformed as believers step in to rebuild, repair, and restore our world. To learn more, please visit our website: www.gostrategic.org



The Business Leadership School (BLS) began in 1996 with the mission of training businesspersons how to build businesses God's way. The school is a two-year correspondence course based on biblical principles of economics and business practice, and the inherent concept that deeper learning follows effective service to others. BLS provides a sharply-defined perspective for how biblical truth impacts marketplace thinking and practice, and produces transformation in participants' lives and businesses. BLS is currently operating in the US, Mexico, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, Asia, and Central America. To learn more, please visit our website: www.businessleadershipschool.org



Strategic Life Training (SLT) began in the home of Dennis Peacocke in the 1980's with a vision to equip his children with tools that would help prepare them to be leaders in their generation. In 1991, this family exercise became what is now—called Strategic Life Training—and has developed into a course that has touched lives in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and all over Europe, and serves to develop emerging leaders of all ages.

The school is a two-year correspondence program designed to set a course for leaders, both current and emerging, by equipping them to think biblically, challenging them to live strategically, and providing insights for leading effectively. Strategic Life Training has proven itself an invaluable tool for those who believe God has called them for a purpose and want to identify and be trained to fulfill it. If you would like more information on how you can participate in this vision, please visit the SLT website: www.strategiclifetraining.com



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as-usual to help our communities and nations thrive out of these crises. Freedom, sustainable prosperity, and justice are the legitimate goals of all nations and people groups. Elusive as these goals may be, the only pathway to them is clear, long-term strategic thinking undergirded by a genuine ethic of "loving our neighbors as we love ourselves." We are committed to finding those who believe these simple truths and seek to address and redress their absence in a modern world. For info or to listen to Statesmen podcasts, please visit: www.thestatesmenproject.org



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Thursday, March 30th	Friday, March 31st	Saturday, April 1st
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	10:15 am Discussion Groups	10:15 am Discussion Groups
	11:10 am BREAK	11:10 am BREAK
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	12:30 pm LUNCH BREAK (on your own)	12:30 pm LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
	2:00 pm JOINT WORKSHOP BLS & SLT: Adam Peacocke: <i>Strategic Thinking</i> Statesmen Breakout	2:00 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 6 Adam Peacocke: <i>How Does the Church Prepare to Be Relevant in This Hour?</i>
	3:00-7:00 pm FREE TIME UNTIL EVENING SESSION (Dinner on your own)	3:00 pm BREAK
		3:10 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 7 Closing: Prayer with Discussion Groups & Communion
6:00-6:45 pm WELCOME RECEPTION & DISCUSSION GROUP INTROS		4:00 pm MAIN EVENT CONCLUDES
		4:20 pm BLS & SLT Orientations
7:00 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 1 Dennis Peacocke: <i>Is This Chaos the Beginning of the Next Reformation?</i>	7:00 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 4 Ron Coverson: <i>How to Communicate Truth Effectively in a Postmodern World</i>	6:00 pm (Tickets Required) School Banquet and Graduation
8:15 pm - BREAK	8:15 pm BREAK	8:00 pm - BANQUET CONCLUDES
8:30 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 2 Dr. Lance Wallnau: <i>How Political-Social Movements are Created</i>	8:30 pm WORKSHOPS BLS: Ken Negvesky: <i>Advancing the Kingdom of God as a Business Leader</i> SLT: Adam Peacocke: <i>The Mind Justifies What Heart Has Chosen</i> Statesmen Breakout	
9:30 pm CLOSE	9:30 pm CLOSE	

HOTEL LAYOUT & MEETING LOCATIONS

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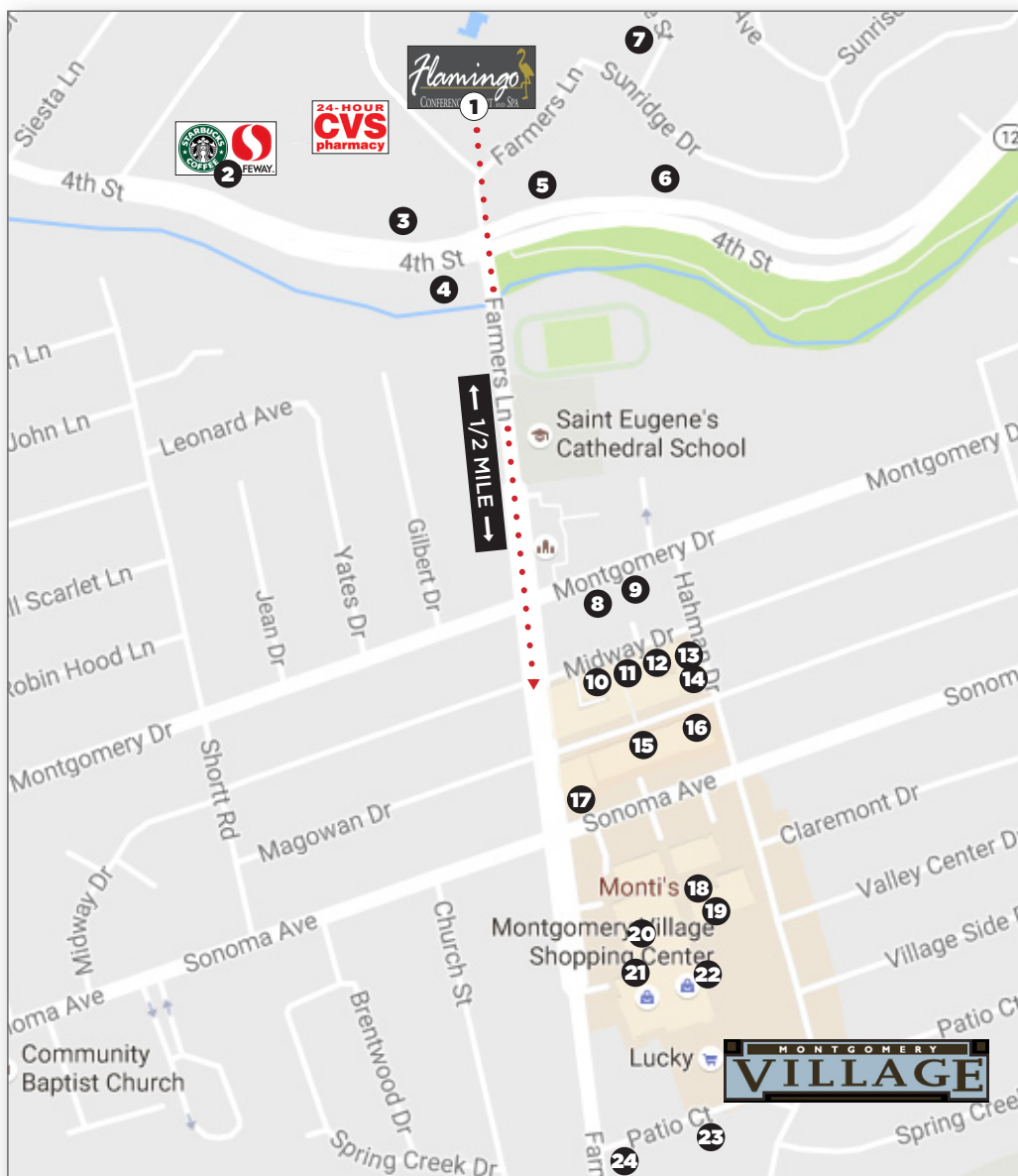


MEETING:	LOCATION:
Thursday's Welcome Reception	Flamingo Room
Keynote Sessions	Empire Room
BLS Workshops	Empire Room
SLT Workshops	Alexander Room
Statesmen Breakouts/CAC Summit	Oak Room
Discussion Groups	TBA
Saturday's BLS & SLT Orientation	Empire Room
School Banquet	Flamingo Room

AREA MAP & RESTAURANT GUIDE

There are numerous casual and fine dining restaurants in walking distance of the Flamingo Resort. #1-7 are within a 1- to 3-minute walk. #8-24 are in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center .5 to .7 of a mile away and a 10- to 14-minute walk (one way). Visit www.mvshops.com for a full list of shops.

1. **The Terrace Grille (Inside the Flamingo Resort)** American New, Breakfast/Brunch, Vegan: 6:30am-9pm
2. **Starbucks** inside Safeway is open 6am-7pm | **Safeway** is open 6am-12am
3. **IHOP** Breakfast/Brunch, American Traditional, Casual Dining: 6am-10pm
4. **Hank's Creekside Restaurant** Breakfast/Brunch, American Traditional: Mon-Sat 6am-2pm; Sun 7am-2pm
5. **Yeti Restaurant** Indian, Himalayan, Nepalese: 11:30am-3pm and 5pm-9:30pm
6. **Jeffrey's Hillside Cafe** Breakfast/Brunch, American Traditional: 7am-2pm
7. **Thai Taste Restaurant** Mon-Fri 11am-3pm and 4:30pm-9pm; Sat 4:30pm-9pm; closed Sun
8. **Boudin SF** Sandwiches, Salad, Bakery: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm; Sun 7am-8pm
9. **Acre Coffee** Coffee/Tea, Cafe: Mon-Thur 6:30am-6pm; Fri 6:30am-7pm; Sat 7am-7pm; Sun 7am-6pm
10. **Sea Thai Bistro** Upscale Thai & Seafood: 11:30am-3pm and 4pm-9pm
11. **Cattlemens** Western-Themed Steakhouse: 4pm-10pm
12. **Subway** Sandwiches: 7am-9pm
13. **Sonoma Valley Bagel & Deli** Bagels/Eggels, Sandwiches, Donuts, Smoothies, Boba Drinks: Mon-Fri 5:30am-5pm; Sat-Sun 6am-5pm
14. **Cold Stone Creamery** Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt: Sun-Thurs 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm
15. **Michelle Marie's Patisserie Cafe & Bakery** Breakfast/Brunch, Dessert: Mon-Sat 6:30am-6pm; Sun 8am-4pm
16. **Round Table Pizza** Sun-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat 11am-11pm
17. **Tomatina** Pizza & Italian: 11am-10pm
18. **Monti's** American New, Mediterranean, Breakfast/Brunch: Mon-Thurs 11:30am-9pm; Sat 11:30am-10pm; Sun 10:30am-9pm
19. **Fiori's Grill** Burgers, Sandwiches, Salad: Sun-Thur 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm
20. **Emily's Kitchen** American Traditional, Gluten-Free, Vegetarian: Tue-Sun 8am-4pm; Mon 11am-2pm
21. **Crepevine** Crepery, American New, Breakfast/Brunch: 7:30am-10pm
22. **Juice Shack** Juice Bar & Smoothies: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm; Sat 9am-6pm; Closed Sun
23. **Osake** Japanese/Sushi Bar: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3pm and 4:30pm-10pm; Sat 11:30am-10pm; Closed Sun
24. **Carl's Jr./Green Burrito** 7am-10:30pm



GENERAL INFORMATION

Lost & Found: Located at the Product Table.

Product Table Hours: The product table will be open 20 minutes before and after each session and during breaks. Out of respect for the speakers and guests, we will not be processing orders during sessions.

Airport Shuttle: Sonoma County Airport Express departs regularly from both Oakland and San Francisco Airports. The Santa Rosa Park & Ride location (1350 Maple Ave) is just a 5-minute ride to the hotel. www.airportexpressinc.com | 707.837.8700

Local Transportation: Most everything you'll need is available at or near the Flamingo Resort (see Area Guide on previous page). However, if you'd like to venture further out, Lyft and Uber tend to be more affordable than taxis (book via the Lyft or Uber apps on your smart phone). Those with vehicles: Offering transportation to other attendees at meal times is appreciated!

Hotel Amenities:

- 24-hour front-desk staff
- Free wifi throughout hotel (non-guests please see staff to request password)
- On-site ATM
- Complimentary newspapers in the lobby
- Printing service available at front desk
- Guest rooms include small refrigerator
- Hotel guests receive complimentary use of the Flamingo's Spa and Health Club facilities with purchase of spa treatments 50 minutes or longer.
- See Map & Restaurant guide on previous page for dining options within walking distance



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

TIME	ITEM
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception & Discussion Group Introductions
7:00 pm	KEYNOTE SESSION #1: Dennis Peacocke: <i>Is This Chaos the Beginning of the Next Reformation?</i>
8:15 pm	Break
8:30 pm	KEYNOTE SESSION #2: Dr. Lance Wallnau: <i>How Political-Social Movements are Created</i>
9:30 pm	Evening adjourns

THURSDAY, 7:00 PM | KEYNOTE SESSION #1

Is This Chaos the Beginning of the Next Reformation?

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

I. What is my understanding of what a "REFORMATION" is?

A. A reformation changes the collective worldview of a culture by redefining issues, values, behavior, and social systems.

1. Examples: The release of the Scriptures: Feudalism to early capitalism; conflicts with Catholicism to Protestant churches; social control from priests to writers (the printing press).

2. A accelerated change from theology to philosophy

II. What are the major causes of the current chaos?

A. Global economics becoming the primary driver of the political process and the formation of economic control groups (United Nations; IMF; World Bank; G-7; international corporations; the military industrial complex), all of which endanger true democracy.

B. "Left-right" political frozenness regarding the resolving of major problems.

C. The rejection and consequences of rejecting Judeo-Christian values.

D. The media pushing conflict for monetary gain and influence.

III. What are the signs that a reformation process is about to begin?

A. All of the above and the increasing public anger and hate, growing verbal and physical violence, and rejection of free speech.

B. The political-social consequences of Kingdom theology and its impact on more and more believers.

C. An eminent political implosion (dropping out, demagogues, new alliances) vs. the "normal" pendulum swing of ideologies and systems.

D. The increasing shock and anger of the liberal establishment as 80+ years of social, academic education has failed to produce a unified, liberal culture.

E. The "left" moving from "liberals" to "progressives" (intolerance and democracy)

F. "Unsolvable" financial debt and increasing budget deficits.

G. The increasing reactions against inter-nationalism and centralization and the move towards nationalism and localism.

H. The "Solomon factor": sorting out people, political parties, and organizations (1 Kings 3:16-27, Solomon wisely judges the two women).

→ **Democratic destructionism**

→ **President Trump-driven deconstructionism (Steve Bannon)**

= **Disillusioned systemic breakdown (Obamacare)**

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| I. | Principle-based policy | vs. | Political "correctness" |
| | Historic reality | | Symptoms |
| | Reality-based policy | | Race, sexuality, "tolerance" |
| J. | Gradualism | vs. | Perfectionism, legalism |

IV. "Solutions" and survival (my next teaching)

- A. Revelation
- B. Results-based, historic truth
- C. Relational embeddedness
- D. When you can't stay here or go back, you must go forward. That is the reality of impending reformation or destruction.

THURSDAY, 8:30 PM | KEYNOTE SESSION #2

How Political-Social Movements are Created

BY DR. LANCE WALLNAU

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

TIME	ITEM
8:30 am	Optional Worship
9:00 am	KEYNOTE SESSION #3: Dr. Lance Wallnau: <i>The Sovereignty of God and Social Disruption</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Discussion Groups
11:10 am	Break
11:20 am	Workshops: BLS: Katherine Gallagher: <i>Evangelism in the Marketplace</i> SLT: Dennis Peacocke: <i>The War Between Two Seeds</i> Statesmen Breakout
12:30 pm	Lunch on Your Own
2:00 pm	Joint BLS & SLT Workshop: Adam Peacocke: <i>Strategic Thinking</i> Statesmen Breakout
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9:30 pm	Evening Adjourns

FRIDAY, 9:00 AM | KEYNOTE SESSION 3

The Sovereignty of God and Social Disruption

BY DR. LANCE WALLNAU



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FRIDAY, 11:20 AM | BLS WORKSHOP

Evangelism in the Marketplace

BY KATHERINE GALLAGHER

- I. **We must recognize the non-negotiability of the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28:18-20) to evangelize and make disciples where we work and live.**
 - A. There are three major dimensions of marketplace evangelism.
 1. There is personal evangelism through word, deed, and prayer. Evangelizing often follows first making disciples of those with whom you work by displaying Christ's life and character to them. They don't have to be “saved” to begin discipling them relationally!
 2. There is organizational evangelism where your division or entire company “evangelizes” by its excellence and success as a group, as it self-consciously operates out of Christian principles.
 3. There is cultural evangelism where a whole culture or nation is affected by the sum total of Christian values operating in the sphere of economics and business practices.
 4. Ultimately, the church is called to do all three.
 - B. Let's look at the dynamics of “fishing for men” (Matthew 4:18) where we work.
 1. Christ was a friend of sinners, and we should be the same.
 2. Being a friend to sinners means that we genuinely care for them, and that we pray for them, listen to them, and seek to bring Christ's life to them before we seek to bring them to Christ!
 3. When we share verbally (“witness”), we should share truth in the following ways:
 - a. Out of our life and experiences more than what we believe (belief systems vs. knowledge).
 - b. Out of a heart to love them rather than “catch” them.
 - c. Out of an ability to apply God to their specific circumstances, which requires knowledge and involvement in their situation.
 - d. Out of our own fallenness, not self-righteousness (religion).
 - e. With a focus on God's Kingdom and not on our particular local church denomination.

- f. Out of a burden for God's mercy, justice, and care for what He made them to be and do (design—destiny).
 - g. Out of a concern for justice in a world given to corruption.
 - h. Out of a self-consciously Christian worldview—demonstrating a grasp of the difference between competing presuppositions.
- C. Specific rules of fishing where we work and live.
 - 1. Fish on either personal issues in their life, issues Christ is working on in your life, or social issues which reveal the world's injustice.
 - 2. Bring God's principles into the discussion more than just commandments.
 - 3. Fish with what the person cares about more than what you want them to care about (the right bait).
 - 4. Have patience; evangelism is as much a process as an event.
 - 5. Be willing to take them to a decision as the Holy Spirit leads.
 - 6. Be sure and help them separate what the church is and does from who Christ is (Religious fallenness).
 - 7. Pray with them for others they care about and follow up on it with your prayers and future conversations with them regarding results.

II. Christ's teaching and example of evangelizing out in the real world.

- A. Christ's teaching on marketplace evangelism in Matthew 20:1-15 is incredible!
 - 1. The supreme issue here is not about equal wages for unequal, though agreed-upon work.
 - 2. The issue for the vineyard owner is not the crop, its unhired men whose lives are rotting.
 - 3. Capitalism is about profit; Kingdom economics is about putting men and women to work and developing their skills and lives.
 - 4. "Hiring" people means seeing their value, pattern-calling, and helping to get them in place doing what God has made them to do.
 - 5. Hiring someone involves presenting vision, coaching, and belonging.
 - 6. Recommended teaching: "Who Has Hired You?" by Dennis Peacocke
- B. We must see our need to prepare and be trained to respond to our opportunities at work.
 - 1. By an eagerness to lead people to Christ and His family.
 - 2. By demonstrating our care with actions which address their specific needs (inner needs vs. spoken needs).
 - 3. By studying the issues of our company and marketplace from a biblical point of view and contributing our findings to our colleagues.
 - 4. By giving ourselves to the building of a Christian worldview that is useful in helping others understand the sin and confusion of our lives and culture.

FRIDAY, 11:20 AM | SLT WORKSHOP

The War Between Two Seeds

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel. -Genesis 3:15

I. War is raging between two deadly rivals over the fate of planet earth: Christ and Satan.

A. While the masses of people on the planet are unaware of this cosmic conflict, Christians are not, or at least should not be.

1. The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world have locked horns in deadly opposition, and while Christ has ultimately won the battle at Calvary, the battle between Christ's servants and those of Satan's kingdom carries on with unbroken intensity.

B. Thousands of years ago, in the Garden of Eden, this war broke out on earth, a war between Christ, the seed of God (Galatians 3:16; 2:14), and Satan's seed, those managing his kingdom "of this world" and the demonic spirits who quietly guide them.

1. The war will rage until the end of the age as the book of Revelation and the whole Scriptures teach. It will be resolved victoriously in Christ, but not without real pain, real victims, and real casualties.

C. This war did not start on earth; it simply broke out here from its origin in the spirit world in the eternity of God.

II. What is the "game" about, and what is the relationship between our salvation and our living and building in God's Kingdom?

A. Satan declared that he would "become like the Most High" and sought to not only oppose God and His strategic plan for the cosmos, but to lead the angels in rebellion as well (Isaiah 14:12-17)

B. A major part of the angelic host followed Satan in his rebellion against God and some of them may, in fact, be what we call "demons" or spiritual "princes." (Read: Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 12:7-9; 12:13-17)

III. "Why the battle for the earth?" "What is the overall game about?"

A. It is about planet earth, the physical location from which God has chosen to rule the created order through Christ and His church.

1. Scripture speaks plainly of a new heaven and a new earth where Christ and His bride, the New Jerusalem, will co-rule throughout eternity (Read: Revelation 21:1; 2 Peter 3:13; Psalm 102:25-26; Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:9-14; 21: 23-26; 22:1-3; Romans 8:1)

B. It is a war in time over earth to postpone Satan's fate. It is a war between two seeds, two kingdoms, and between a Creator and a fallen angel determined to destroy his Creator. Since Christ is now seated victoriously in heaven, out of Satan's reach, Christ's children now bear the brunt of his hatred. And so our Father encourages us to pray in Christ, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

1. Prayer is not just for God's future Kingdom on earth, it is for His current Kingdom's growth on earth, as the Psalmist makes ever so clear in Psalm 2 and Psalm 110.

2. The "game" is about the battle for the earth, the souls of men and women, and the gospel of God's Kingdom covering the earth, and then the end shall come (Matthew 24:14).

IV. The Gospel of the Kingdom as the chief weapon of Christ's warfare on the earth

A. Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus Christ came here to declare the gospel of the Kingdom of God; so did John the Baptist, the Apostle Paul, and those who walked with Christ.

1. Colin Brown's Dictionary of New Testament Theology tells us that the word "gospel" literally means the non-negotiable declaration of a sovereign.
 - a. In other words, Jesus as King didn't come here to earth to ask anybody's permission; He came to declare God's terms of peace in the battle between Satan and mankind's rebellion and Himself with no discussions or negotiations.

V. This Gospel of the Kingdom is being declared by Jesus Christ who is the God of the Old Testament, Yahweh, the same God who gave Israel His law (John 4:25-26; 5:46; 6:46; 8:24,28,58; 13:19; 18:5,6,8).

- A. Jesus is "I am." He is unchanging (Hebrews 13:8), and His Kingdom and rule was in eternity, is now in eternity and on earth, and is yet to be fully ruling on earth.
 1. Satan's kingdom was legally defeated at Calvary by Christ's victory (Colossians 2:11-15); its momentum is running down toward its ultimate collapse at Christ's return.
 2. Christ's followers are left here to proclaim with the Holy Spirit the gospel of the Kingdom to all men, especially the elect, and carry on in the building up and preparation of the church as she extends the influence of God's Kingdom on earth now.

VI. This gospel has enormous spiritual power because, declared in faith it is "prophetic," meaning "God-breathed."

- A. In our war with Satan and his dying kingdom, our speech in Christ, our declaration of His gospel, is a sword in our mouth that pierces the hearts of men (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:10-17; Revelation 19:15) and puts fear into demons.
 1. It is undergirded by prayer and magnified in its power by praise. This gospel can be summarized as God's "H-bomb" weapon of war with Satan, and His peace offering to mankind as it goes out upon the earth.
 - a. It does three major jobs: brings salvation to the lost; takes spiritual authority over demons, principalities, powers, and sickness; brings God's standards and redemptive power to culture and fallen institutions.
 2. Even as God breathed life into man in the garden (Genesis 2:7), He has breathed that same breath of life into His gospel of the Kingdom.

VII. This war was not a surprise to God, but rather worked into His plan from the beginning (Revelation 13:8). God is in the business of turning evil into good.

- A. This gospel, this story of God's terms of peace, and history of His working His plan through man, is His antidote to the poison injected into the cosmos by Satan's rebellion.
 1. The antidote must be continuously applied by every generation of believers into battlefield earth to dispel and destroy Satan's ongoing lies.

VIII. This battle is for the hearts and minds of men.

- A. On the heart level, it is about whether I will be my own god and demand the right to make my own choices, or whether or not I will submit to God my Creator.
 1. The outcome is always the same: The mind justifies what the heart has chosen.

IX. Three questions over which this war is being waged: Who owns the earth: Christ or Satan? Does the Bible apply to all mankind or only Christians? What is the Church supposed to do on the planet prior to Christ's return?

- A. Who owns the earth: Christ or Satan?
 1. The deceiver says he owns the earth (Matthew 4:8-9) and that Christians ought to concern themselves with "spiritual things" and give up any hope of managing the affairs of earth. He says believers should leave "evil" material issues alone and concern themselves with their personal lives; the souls of men, the rapture, heaven, and the future. Besides, even the scripture says that Satan is the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) and Jesus says that "His kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Leave it alone!

2. These deceptions have resulted in large numbers of believers turning the management of God's earth over to the devil, deserting their posts, or "apostatizing," believing that they are doing God a favor!
 - a. So, at the cross, did Christ win a total victory? Matthew 28:18: "And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
 3. Christ now has all authority in heaven and earth as the last Adam who conquered Satan and wrestled back from him what man lost in the first Adam's failure in Eden.
 4. There is no power Satan has on earth now except what we give him. Some say he is "alive and well on planet earth." That is a lie.
 - a. The earth is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1), and always has been. Christ owns the nations (Psalm 2:8; Acts 4:24-30), and He has entrusted them to the Church (Matthew 28:18-20). If anyone is a "squatter" on the land, it is the unsaved (Revelation 11:15).
 5. Christ speaks the truth: Satan is the "god" or ruler of the kingdom of this world, but not the earth or its designed usage by God.
 - a. That kingdom is perishing under God's divine plan while it grows to complete its designed function right alongside the Kingdom of God on earth (Matthew 13:24-30).
 - b. Christ's Kingdom is not "of this world." Its source is heaven and the law-word of our Father. Its life, laws, and ways are of God and not rebellious spirits or fallen man, but it is now established on earth through Christ's authority.
 6. Satan's primary weapon against all men in general and the saints, in particular, is deception. In the church, that deception takes three primary forms:
 - a. Apostasy, that is, deserting our earthly post, as the first fallen angels fell to the same deception (Jude 1:6), struggling to leave earth rather than to occupy it (Luke 19:13), take dominion over it (Genesis 1:26-28), and see His kingdom come here (Matthew 6:10).
 - b. A defensive mind-set, that is, believers are fighting a losing battle on earth, rather than truly believing "greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world" (John 4:4), and proceeding on offensive as Christ declared for His church (Matthew 16:18-19).
 - c. Foolishly misunderstanding Christ's total and complete victory at the cross.
 7. Satan has convinced much of the church to focus only on saving souls and to forget about redeeming the family, work place, civil government, and culture.
 - a. He has masses of believers focusing solely on their private lives, urging them to seek after a psychological view of themselves, and to "dig up their old man and play with his neuroses" (Romans 6:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Enough already, enough!
- B. Does the Word of God apply to all mankind or only to believers?
1. The deceiver says that God's Word, besides being culturally relative, full of inaccuracies, and unworkable personally, applies only to foolish believers.
 - a. He says falsely that only the New Testament is applicable, which is the historically rejected theological error of Marcionism.
 - b. He says it's improper to bring God's Word into "neutral zones" of social, political, and economic arenas. He says religion divides people, but Satan's kingdom has slaughtered more people than all "religious" conflicts of history put together.
 2. What do the Scriptures say? Jesus, said it most simply and clearly: "But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" (Mat. 4:4)
 - a. Please notice that He did not say "believers." He said "man," meaning all human beings, in all that they do. Whether it is about our sex lives, finances, relationships, media, voting, marketplace conduct, schools, or how we steward

- our physical bodies, it is all subject to God's Word and God's standard.
- b. All will be judged against God's Word and their responses to it. There will be one line in, no exceptions. But, thank God, there will be two lines leaving the throne: one that pled guilty of breaking God's Word and the blood of Christ over their sins, and one line guilty but standing in the strength of their own will.
3. The whole Word of God applies to us (2 Timothy 3:16). Revealed in the "old," explained and fulfilled in the "new" (Psalm 119:105).
 - a. The "New Testament Church" of the first 3 centuries was built on the OT because the gospels and epistles of the NT were not universally accepted until the 4th century.
 - b. In OT law, Paul says the Law of God is a "school master to bring us to Christ" (Galatians 3:24), and it should be applied to the world of unbelievers (Timothy 1:8-10).
 4. While Christ is the "end of the law for believers" (Romans 10:4), it is the Holy Spirit's tool of conviction for the unsaved and the relational standards of conduct.
 - a. Most social-economic principles of God for human conduct and institutions are found in the OT. They have nothing to do with "salvation" and everything to do with social justice and righteousness and they are nowhere annulled in the NT.
- C. What is the Church supposed to do on the planet prior to Christ's return?
1. The deceiver says that his kingdom is a legitimate, parallel kingdom. While he hates it, we may lead people to Christ, but:
 - a. We shouldn't disciple them because that would violate their will.
 - b. We should respect the "wall of separation between church and state." The Church is about private lives, inside buildings, and should be left there.
 - c. Christians should stay in their "ghettos," speak "Christianese," remain ignorant of social issues, be happy and blessed, and not worry with loving the cosmos and giving themselves for its redemption in God as Christ did (John 3:16).
 2. The Church is called to an offensive war, as noted in Matthew 16:18-19.
 - a. We are to proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom, like Jesus did, and like it ourselves.
 - b. We are to renew our minds from the world system's lies (Romans 12:1-2), do acts of spiritual warfare against Satan's minions both personally (Mark 16:17-18) and socially (2 Corinthians 10:3-5),
 - c. We are to occupy until Christ comes (Luke 19:13), and prepare to rule with Christ (Romans 8:17; Revelation 2:26-27; 19:7) and grow up in Christ through the gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit and the equipping ministries Christ has supplied for us (Ephesians 4:8-16).
 - d. We are to grow up, stand up, and speak up. We are to uncover the emperor's nakedness, demonstrating God's Kingdom life and its superiority in every area of life.
 3. As "salt and light" (Matthew 5:13-19), the redeemed community is to be a "city on a hill," demonstrating how human beings should live, whether we are persecuted or believed in the process.

X. Conclusions: What Is to Be Said?

- A. We are at war and any "deals" we believers try and cut with the world system, either personally or corporately, will not be honored by Satan or God.
 1. They know the truth even if we believers want to play "let's pretend."
 - a. Christ has won the war and fatally bruised Satan (Genesis 3:15) on the head.
 - i. We are now left with the debris of battle; will we believe Satan or God?
- B. At the end of the day, it is about faith, love for God and love for people, courage, and the willingness to stand outside of both the world system and the religious establishment.
 1. On guard, you Christian, you have no choice but to fight valiantly or make excuses.

FRIDAY, 2:00 PM | JOINT BLS & SLT WORKSHOP

Strategic Thinking
BY ADAM PEACOCKE

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." —Genesis 1:26

I. "Let Us make man in Our image" - Man is created to reflect and emulate the way God thinks and to follow God's goals.

- A. Relational
- B. Intentional
- C. Responsible

II. God is strategic and we were created to be strategic as well.

- A. Our life on earth is our training in managing/stewarding resources as we prepare to rule with Jesus over His things. (Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:27-4:1; Revelation 2:26) - Many scriptures deal with stewardship.
- B. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)
- C. The force of life: You usually hit that for which you aim.

III. Definition of strategic thinking: *The understanding, desire, and ability to marshal and steward resources over time and effectively apply them to the carrying out of a major task.*

IV. Strategic thinking helps us identify what we should be doing and when we should be doing it.

- A. What we are tutored to steward (In the time context of our generation—Acts 13:36):
 - 1. Time
 - 2. An obedient lifestyle & conscience
 - 3. God-given relationships
 - 4. Our bodies
 - 5. Material resources
 - 6. Skills and talents
- B. Examples of tools that help us to steward resources strategically:
 - 1. Leverage
 - 2. Investment
 - 3. Development



Our earthly purpose

- Personal ministry
- Family ministry
- Ecclesiastical ministry
- Commercial ministry
- Civil ministry

- V. Understanding the influence of our heart desires on our approach to strategic thinking.**
- A. You only need strategy to the degree that you want your life to be connected to others lives.
 - B. You only need strategy in relation to what you want to accomplish.
 - C. You only need strategy to the degree that you are clear about what God has given you to steward.
- VI. Strategic Thinking means using limitations and problems as opportunities to grow.**
- A. Value of community – “Finding your place on the wall”
 - B. Need for transformation – Expectation of personal growth through the process
 - C. Revelation of purpose in the midst of problems
- VII. Strategic thinking welcomes the purposes of God to be revealed and embraced for your life.**
- A. Who are you called to reach? (mission)
 - B. What were you created to contribute? (ministry)

FRIDAY, 7:00 PM | KEYNOTE SESSION 4

How to Communicate Truth Effectively in a Postmodern World

BY RON COVERSON

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a stunted self-concept like me,
I once was stressed out, but now am empowered, Was visually challenged, but now I see.*

—Doug Marlett

I. What is postmodernism?

- A. Simply stated, postmodernism is a reaction to *a priori truth*: The notion that truth is an eternal idea that existed before creation.¹
- B. On an individual level, postmodernism is often demonstrated as a reaction born of the disillusionment experienced mostly by Generation Xers and Millennials who have assessed the alleged hypercritical behavior of moderns (Baby Boomers and veterans).
- C. Ultimately, it is the inculcation in the 21st century of the philosophical determinations of the Enlightenment movement.
- D. Thus, the idea of living out “truth” is a philosophical concept. Today, it manifests as so-called “individual choice” demonstrated by diverse ways of being in the world that may change (adapt or modify) based upon one’s visceral sense of right and wrong that is unmoored from what might be called “traditional values or mores.”

II. The threat postmodernism poses to the Christian’s goal of living out Truth

- A. Postmodernism, born circa 1930 and unlike prior eras, is not theologically based and, therefore, not transcendent. Thus, it diminishes the idea that there is an objective or ethical standard that is derived from the God of the universe that has been deliberately and systematically revealed to mankind.
- B. In historian Arnold Toynbee’s *Study of History*² he describes the postmodern era as one that marks the end of Western dominance and the decline of individualism, capitalism, and Christianity.
- C. In the absence of transcendent truth that is ethical and by definition objective, postmodernism establishes subjectivity as the singular way to determine what is true and what would lead to right or proper human action.
- D. When truth is subjectively determined, anyone who is able to acquire enough power is then able to determine what is true and, thus, what should be lived out privately and publicly, not only for themselves but for all (collectivism).
 - 1. As Francis Schaeffer once said: *Either the Law is King or King is Law* (subjectivity vs. objectivity).
 - 2. If a certain primary authority is *the law*, then the king or his administrators will determine the nature of right and wrong for all.
 - a. Thus, all that is ethical, moral, legal, or what is valued by a society, is determined by the corresponding policies put forth by the king’s administration.
 - b. In a postmodern and secular society, subjective science fused with the arbitrary whims of the administration is determined to be the way that society’s elected or appointed “thought leaders” create law and policy—mostly out of thin air.

¹ Truth, for a Christian, is not only an idea; it is a Person in the form of Jesus Christ.

² Steven Connor, *Postmodernist Culture* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1989), p. 65.

III. The Modern Mind

- A. Formulated in the eighteenth century by the Enlightenment philosophers:
 1. These concepts were comprised of at least three component parts of what moderns refer to as *Reason*: The objective sciences, naturalism's definition of morality and law, and the rational organization of living conditions and social relations.³
 2. Proponents of the enlightenment movement *believed* that the arts and sciences would further not only the control of the forces of nature but also the *advancement* of the understanding of self and the world we inhabit. Thus, the birth of what today is known as *progressive* ideology: The idea that mankind does not need God and simply needs to master science and technology to control the environment and thus allow mankind to advance or progress in history for the good of all.
 3. This construct represents the birth or rebirth of a secular liberal religion akin to pantheism and framed by a Darwinist worldview, replete with all of its corresponding doctrines.
 4. Modernity, although informed by Judeo-Christian ethics, was not necessarily amenable to evangelical theology or transcendent truth.
 5. Modernity consisted of the ideas of the Enlightenment movement that emphasized the evolution or progression of the human personality, intellect, and the applied sciences that fueled the industrial revolution.
 6. Thus *science*, not the God of the Bible, is the god of modernity while science and its sister, *technology*, are the gods of postmodernity.

IV. The Postmodern Mind

- A. Deconstructionist: The dismantling and redefining of literary terms and, thus, ideas for the purpose of reorienting people and things.
- B. Graphical: images are more powerful than words and, thus, redefine what we think and believe.
- C. Feeling-Oriented: Thus, music/sight/sound are powerful influences (see the movies of Michael Mann).
- D. Guided by the values of popular culture and the cults of personality.
- E. Belief is not about right or wrong, rather it is about social consciousness born from a collectivist socio-economic context.

V. The Evangelical Mind

- A. The God of the Bible (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the *summon bonum* of all things (see the Westminster Catechism)
- B. That Truth existed before creation in the form of the pre-incarnate Christ who is a Person who manifested himself 2000 years ago by the will of Father God in the form of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—thus truth is transcendent.
- C. That man was set forth upon the earth to express His Image and manifest the will of God the Father from heaven.
- D. That mankind fell from Grace in Adam (Genesis 3) and thus is in need of a savior—namely Jesus Christ and a new model for how to live life God's Way (John 14:6).
- E. That Truth and righteous-living are known by general revelation of the will of God by virtue of the Law of Moses (The Ten Commandments) that informs mankind and addresses the condition of fallen man.

³ Jurgen Habermas, "Modernity: An Unfinished Project," *The Post-Modern Reader*, ed. Charles Jencks (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992). Pp. 162-63.

F. That Truth and holy living (sanctification) is a product of special revelation that is only derived through the salvific experience by faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ and the corresponding grace-based life found only in Him.

G. That Christians should live out their lives in community (The Church) as part of a called-out family of Kingdom Citizens (disciples) who are being equipped and made ready to engage the culture for Christ according to their gifts, calling, and sphere of influence.

VI. Advantage Christians: The great opportunity before us is to develop the skills and competencies to communicate transcendent truth to individuals and groups living in a postmodern world.

A. Although postmoderns by definition wear a different pair of glasses (*paradigms*), God rigged the inner man with his *Image*, thus God's Word of Power is able to penetrate the thoughts and intentions of the heart to reach the longing of a man or woman's soul (Hebrews 4:12).

VII. How best to communicate truth in a postmodern world.

First for Individuals:

- A. Modeling the Way of Jesus (John 14:6)
 - 1. Be the Truth you are advocating.
 - 2. Do the Life things you believe to be transcendent and real.
 - 3. Have the blessings of transformational living (Romans 12:1-2) and share those blessings with others.
- B. Speak the Truth in Love (Ephesians 4:15; Galatians 5:6).
- C. Engage in public conversations by using skills of dialogue.
 - 1. Seek first to understand then to be understood (Stephen Covey).
 - 2. Find common ground and gain agreement.
 - 3. Build the relationship by spending time serving them in their world, as long as it does not compromise your walk.
 - 4. Use the power of questions to keep the dialogue moving in the right direction—toward their personal accountability with the God who made them, knows them, and desires a personal relationship with them.

For Groups:

- D. Create forums that emphasize dialogue and civil engagement.
- E. Utilize the power of ground rules
- F. Speak to them in parables (Matthew 13).
 - 1. Use personal stories, examples of God's transformational touch on tribes, tongues, kindreds, and nations.
 - 2. Don't be afraid to acknowledge the abuses of those who have done evil in the name of the Lord.
- G. Leave them with powerful questions.
- H. Trust the Holy Spirit to do His work by being honest, open, and transparent (HOT).
- I. Support them with biblical resources that are founded in reliable Christian Worldview (doctrine).
- J. Pray for them ceaselessly!
- K. Be there for them when they call on you.



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FRIDAY, 8:30 PM | BLS WORKSHOP

Advancing the Kingdom of God as a Business Leader

BY KEN NEGVESKY

Scriptures: Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 1:17-21; 2:10; Colossians 1:9-14; 1:19-20

- I. God's Metanarrative - The Big Picture - The Starting Point and the End Objective:**
 - A. Definition of God's story and the involvement of the business leader in His unfolding drama
 - B. Seeing from God's perspective as a leader
 - C. God's ways and patterns in leading
- II. Leadership commonly understood from a successful, secular viewpoint:**
 - A. Inc. Magazine provided a list of the 12 best leadership books of all time (www.inc.com/ss/best-leadership-books-of-all-time)
 - B. Prime examples:
 1. "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu (5th century B.C.)
 2. "Never Give In! The Best of Winston Churchill's Speeches" by Winston S. Churchill
 - C. Observations:
 1. The span of time covered by the books is 2500 years
 2. The knowledge presented was based on empirical case studies
 3. Success was defined in terms of victory over enemies such as fear, lack of discipline, death, destruction and etc.
 4. The knowledge was limited to life, as we know it, prior to physical death
 5. What commonly passes for leadership wisdom is little more than how to survive, and/or prosper in the natural prior to physical death. Is this PROFOUND LEADERSHIP?
- III. Business leadership must be defined by a biblical worldview and transcendent, profound motivation, attitude, and skill:**
 - A. Profound leadership addresses ultimate reality in this life and beyond
 - B. Most leadership pundits ignore death and focus primarily on life here and now—*You only go around once in life, so do it with all the gusto you can muster.*
 - C. Death must be faced, prepared for, and seen from God's perspective of preparation for the next things (eternity)
 - D. Profound leadership builds legacy and inheritance in this life, deposits of eternal value in relationships, and skills to take into the next

- E. This life must be put into GOD'S PERSPECTIVE and cleared of fears, distortions, and filters to place the proper focus on God's eternal kind of life and values (Luke 12:4-5)
- F. All leadership will emanate from one of four categories:
 - 1. Will of Man and the Ways of Man—Fallen Man
 - 2. Will of God and the Ways of God—Jesus Christ the Model Son
- G. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

IV. Business leaders are first sons and daughters of almighty God:

- A. The vital importance of being in relationship to the Lord in sonship
- B. The creation mandate states that the destination for man is ruling God's creation through growth and mastery
- C. The means for achieving this destination require us to work in obedience to God's design as those who were uniquely created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28)
- D. Jesus is our Pattern and Model of being a son or daughter and leading in any given jurisdiction as we are addressing the business sphere

V. Facing the fall and the consequences for us as business leaders:

- A. The battle between the seeds (Matthew 13)
- B. Sin is sand in the gears of life
- C. Overcoming the obstacles and hindrances to Kingdom demonstration
- D. Dealing with failures
- E. Making a name for whom? (Genesis 11:1-9)

VI. How to advance the Kingdom of God:

- A. Business leaders advance the Kingdom of God through:
 - 1. Individual alignment with the will and ways of God (Ephesians 2:8-10)
 - 2. Organizational alignment with the will and ways of God (James 4:13-17). Individual alignment is expressed by the C4 principle.
 - 3. "He chose (*calling*) David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him (*commissioning*) to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart (*character*); with skillful hands (*capability*) he led them." —Psalm 78:70-72
 - 4. It is *character, capability, calling, commissioning*!
- B. Organizational alignment is about alignment with God's plan—your life and business fitting into His bigger story and picture (James 4:13-17)
- C. Individual destiny ----- Organizational destiny ----- Metanarrative
- D. Servant Leadership is God's leadership style—look at the Trinity

VII. Conclusion: As a business leader, you will either advance the Kingdom of self (man) or advance the Kingdom of God (the Lord Jesus Christ)

- A. TAKE-AWAY QUESTIONS:
 - 1. Do you see yourself first as a son or daughter of Father God with identity, value, and placement in Him?
 - 2. What is your C4 and how has it been validated and empowered?
 - 3. What is your business' role in God's metanarrative?
 - 4. What is your role to advance the Kingdom of God in your calling and placement?

FRIDAY, 8:30 PM | SLT WORKSHOP

The Mind Justifies What the Heart Has Chosen

BY ADAM PEACOCKE

I. Lesson Overview: Definitions and Assumptions

- A. Presuppositions are the spiritual agendas (heart choices), conscious or unconscious, by which man orders assumptions about himself and his environment. The mind justifies what the heart has chosen.
- B. All human study, classification, and knowledge are based on certain assumptions (either defined or undefined) concerning the nature of reality, man, and what man should do and become on the earth.
- C. These assumptions are called “presuppositions,” and all organized expressions of thought have them.
- D. Our presuppositions set our spiritual agendas for both personal and societal life, and they determine:
 - 1. How the information is gathered
 - 2. How the information is analyzed
 - 3. How the information is presented
 - 4. How the person wants the information used by the reader, observer, or listener
- E. All modern cultures and ideologies are built on presuppositions, frequently hidden or inadequately presented and disclosed to people.
- F. All clear-thinking, correct agenda-setting is based on identifying the presuppositions of thought applicable to the subject at hand.
- G. It is the exciting responsibility of Christians through the Holy Spirit and study of God’s Word to expose and pull down the world system’s presuppositional views (II Corinthians 10:3-5) and erect Christ’s agenda for man (Matthew 28:18-20).



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

TIME	ITEM
8:30 am	Optional Worship
9:00 am	KEYNOTE SESSION #5: Dennis Peacocke: <i>The Challenges We Face as Kings and Priests</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Discussion Groups
11:10 am	Break
11:20 am	Workshops: BLS: Ron Coverson: <i>Leading People and Building Business God's Way</i> SLT: Ken Negvesky: <i>Basics of Biblical Interpretation</i> Statesmen Breakout
12:30 pm	Lunch on Your Own
2:00 pm	KEYNOTE SESSION #6: Adam Peacocke: <i>How Does the Church Prepare to Be Relevant in This Hour?</i>
3:00 pm	Break
3:10 pm	KEYNOTE SESSION #7: Closing: Prayer with Discussion Groups & Communion
4:00 pm	MAIN EVENT CONCLUDES
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4:20 pm	BLS & SLT Orientations
6:00 pm	School Banquet & Graduation Ceremony (TICKETS REQUIRED)
8:00 pm	Banquet Concludes

SATURDAY, 9:00 AM | KEYNOTE SESSION 5

The Challenges We Face as Kings and Priests

BY DENNIS PEACOCKE

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. —1 Peter 2:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." —Revelation 5:9-10

"...and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." —Exodus 19:6

I. In this "reformation" process (chaos), what is our role as "kings?"

A. Quick review of my last teaching:

1. As "kings," our prophetic-apostolic role is to be principle-teachers and system-builders socially
2. Axiomatic principles that deal with root issues.
3. Our TEN MASTER PRINCIPLES (see following page).

II. What is our role as "priests?"

A. "Priests" are relational bridge-builders. As priests, we should be:

1. Able to see both sides (wholistic).
2. In control of our language and emotions.
3. Grounded in revelation and relationships vs. current "leaves and branches" social conversations and non-support-level relationships.
4. Committed to life rather than being right
5. Guarding our souls and spirits from the non-stop cultural anger, "noise," and demands for a certain lifestyle.

Finding Common Ground: Bridging the Gap In a Divided Country

THE TEN MASTER PRINCIPLES FOR SUSTAINABLE FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY	
AXIOMATIC PRINCIPLES (Mission, Values, Principles, Strategy, Tactics):	COROLLARIES:
1. Transcendent Values: The recognition of primary, fundamental and widely adhered to ideas and beliefs that define, limit or interpret all lesser values and which serve to create unity for a group of people and guide their behavior. Examples: Christ definition of “the Greatest Commandment”; the Ten Commandments; the U.S. Constitution; the Hippocratic Oath for medical professionals; the Code of Conduct of the U.S. Military.	Citizenship, case law and legal systems, axioms with corollaries, spiritual law over natural law, immigration policy, voting rights, educational curriculum
2. Self-Government: The internalization of laws, requirements, disciplines, beliefs and values such that one enforces within him/herself obedience to those standards of conduct. Examples: internal will or discipline vs. external force; New Testament internal obedience from a “new heart or new spirit” vs. Old Testament commandments; internal compulsion vs. external force; people acting on their own vs. coercion.	The lessening of oversight and efficiencies of all external laws; reduction of policing, crime, drugs, dependencies, character, focused energy and efficiencies, “staked tree” principle, impartation-discipleship
3. Service-Based Power: Service-based power is the use of both authority and power to enhance the value, skill-sets, resource-base and capacities of those under the authority of a person or organization. Christ Himself is exhibit “A” of one embodying and exercising this unique use of power (Philippians 2:3-11). It is the deliberate use of authority and its associated power to serve those under the authority to help people help themselves to act in compliance with the group’s values rather than just use authority and power to force compliance.	Empowerment vs. self-centered gain, organizational-relational culture, obedience vs. loyalty, relational leverage, love vs. authoritarianism
4. Nuclear Family: the organized and structured relationships of blood-line natural families (or adoptions) whose primary functions are the reproduction and raising of children within their structure including the entire process of provision, protection, training and character development. Healthy nuclear families lay the foundation for relational healthy children and adults, self-government, self-provision and assimilation into the wider elements of culture (i.e. schools, organizations, employment, citizenry, etc.)	Generational momentum, stewardship- management , parenting skills, educational responsibility and systems, male-female issues, fatherhood, motherhood, economics (<i>oikos</i>) Gen. 12:3
5. Jurisdictional Government: The five different forms of human government, as referenced by the Bible, that are required to govern society. These five different governmental forms are inter-related, have clearly established boundaries, and were created to maximize efficiencies (the division-of-labor), minimize the abuse of power (the separation of governmental powers); create specific responsibilities and function; and allow diversities of gifts/talents and influence to shape both individuals and society at large. The Biblical jurisdictions/governmental forms are: 1) self-government, 2) family-government, 3) ecclesiastic government, 4) corporate-financial government outside of the family realm, and 5) civil government.	Division of labor, separation of power, jurisdictional problem-solving and finance; decentralization, redundancies, mutuality, edification jurisdictional organization of the legal systems; welfare policy
6. Localism: The practice of pushing decision-making and provision down to the lowest level where people or organizations are actually living and practically responding to current needs and challenges (e.g. onsite). Localism is based on the notion that those closest to issues are best equipped to handle them. It results in the empowering of people living the reality of situations to deal with them based on first-hand observation and assessment. Localism is in contrast to centralism where key decisions are made for people in diverse locales by one central body far removed from actually living the needs and challenges.	Centralism vs. localism; authoritarianism vs. self-empowerment, duplication and redundancies; inefficiencies through bureaucracies; legal and welfare injustices; the Old Testament “poor tax”; Federalism vs. States’ rights; taxation policy; division of labor, mandated Federal spending
7. Limits: The recognition that limits both protect us from harm and protect us from harming others. Well-defined limits take into account different capacities, gifts, training, motivations, needs, challenges, jurisdictions of authority, etc.	The governmental separation of powers; tyranny; division of labor; law of diminishing returns; banking, currency, leverage limits; taxation policy; laws in all forms; presumptuous sin; foreign policy; environmentalism; sustainability
8. Justice-Equality: Justice is the concept that people are rewarded or punished as a result of their own specific actions and the rewards or punishments are correctly and appropriately applied using a commonly accepted standard. Equality is the concept of treating all people equally through the establishment of common rights, responsibilities, and opportunities without privilege or discrimination for certain groups. Justice deals with receiving what is one’s proper due, equality deals with everyone receiving the same treatment.	Taxation policy; criminal law; special-interest inequalities; racism; sexism; unequal wages; entitlements; exploitation; systemic injustices
9. Results-Based Policies: The belief that theories, ideas, programs or actions should be tested and then evaluated based upon factual results rather than hopes, bias, projections or ideological paradigms. If the known variable factors have been properly tested the results should be allowed to “speak for themselves”. Policies are then either applied or discarded based on the factual results.	Ideologies; religious concepts; economic, social, environmental, theory of all sorts; political parties; scientific method; self-interest and delusion
10. The Bridge of Trust: All successful, healthy mutual relationships - be they personal, organizational, national or international - are held together by trust between the parties. The trust can be evaluated by what pressures and challenges those relationships can withstand and remain intact without becoming “broken”. The “bridge of trust” is a model for understanding how trust can be built and broken between people; a bridge can be a safe passageway of interaction between two parties or become broken preventing successful engagement.	Organization; unity; personal relationships; national trust in political, economic and legal systems; contracts of all sorts; scale of action related to competency and character



SATURDAY, 11:20 AM | BLS WORKSHOP

Leading People and Building Business God's Way
BY RON COVERSON

Scripture: *Psalm 78:70-72; Matthew 7:24-28; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15*

I. Key Assumptions:

- A. We should be working on eternal skill sets and character development.
- B. Leaders leverage organizations and followers, i.e. we build with and through others.
- C. God has laws of leading and laws of building exactly like His laws of electro-magnetism, gravity, and thermodynamics ("seamless garment" reality John 19:23).

II. Our Main Topics are:

- A. Leading people God's way requires:
 - 1. Loving people.
 - 2. Being in the transformation ourselves we want to lead them in.
 - 3. Having an empowering vs. personal advantage view of power.
 - 4. Seeing where they need to go relative to their personal growth and their alignment growth relative to their organizational context.
- B. Building organizations God's way requires:
 - 1. Seeing that God is our absolute building pattern.
 - a. The Trinity (John 17).
 - b. Jesus and the twelve.
 - 2. Seeing that God builds strategically, relationally, and creates an eternal learning organization.
 - 3. Seeing the foundational tool of the "Four Cs":
 - a. Calling: DNA of people and organizations.
 - b. Context: The relational base out from which we proceed.
 - c. Character: The virtue and "PSI" capacities.
 - d. Competency: Skill sets of people and organizations (i.e., can you run plays with excellence?).



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SATURDAY, 11:20 AM | SLT WORKSHOP

Basics of Biblical Interpretation

BY KEN NEGVESKY

Scriptures: John 1:1-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 24:25-49

Starting Point: The Bible does not explicitly claim to be an officially authoritative book, but instead simply demands to be obeyed as the Word of God.

Next Point: We must be careful about what we mean when we speak of the authority of Scripture for its authority is actually REPRESENTATIVE. Scripture clearly declares that ALL AUTHORITY BELONGS TO GOD. He is subject to none, including any book written by men. He alone carries all authority and, as such, is Himself the final authority in all matters pertaining to life and doctrine.

Further Point: At the same time, God's authority is not without a voice in the earth, but is constantly communicated to us. God continues to speak and act authoritatively, but such actions are only discernible to us through the LITMUS TEST OF SCRIPTURE.

I. THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE:

- A. Words are central to His government and rule (John 12:47-49; I John 2:3-6)
- B. Creative power of His Word (Isaiah 55:10-11)
- C. The roles of reason, tradition, and experience

II. INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

- A. 2 Timothy 3:16; I Thessalonians 2:13
- B. God-breathed upon chosen writers

III. INTERPRETING BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

- A. The problem of major disunity in interpreting the Bible
- B. 100 Christian denominations at the turn of the 20th century
- C. At present, there are over 40,000 denominations in operation
- D. Hermeneutical lens of interpretation is diverse

IV. CHALLENGES TO UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

- A. The Bible doesn't answer every question specifically
- B. The Bible doesn't deliver its message in classroom lecture format
- C. The Bible is read from a distance of time and culture

- D. The Bible has been interpreted through historical reconstruction
- E. Bible interpretation has suffered from higher criticism
- F. Bible presuppositions have influenced us (such as individualism, pragmatism, egalitarianism, deconstructionism, existentialism, and others)
- G. Bible systems have separated the people of God into groups and factions

V. SOUND EXEGESIS

Do your best to present yourself to God as approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15

- A. Hermeneutics is the term often used to describe the art and science of interpreting a text.
- B. Exegesis is the critical process of determining meaning in Scripture. It comes from the root word “to draw out.”
- C. Eisegesis is the wrong process of reading into a text one’s own thoughts, biases, and presuppositions.
- D. Exegesis is a process involving three main steps: translation, interpretation, and application.

VI. TRANSLATION

- A. An accurate translation
- B. Due diligence for the proper grammar and word usage

VII. INTERPRETATION

- A. Humility
- B. Faith
- C. Submission
- D. The Holy Spirit
- E. Community
- F. Context
 - 1. Historical and cultural context
 - 2. The interpreter’s cultural context
 - 3. Redemptive context
 - 4. Canonical context
 - 5. Context of the book
 - 6. Genre
 - 7. Immediate context

VIII. APPLICATION

- A. Practiced in the life of the church
- B. What does it mean for us today?
- C. Study to see how verbs are used. Who is it addressed to? Has the passage been fulfilled?
- D. Does the New Testament teach cessationism or does it provide an example to follow? (Example: Gifts of the Spirit, 5-fold gifts, etc.)
- E. Alignment with God’s Word is vital to growth and maturity

SATURDAY, 2:00 PM | KEYNOTE SESSION 6

How Does the Church Prepare to Be Relevant in This Hour?

BY ADAM PEACOCKE

SATURDAY, 3:10 PM | KEYNOTE SESSION 7

Closing Session & Discussion Group Notes



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GOSTRATEGIC REBUILDERS NETWORK

AN INVITATION TO HELP CHANGE OUR NATION

The *Rebuilders Network* is a reciprocal support system designed to sow vision, build relationship, and provide practical equipping tools. Just as the *Rebuilder Partners* are faithful to sow into GoStrategic, we want to faithfully sow back into them through products, services, and resources. We use the term “network” to emphasize that this is a relational group, designed to not only connect people with GoStrategic, but also connect *Rebuilder Partners* with each other.

In every generation, God raises up men and women whose lives are strategically spent making a difference for the Lord, their nation, and future generations. These servants embody the prophetic work of “rebuilding” as described thousands of years ago by the prophet Isaiah:

***And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins,
You will raise up the foundations of many generations;
And you will be called the repairer of the breach,
The restorer of streets in which to dwell.***

Working with GoStrategic, *Rebuilder Partners* are actively committed to supporting both their local church and God’s prophetic work of challenging and changing the fallen culture of their nation. They are those who seek to extend the Kingdom of God into every area of their life. In short, we must *know the message, share the message, and support the message*. Here is how you, as a *Rebuilder Partner*, will do this:

1. Invest a monthly tax-free donation of at least \$20 per month, which helps support our training and mobilization efforts around the world.
2. Pass on what you’re learning to others as the Holy Spirit opens opportunities in your “garden” of relationships, which God has given you to tend and influence for His Kingdom.
3. Receive exclusive ministry updates quarterly

Nations are changed one life at a time. As the GoStrategic *Rebuilders Network* grows, God’s Kingdom grows on a grass-roots level, and spiritual and cultural change is one step closer. I am personally inviting you to join us in helping to ignite both personal and social transformation. May future generations know, if the Lord tarries, that a group of men and women served faithfully in their day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dennis T. Peacocke'.

Dennis T. Peacocke
President, GoStrategic

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