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home base

An 'organic church' newsletter update among friends of Pathfinders

Our Mission:

To experience Christ through simple churching and to pass it on.

Our Vision:

To develop simple church networking at the local level through hosts who make disciples who create simple churches *as they go*.

Our Behaviours:

- ordinary people leading
- nurturing relationships
- Scripture-rooted open fellowship and sharing
- built around seekers
- practical discipleship and accountability
- reproducibility of fellowships to create new fellowships
- intentional yet informal

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the lost art of discipling ...

When a person's heart has been captured by Christ, there is a new nature and new potential vested into that follower. It is part of the inheritance that goes with becoming a child of God. (Romans 1:16)

When a person has experienced this good news, it becomes natural to want to share it with others, but there is an element of hard work and skill required to become effective in one's witness. Sandy has recently invested focused 1-to-1 time with a young woman now heading to Kenya on a one year mission. The focused discipling has given her perspective and tools she did not have before.

Yet folk often bypass the needed personal development and just bring someone to a church building to hear sermons rather than share the good news personally themselves. The problem is that many sincere Christians find themselves motivated, yet fearful and ineffective in sowing, watering and reaping when it comes to the gospel. How God's heart must break when he sees us in retreat with His life-giving message!

We want to do something about that through the equipping events we are hosting in the months ahead with some of the most fruitful discipling makers I know, people who are passionate about spiritual multiplication, and who believe that discipling making is an 'everyman and everywoman' ministry. Would you prayerfully consider which ones you should attend, and bring one or two of your 'Timothies' or 'Timothy-ettes'?

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COMING EVENTS:

Wrestling with how your faith can work itself out in the marketplace?

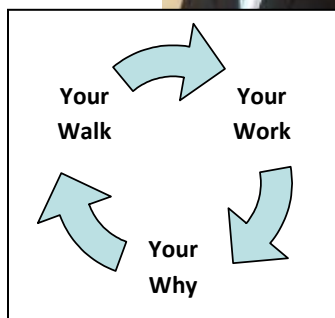


Your Walk, Your Work, Your Why **Thursday, September 25th**

Engage with Brian Thatcher, discipling maker and founder of Convene, roundtables for CEOs, based in California, as he shares stories of a lifetime impacting others for God's kingdom as a marketplace influencer.

A 1 day retreat at *The Cove* in Port Franks, Ontario. A men's event for men of all ages who are eager to take the next step in a closer walk with God. For more information write info@pathfindersfellowships.com

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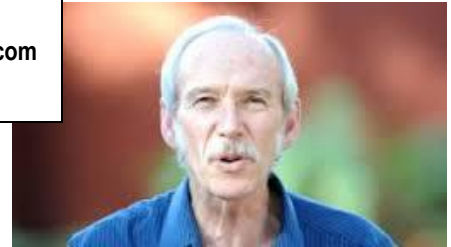


engaging your subculture with the gospel

John Ridgway is a missional pioneer to the Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Shinto-Buddhist cultural/religious contexts as well as to the secular contexts of various countries in the West.

He brings a passion for biblical missiology which connects with everyday people and leaders alike. He will walk us through 1 Corinthians in a powerful workshop and interactive style. He has a PhD in Solid State Physics, and functioned for 30 years as an Industrial Consultant when he and his family lived in India, Singapore and Malaysia. The Ridgway's now live in Colorado.

October 17-18, 2014 Toronto, Canada Airport Ramada info@pathfindersfellowships.com



Greenhouse Story 1 with **Neil Cole**

January 16-18 Toronto, Ontario

Workshop training for those wishing to learn how to build small organic fellowships among unreached people in your circle of influence and then disciple them into a practicing community. More information to follow. Circle the dates in your calendar.

What are Pathfinders about? We are an association of people who are finding our paths forward toward a more organic/missional approach to how we 'do church,' by affirming the headship of Jesus in community, focus on making disciples, active labouring from the moment a person comes to faith and the dynamic functioning of Ephesians 4:11-12 roles at the local and trans-local level. Our dream is to find new trails so that more unreached can discover the Jesus life.

