

Summaries of the main sessions:

Session 1: CALLING – Erwin McManus (the MOSAIC)

Text: Acts 17

Big idea: *God is calling us to create and build a kind of community for people who would not otherwise be reached by the conventional and traditional ways of Christianity.*

Catch phrase: *“There are many churches for the Marys, Peters, Johns, etc. We need some churches for Dionysius and Damaris...”*

Images	In history	Evangelism	Church ministry philosophy	Roles of Christians
Home field advantages	• Christendom • church buildings	• Talk boldly about the gospel • I have something to tell you • Four spiritual laws • Conversion	• Conventional • Traditional • Denominational • Territorial	To convert
Neutral sites	• Out of the church buildings • Coffee houses / offices / restaurants, etc.	• Spiritual conversations • My story, your story and God’s story • Conversation	• Transitional to missional • Kingdom mindset	To converse
Away games disadvantages	• Post-Christendom • No church building but into the context of the non-churched.	• Listen more and talk less • Tell me about your faith and journey • Show then tell	• Missional • Kingdom mindset	To love and let the Spirit to convert

Session 2: EXPERIENCE – Wayne Alguire (Trinity Baptist Church in BC) and the Starfield

UNLOAD – sins, burdens, fears, comfort, etc. to advance the Kingdom of God.

Session 3: MISSION – Leonard Sweet (Drew Theological School)
Text: Acts 27

Big idea: *The church of the 21st century is heading into a perfect storm. What do we do about it in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ?*

Catch phrase: *“Jesus is behind the perfect storm waiting for us to get through...He is not pushing us towards it from the past...He is in the future inviting us...”*

What is the perfect storm? It is the convergence of:

- I. Tsunami – Post Modernity
- II. Hurricane – Post Christendom
- III. Global warming – Post Scale (GRIN – Genetic engineering, Robotics, Information technology and Nanotechnology)

What not to do in surviving the perfect storm?

- I. Don't complain about the weather (anti-everything but Christianity)
- II. Don't do crisis management (change the style and not the core)
- III. Don't fight amongst ourselves (i.e. Christians vs. Christ-followers)

Surviving the perfect storm:

1. Lift anchor and launch into the deep (with courage)
2. Steer into the storm (face it head on)
3. Get rid of excessive luggage (unload unnecessary things in life)
4. Latch onto the mast of Jesus Christ (Jesus is the way, truth and the life)
5. Enjoy the ride (serve with joy and not reluctance)

Session 4: PASSION – Matt Batterson (National Community Church)

Big idea: *It takes both courage and sometimes foolishness to be the church for the 21st century.*

Catch phrase: *“I am foolish...”*

3 conclusions

1. Sin of omission (We need to play offense and not defense)
2. Perfect love casts away all fears (It is frightening to reach out to the Dionysius and the Damaris. It is much safer to do ministries for the Marys, Peters, and Johns)
3. Faith is the willingness to look foolish (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)