

Christian Leadership Reflections

Discussion Guide

NOTE TO THE CHURCH: MISTAKES NOT TO MAKE AGAIN!

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- 1) How engaged is your ministry with broader society? Do you understand it well enough to be relevant to it or to help the Christians you serve be relevant to it?
- 2) How welcome is critical thinking in your ministry? Are you able to discern what is cultural in the Bible and what is eternal? (A great book to help you discern the difference is *Slaves, Women & Homosexuals* by Bill Webb.) Does your ministry suffer from groupthink, or does it have truly creative, alternative ideas?
- 3) Most assumptions aren't even recognized because we think "That's the way things are." Review your strategy and external relationships and ask "What assumptions are hidden here?"
- 4) Review external groups that affect your ability to fulfill your mission, particularly those who make it more difficult for you. Are you engaging with them at all, and if so, are you talking with the people who are most likely to help you?
- 5) Review your external messaging, particularly public relations and fundraising. Have you framed the issues in a positive way?
- 6) List the external, real world goals that you want to achieve. Break the final goals down into incremental goals that represent movement towards success. Can some of the incremental goals be achieved quickly by detaching them from the final goal?