

Emerging disciples

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1. Who am I?

- tired of the “church” in “emerging”
- fascinated by what a missionary encounter means in my context

2. Emerging from? Or emerging to?

- How to follow Jesus faithfully in today’s culture/s?
- What wineskins might this need? old? or new?
- What is place of Gospel, tradition and culture?

3. Images of growth (Hat tip Craig Mitchell, <http://youthspirituality.com/>)

A ladder

A journey

A web

An encounter

Discussion:

Which of these most resonate with your understandings and experience?

Which would resonate best with the person you have identified?

What does this say about what this person is seeking from you?

4. Images of maturity: one, holy, catholic, apostolic (Hat tip John Drane)

One - living with the story

tradition and richness of (rich and diverse) past

holy - spiritual in all of life

missio dei

How can we take the altar to people?

Share life. Live faith. *share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives. 1 Thess 2:8*

Catholic - hospitable

Mark 9:40 whoever is not against us if for us

Universal - integrative

“today we are “creators and empathizers, pattern recognizers and meaning makers, artists, storytellers, caregivers, consolers, big picture thinkers.” Daniel Pink, *A Whole New Mind*, Riverhead, 2006, 1.

5. Images of formation

Teacher

Coach

Midwife

6. Discipling continuums

process and event
formal and informal
fall/redemption or creation/incarnation

7. Practically

Multi-congregational model
Lectionary
Bible days
Growth coaches
Life shapes
Sense making faith
Spiritual take-aways

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- married to Lynne Taylor, father to Shannon and Kayli Anne
- enjoys coffee and a run down kiwi bach at Lower Selwyn Hutts
- planted an emerging church - Graceway Baptist Church
- PhD study on emerging forms of church
- change agent pastor – Opawa Baptist, planting new congregations including espresso and refresh
- lecturer Practical Theology at Bible College of New Zealand (Christchurch)

4 useful books

Drane, John, *Do Christians Know How to Be Spiritual?*, DLT: UK, 2005.

Drane, John, *After McDonaldisation*, DLT: UK, 2008.

Roxburgh, Alan, *Reaching a New Generation*, IVP, 1993.

Taylor, Steve, *Out of Bounds Church?*, Zondervan, 2005.

3 useful websites

<http://www.emergentkiwi.org.nz>

<http://www.growing-disciples.org/>

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/>

1 useful course

I run a course called Missional Church Leadership, in response to the cry “I am a leader and need help to take this a step further.” The course has been designed to enable leaders to learn in context and consists of monthly group coaching, reinforced by reading, e-learning and grounded assignment work. I am available to do this with groups outside Christchurch. Contact me on steve@emergentkiwi.org.nz