



CNBC Report for 2016 Annual Convention

Church Strengthening • Team Leader • Paul Johnson

Our priorities in Church Strengthening (CS) team leader are small groups and DiscipleMaking. If we help CNBC congregations in these two areas, we'll contribute significantly to their growth and to their members' spiritual maturity.

We've done small groups and discipleship seminars twice in Vancouver, for VCBC and other churches. It helps churches examine their ministries and make adjustments as necessary. The association will invite us back next fall for more training. We also did a High Performance team training in Evansburg, AB.

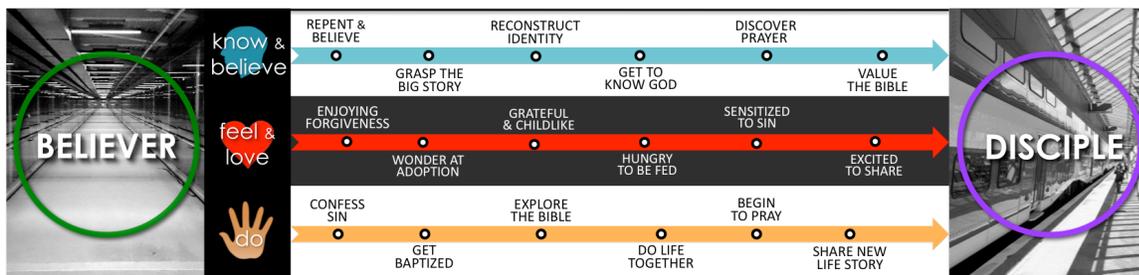
Both Kathy and I were presenters at the *I Am Ready* conference for the West Coast Association in early May. She leads the Evangelism team, but Hamish asked my team for three seminars: Praying for the Lost, Developing an EV Culture in Church, and How to Plan an International Mission Trip.

We compile weekly e-blasts to promote relevant Church Strengthening topics, sending them to persons in our data base. In addition to small groups and discipling, we develop such topics as apologetics, organizing a mission trip, developing an evangelistic culture in a church and Christians in the marketplace. Some e-blasts are time-sensitive, like one helping churches prepare for Easter.

Our team is responsible for updating E-equip, our conventions online training website. On Wednesdays each convention partner gets a E-equip report listing new videos posted. We organize them into channels, programs and courses so they're available to our constituency. Gerry and I traveled to Phoenix this winter to connect with other partners using E-equip, giving Gerry opportunity to demonstrate the new features of the video library.

Lead360 is also our team's responsibility once it gets reformatted into E-equipU. It is designed to give a structured "semester" process using eEquip videos for Christian and theological education.

Stages Diagram is now renamed DiscipleU. CNBC churches are using it more – pastors tell us it's their church discipling strategy now. Interestingly, IMB missionaries in Europe are using it too. There are now more than 200 "helps" in the app, spread throughout the Stages. We've incorporated Storylines into the app now (see below), the Head/ Heart/Hands process from Believer → Disciple. In time, we'll reformat the rest of the stages to reflect the 3H format.



Personally I had the satisfaction of taking a seven-person mission team from ROOTS to Iraq over Christmas to work with refugee families and assist a small Baptist church there. In August I'll lead a team to Athens to do similar work with refugees. I find it stretching and rewarding.