

LEADERSHIP CASE STUDIES



“Generous Justice Video Case Study”



Generous Justice video commentary with Tim Boal, Executive Director, Go2 Ministries; Pastor Mullery Jean-Pierre, Senior Pastor, Beraca Baptist Church, President, Bereca Community Development Corporation (BCDC); Doug Seebeck, President, Partners Worldwide.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8, NIV

What is generous justice?

- Justice is the way we actually live in a Kingdom manner according to the teachings of Jesus.
- Justice is standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.
- Justice is best exemplified by what Jesus did on the cross.

What role do catalytic leaders play in generous justice?

- Catalytic leaders are necessary for justice because the whole idea of a catalyst is something dropped into a formula that speeds up or multiplies the formula that makes it go quicker, faster, heightening the impact of the result.
- A catalytic leader is someone who enacts change on behalf of social justice for those that are poor and in need. These leaders make it happen in a significant way and on a significant scale.
- Catalytic leaders will be bold enough to live the vision they want to see. They will demonstrate by their actions what is possible.

Examples of Catalytic leadership

Pastor Dru Dodson is engaged in getting his marketplace leaders in Arkansas to connect with marketplace leaders in Haiti. Through this engagement they can invest in local church pastors who are investing in marketplace leaders who in turn can create better opportunities for the children of Haiti.



Pastor Mullery Jean-Pierre felt compelled by God to help the people in Lagos, Haiti. The idea God gave Beraca Baptist Church and Beraca Community Development Corporation (BCDC) was to establish a motorcycle taxi business. Working with the churches in Haiti, local pastors allowed Pastor Jean-Pierre to vet their members whom had been affected by the earthquake. Through this process Beraca gave 30 young men jobs as drivers in the motorcycle taxi business. BCDC also was able to secure microloans to grant their wives the ability to start a business.

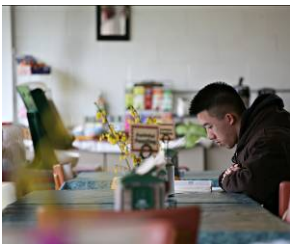
Through World Vision's child sponsorship program Beraca's members are also sponsoring children in Haiti. And God has rewarded this local church by raising up catalytic leaders within the membership.

Ralph Edmond felt called by God to leave his pharmacy business in New York to help rebuild Haiti following the devastating earthquake. It was in Haiti that local gang members attempted to take his life. His driver was injured in the attack but Ralph was unharmed. Ralph had the opportunity to confront his attackers. He shared his heart with them—he desired only to help his country, and live within the community, he was not a profiteer as they had assumed. There existed a huge disconnect between the people and those with a heart to help them. Ralph has sought to bridge this gap and has been unwavering and determined to continue his work of community building.

Final Words...

If you see an area that needs justice, an area that needs someone to stand up for the poor, step out by faith. See how God will open the door for you, to actualize the catalytic leadership skills which He has already entrusted you with, to enact change in these environments.

“Living A Seeking God Lifestyle Video Case Study”



Living A Seeking God Lifestyle video commentary with Matthew Bennett, President, Christian Union; Chris Thyberg, Director, New Ministry Initiatives & nextChurch Partnerships, American Bible Society; Grace May, Pastor, Oversea Chinese Mission; Scott James, Princeton Ministry Fellow, Christian Union; Gary Frost, President, Concerts of Prayer Greater New York. Highlights of these interviews are provided below.

Matthew Bennett

- If Americans today sought God with the amount of fervor and diligence as in the past as witnessed during the Great Awakening and Businessmen's Revival, we could expect God would bring the same amount of spiritual change to our country.
- Prayer changes our environment. In the United States we've forgotten that. We need to seek God with our whole hearts. In countries like China, Korea and across South America people have cultivated insatiable appetites for prayer and God is making incredible changes on their behalf.
- We need to pray morning, noon and night for hours at a time, if not all night.

Chris Thyberg

- Regular Scripture engagement is most catalytic in moving people from exploring Christ, to Growing in Christ, to being close to Christ, to being Christ-centered.
- According to an ABS survey 88% of American households own a Bible. 86% of Americans believe the Bible to be a holy, sacred book. However, 74% don't read the bible at all or at most once per month. From a strategic point of view we must tackle why people are not engaging the Bible.
- The good news—reading the Bible four or more times per week is the most predictive factor in lessening our tendencies to engage in self-destructive behavior.
- Scripture will equip you for every good work. The Bible provides us hope, patience and encouragement. Because God knows us and sees us through and through and He has provided, through prayer and reading Scripture, a means for us to have a living dialogue with Him.
- We must engage Scripture and prayer for our own well being.

Grace May

- Matthew 6:33 embodies a seeking God lifestyle.
- OCM took the plunge to read God's word for 40 days on the matter of justice. Justice can make a difference in our lives. Scripture has so much to say on this topic that is essential and central to our faith on God's heart.

Scott James

- The seeking God lifestyle draws God's Presence closer to us, to know God to the depths and degree which the Gospel allows.
- We began two hours of daily prayer with the students.
- Through engaging in this lifestyle we've seen a tremendous outpouring from God. Conversions on campus increased, student involvement grew, growth in faith and in stature with the Lord has abounded as students have turned over more of their lives to God.
- Daily prayer and fasting has strengthened the campus ministry.

Gary Frost

- As part of "**Now Is The Time**", 100 churches gathered to read Scripture together and to commune with God through prayer. The community witnessed the Body of Christ working in tandem for the glory of God.
- In Psalm 63:8, David pictured himself pursuing God intimately and at the same time God upholding him with his Right Hand. The seeking God lifestyle is a journey of intimacy with God.

Final Words...

We come to know God by experience as we obey Him and He accomplishes His work through us. There is much work to be done in the city. And God is inviting us to join Him in getting it done.

