



# STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FRAMEWORK

## Preparing for a *post-COVID* world

*"The world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you."*

*"We are called to adapt to a changing world because we are called to reach that changing world...We are to lead the people of God into the mission of God."*

*"Conceptually stuck [churches] cannot be unstuck simply by trying [the same things] harder."*

*"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality."*

*"Defining the urgency is critical to starting people on a new adventure."*

Tod Bolsinger, *Canoeing The Mountains* (2015)

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*"The appropriate response to the emerging world is a rebooting of the mission, a radical obedience to an ancient command...."*

*"Until we bless people who "go out" from us to reach people who may not come to us, we will continue to have a kingdom vision that is shrink-wrapped to church programs and church real estate."*

*We need transitional leaders who will help the church find a new expression in the emerging world."*

Reggie McNeal, *The Present Future* (2003)

**What are we learning in this pandemic that can help us remain faithful and effectual in advancing the gospel, equipping the saints, making disciples and providing robust pastoral care?**

**What are we learning in this pandemic about technology, social media, use of facilities and the purpose and nature of larger in-person worship gatherings?**

**How are we preparing our people NOW for the urgent significant changes of the future?**

***"Let us fix our eyes on JESUS, the author and perfecter of our faith..."***  
**Hebrews 12:2a**

**ACCEPT** the urgent need for change

- **Address** present fractures, failures and fears

**ADOPT** as a priority a prayer posture

- **Allow** for the Holy Spirit to transform

**ANCHOR** everything to Scripture

- **Attach** all aspects of a strategic plan to God's Word

**ADVANCE** the gospel

- **Assert** the missional centrality of making disciples

**AMP-UP** equipping of the saints

- **Apply** Ephesians 4:11,12 as a core value

**ALIGN** with new partners

- **Ask** like-minded collaborators for help

**ADJUST** for the long-haul

- **Affect** robust incremental changes

**LEADERS must reflect the MISSION**

**The 'STAGE' must reflect the MISSION**

**The BUDGET must reflect the MISSION**

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