

Workshop 4: Bill Easum

10 Most Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

- ↵ (1) **Neglect the great commandment**
 - **When you fall in love with your own ideas**
 - **Ministry can become your mistress**
 - **Solution:**
 - **Don't think your church plant will feed your spirituality**
- ↵ (2) **Failing to take your opposition seriously**
 - **Institutional opposition**
 - **A Member who wants their own way**
 - **Culture opposition**
 - **Church and state issues**
 - **Schools inability**
 - **Spiritual opposition**
 - **Other churches**
 - **Solution:**
 - **Draft an intercessory prayer team**
 - **Call people inside and outside your plant to pray**
 - **THIS IS WARFARE**
- ↵ (3) **A love affair with one's fantasy**
 - **Your fantasy does not exist**
 - **The fantasy blinds the planter to the mission field**
 - **Plans have to be turned into people**
 - **Don't spend so much time in your office and get off the laptop**
 - **SOLUTION:**
 - **You must exegete your mission field (break it down)**
- ↵ (4) **A pre-mature launch**
 - **Not enough people**
 - **Not enough money**
 - **You can't count on people to follow up**
 - **Launch team must have gained financial ownership...it is our responsibility**
 - **Preview season**
 - **A taste of what to come**
- ↵ (5) **Evangelism ceases after the launch**
 - **Evangelism is not a season of life**
 - **Members begin demanding all of your time**
- ↵ (6) **No plan for the rest of the week**
 - **You must have a plan**
- ↵ (7) **Fear of talking about money until it is too late**
- ↵ (8) **Failures of the church**
 - **Act your age and your size**
 - **Let some people walk away**
 - **We are not there yet...don't stop and keep going**
 - **Don't try to do everything at one time**
- ↵ (9) **Formulizing leadership too soon**
 - **You don't need leaders at first**
 - **Your future leaders need to prove themselves**
 - **You don't need a board or by-laws**
- ↵ (10) **Using a superstar model**
 - **Saddleback won't work for everybody**
 - **You can't Xerox somebody's vision**