

PLENARY SESSION 1:

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- ↵ It took 3 yrs before he could actually believe he had a church
- ↵ If you're never persecuted then you're a coward
- ↵ There are seasons where you have to work all the time in order to make it successful
 - There is no perfect balance on the front end
 - Make a deal with your spouse about the time investment
- ↵ In church planting you may not have a church the next week unless you are compelling and unless it is good...
 - THEREFORE HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE AT PEACE WITH GOD AND BE COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IS OKAY WITHOUT LOSING THE FOCUS OF WHY YOU ARE STARTING THE CHURCH IN THE FIRST PLACE

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- ↵ As powerful as the Mississippi River is, it has no effect on the Pacific Ocean
- ↵ If everything happens just we would want, would it have the effect that we have mind
 - No matter how perfect things line up, it never really ends up exactly how you wanted it to
- ↵ Many times we have proximity but no intimacy
 - We know how to sit next to a stranger and leave...and they are still a stranger
- ↵ Acts 17:16 –
 - Paul was on a journey between spaces...and he take us through 3 'spaces':
 - (1) He was distressed to see that the city was full of idols
 - He went to the synagogue to speak with the leaders:
 - WHY DID HE GO TO THE SYNOGOGUE...
 - When he could have gone in the city to speak with the people who worshipping the false gods
 - BECAUSE...
 - He knew the Jews
 - (2) We went to the marketplace day by day and was open to all who were there:
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 - (3) Then he went into the aereopagus when they asked him
 - Paul influenced
- ↵ 1st space: it's the space we create for others and ourselves
 - The reason our churches are not very diverse and only have people like us, is that we only like "us"...
 - **We need a church planting movement that is not self directed, but is motivated by love for people** (love covers a multitude of irrelevance)
 - We need to be able to do this first space first
- ↵ 2nd space: we need to engage the culture when they are open
 - They are open they just need to know who they can trust
 - God leads us into moments when we least expect, and even when we don't want them
 - There are people everywhere searching for someone where there is a presence of God
 - We fear the real world and we lack the competency...if we do not relate to the real world then we will not have effective churches
 - The marketplace doesn't need a watered down gospel...the need and want the real gospel...the church wants a watered down gospel because its more comfortable
- ↵ 3rd space: the space you cannot go unless you're invited
 - You must earn the right to be invited in to this space
 - When you get invited to this space, God can use you to influence people that will never get influence Christendom
- ↵ Jesus is looking for people who will live their lives with intense passion for reaching the world
 - For people who will forget trying to fit in and be popular with other Christians and who are passionate about getting connected with unchurched people

