

Comeback Churches: ***How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can Too***

Reflection Questions for Chapters 0 and 1
June 13, 15 & 16

1. From the context clues on p. 4, what do you sense is the meaning of the word, “missional”?
2. If St. Paul’s closed its doors today, would anyone notice?
3. If a missionary from Korea would come to PV what kind of observations do you think s/he’d make about the PV cultures?
4. If Jesus were evaluating the church at Palos Verdes the way he did in the book of Revelation, what would be SPLC’s strengths and weaknesses.
5. How would you answer the questions toward the bottom of p. 9: “What cultural containers—church, worship style, small group ministry—will be most effective in [the PV context]?”

6. Take a look at the list of spiritual problems and barriers on p. 12-13. Without using any examples what would you say are the top three that most characterize SPLC? How about least characterize?

7. Take a look at the chart on the bottom of p. 18. What degree of change do you think is needed at SPLC?

8. Which of the "Dirty Baker's Dozen" on p 19-20 describe the kind of church SPLC is?

9. What do the authors mean by "unwritten contract" on pp. 29-30? Do you sense there is an unwritten contract at SPLC?

10. In the list of 10 reasons the church matters, which of the ten reasons do you hope to be the most evident here in Palos Verdes?