

Comeback Churches:

How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can Too

Reflection Questions for Chapters 2 and 3
June 20, 22 & 23

Questions for Chapter 2:

1. On p. 39, the authors note how comeback leaders have learned intentional ways to make a difference. One of those ways was to challenge excuses. Are there any excuses at SPLC that you have heard regarding why we are not growing that need to be challenged?
2. What do you see when you look at the harvest around us in PV? Do you agree that people are ripe for the harvest?
3. Where do you see ministry shared at SPLC? In what ways can ministry be shared more?
4. What do you hope your pastor spends most of his time on?
5. Can you remember SPLC's vision without looking at a church document/web page? In what way does this vision lead to making disciples? In your opinion, does our current vision reactivate the church's heart for the community?

6. What do you think of this statement: “The pain of change is worth it for the pleasure of vitality”? (p. 49)

Questions for Chapter 3:

7. Of the three Faith Factors that are necessary for a comeback church, which does SPLC do best? Which of the three needs more emphasis, or needs the most improvement?

8. Does SPLC love the lost? In what ways does that show? Or not show?

9. What do you make of the statement by William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury: “The Church is the only organization organized primarily for the benefit of its non-members”?

10. What is the “sin of preferences”? (p. 65) What concerns you most about the PV communities?

11. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. How might we become like those who live in PV?