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LEADERSHIP RESOURCES



From asking better questions to sharing power to spiritual formation, these new and recent books provide fresh insights and inspiration for developing faithful, long-lasting, and impactful leadership.

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THE ART OF ASKING BETTER QUESTIONS

Pursuing Stronger Relationships, Healthier Leadership, and Deeper Faith by J.R. Briggs

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LEADERSHIP IN QUESTION: FOR PEOPLE'S LIVES TO CHANGE

WE MUST CHANGE OUR QUESTIONS

J.R. Briggs asks:

"What if leadership has more to do with starting conversations than ending them?"

"What would be the result if leaders were known more for their questions than their answers?"

In [The Art of Asking Better Questions: Pursuing Stronger Relationships, Healthier Leadership, and Deeper Faith](#), Briggs argues that the quality of your life is determined by the quality of the questions you ask God, yourself, and others. He offers a thoughtful exploration of how intentional, well-crafted questions can transform relationships, leadership, and spiritual growth.

"Full disclosure—J.R. Briggs is an automatic read for me, and The Art of Asking Better Questions proves why. This book reignites the undervalued rabbinic skill of asking questions, showing how they can deepen relationships, strengthen leadership, and enrich faith. J.R. weaves together engaging stories, practical insights, and a genuine passion that invites readers to embrace curiosity as a way to connect more meaningfully with others and the world. After all, Jesus himself modeled this as the greatest question-asker of all time, and J.R. helps us follow in those footsteps. It's a compelling, thought-provoking guide for anyone who wants to live with greater intention, wonder, and discovery."

—LEONARD SWEET, author of *Decoding the Divine*, professor, preacher, publisher, and proprietor of Sanctuary Seaside advance center



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FOR THE CHURCH TO TRULY REFLECT THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST, IT MUST EMBRACE THE SHARING OF POWER.

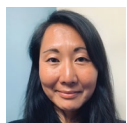
This book invites pastors, church planters, and ministry leaders to rethink how leadership can empower the entire body of Christ.

You Were Never Meant to Lead Alone

- Explores how shared leadership can be integrated into the structure of a church;
- Expands on the fivefold diversity of leadership: apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers;
- Highlights how different gifts and leadership styles suit various aspects of ministry;
- Expands ministry beyond paid staff, promoting inclusivity regardless of gender, race, or culture;
- Addresses real-life power dynamics and temptations leaders face; and
- Offers practical, sustainable structures to multiply leaders for the benefit of the entire community.

“Believing in and practicing shared leadership in a power-hungry world (and, too often, a power-hungry church) is a prophetic act that proclaims a different kingdom and holds out hope in a final joy that is far better. E. K. Strawser not only teaches wonderfully and skillfully coaches us in this area of discipleship, so sorely needed in the church today, but she lives it and embodies it. Every church leadership that longs to be conformed to the way of Christ will find this book to be a healing balm and insightful guide.”

—**KYUBOEM LEE**, professor of practical theology and doctor of ministry program director at Missio Seminary

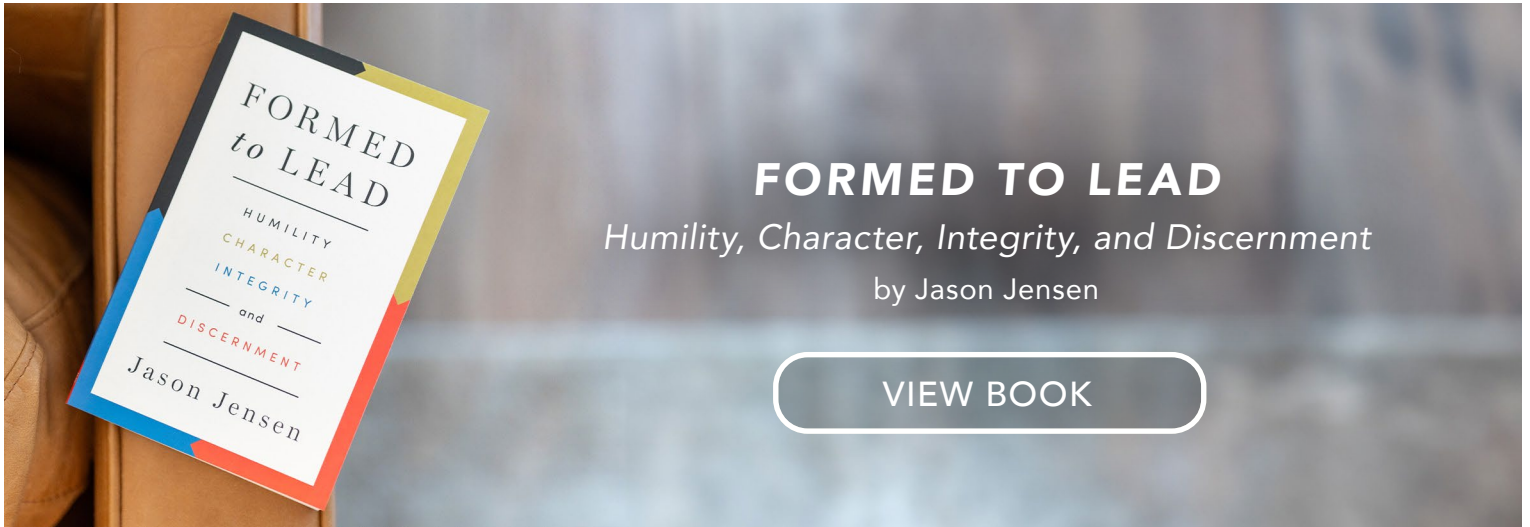


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FORMED TO LEAD

Humility, Character, Integrity, and Discernment

by Jason Jensen

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A COMPELLING EXPLORATION OF HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT SHAPES EFFECTIVE LEADERS

Formed to Lead: Humility, Character, Integrity, and Discernment by Jason Jensen shows leaders how to

- Examine how a combination of tender humility and bold faith enhance faithful Christian leadership;
- Explore the connection between spiritual discipline and strong leadership qualities;
- Learn strategies to overcome common leadership challenges by drawing from Jesus' example;
- Discern the Holy Spirit's movement in your own growth and in your leadership calling;
- Reflect on personal leadership journeys through guided discussion questions.

"Jason Jensen understands—and exemplifies—the truth that our leadership can never outpace our formation. Through a masterful blend of Scripture, timeless wisdom from church history, personal authenticity, and practical, adaptable practices, Formed to Lead offers fresh hope and new imagination to leaders hungry for all God has for them—and those they serve."

—**KARA POWELL**, chief of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary and coauthor of *Future-Focused Church*



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HOW LEADERS LOSE THEIR WAY

And How to Make Sure It Doesn't Happen to You

by Peter Greer and Jill Heisey

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LET'S HAVE MORE LEADERS MARKED BY LONG-TERM FAITHFULNESS

Authors Peter Greer and Jill Heisey masterfully blend Scripture with modern-day insights and practical case studies, making this book a compelling guide for pastors, ministry leaders, and organizational leaders aiming to avoid distractions, pressures, and temptations that pull them off course. This book will help you:

- **Admit vulnerability:** Every leader is susceptible to losing their way. The first step in avoiding personal drift is recognizing that it could happen to you.
- **Stay disciplined:** Staying on mission requires daily discipline, a reoriented understanding of success, and a balance of priorities to reach the finish line faithfully.
- **Build a support network:** Create accountability by building a community of trusted mentors and peers.
- **Remain faithful:** Regular reflection and confession can help you remain on the path of long-term faithfulness.

"Too many leaders drive by feel through life, mistaking inertia and intention for direction and destination. Legacies are lost when not lived. How Leaders Lose Their Way is a lighthouse in the night shining needed lights to prevent unforced errors and disasters on the predictable hazards. It's not if we will struggle with drift but how we will respond. The insights, resources, wisdom and case studies of this book can change the win rate of leaders. May it be so!"

—MIKE SHARROW, CEO of C12 Business Forums



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MISSION DESIGN

Leading Your Ministry Through
Organizational and Cultural Change

by Aaron Abramson

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**IF YOU'RE A MINISTRY LEADER LOOKING TO ADAPT TO
EVOLVING DYNAMICS, NAVIGATE CULTURAL SHIFTS, AND LEAD
WITH IMPACT, AARON ABRAMSON IS YOUR TRUSTED GUIDE.**

Drawing on principles from design thinking, user experience design, and service design, Aaron Abramson, CEO of Jews for Jesus, provides a step-by-step approach to help pastors, church planters, nonprofit leaders, and mission entrepreneurs adapt and innovate ministries to reach the shifting world around us. This book provides the tools and insights you need to adapt, pivot, navigate, and kickstart change for your ministry.

"Fresh, insightful, and practical. Aaron Abramson—with over two decades of on-the-ground experience as a change agent in Jews for Jesus, one of the most innovative mission organizations today—draws on what he has come to understand about making missions happen on the ground to provide a clear blueprint for mission management that works. Abramson's insights have not only enabled him to give strategic guidance for his mission, but his applied wisdom has also earned him the promotion to international executive director of this culture-impacting Jews for Jesus mission. Mission Design breaks down into accessible bites of insight that will help any mission practitioner move forward in their assignments from God. Plus, Aaron Abramson is a wonderful friend and colleague whom I've admired and trusted for many years. Mission Design is an investment you won't regret, and one you most likely need to make."

—**BYRON SPRADLIN**, president of Artists in Christian Testimony International and founding board chair of Jews for Jesus



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