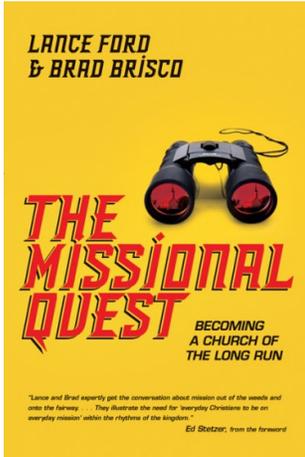




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## Joining the Quest

Without a vision, the people perish. But without practical guidance from experienced leaders, that vision may never actually be enacted. Given the spate of books published on missional theology in recent years, many church leaders have embraced the theoretical shift from “attractional” to “incarnational” church models, but they aren’t entirely sure how to put their new convictions into practice.

With years of on-the-ground ministry experience, missional leaders Brad Brisco and Lance Ford want to help pastors fully embrace the church’s missionary identity. Whether new to missional concepts or well-acquainted with the conversation, pastors will gain the practical insights they need from *The Missional Quest* to pursue the changes they want to see in their churches and communities.

While Brisco and Ford provide theological foundations in the first chapter, the balance of the book is dedicated to taking action. Each chapter includes “Steps on the Quest” sections that highlight specific concrete ideas for moving in a missional direction, such as activities that leaders can model or diagnostic exercises and assessments they can do with their pastoral leadership team.

“Each of the chapters builds on the preceding chapter to create continuous momentum for equipping and releasing people into their local mission field,” note the authors in the introduction.

Step by step, Brisco and Ford map out how pastors can lead their churches into a missional mindset and way of life. First leaders need to make sure that they participate in healthy rhythms of inner formation. Leaders also need to acknowledge that the United States is a post-Christendom culture and that the mission field is right here. Given that, believers need to get to know their neighbors and begin to take responsibility for their communities. Practicing biblical hospitality and looking for ways that God is at work in the workplace are two essential habits that leaders can demonstrate and recommend to the entire congregation. In addition, believers should discern where they might become regulars at local third places in the neighborhood, such as a coffee shop. Pastors can also empower small group leaders to transform their small groups into launching pads for mission. Throughout the process, leaders should work to empower all believers as followers of Jesus to live and work together, fulfilling the Great Commission and making disciples. Finally, leaders need to be patient and develop new ways of measuring the “success” of church.

If pastors are ready to activate their churches to join in the mission of God in the world, *The Missional Quest* offers just the guidance they need.

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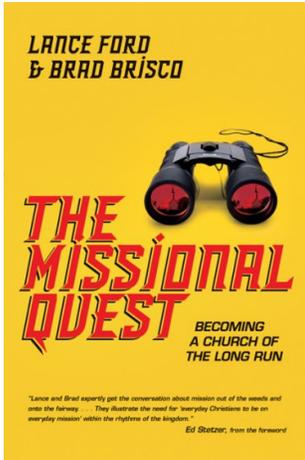
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