

# THE CALLING

ACTS 29 CANADA 2020 ONLINE CONFERENCE



# CONFERENCE GUIDE

**Event Schedule:**

**WEST**

Sunday, July 5th: 6:30 pm (PDT):  
Session 1: Why are you Here?

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Session 2: The Gospel

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Session 3: Developing a Community of Leaders

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Session 4: Firm Foundation of Doctrine

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**EAST**

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## **SESSION 1: WHY ARE YOU HERE?**

### **Questions:**

1. What purpose did you have in watching the session?
2. In what ways have you felt like a failure? Who made you feel that way? Is that how God sees you?
3. How are you able to relate to Moses?
4. Do you find that you are curious? Give some examples.
5. What has God asked you to do that you are not confident about doing?
6. Have you ever had a desire to be involved in church planting?
7. What do you sense that God wants you to do after hearing session one?

## **SESSION 2: THE GOSPEL**

### **Questions:**

1. What are some reasons, both good and bad, that people give for planting churches or serving in ministry?
  
2. In Romans 15:17-21, the Apostle Paul speaks of the “ministry of the gospel of Christ” as preaching the Gospel, “not where Christ has already been named.” What does this insight show us about the correct “why” and “what” of church planting?
  
3. The Gospel shapes *people* and the Gospel shapes *a people* . How do these two categories help us understand and unpack the work of the Gospel in people’s lives?
  
4. The Gospel of Jesus doesn’t start in the New Testament Gospels, but in the first pages of Scripture. Why is it vital for us to recognize and preach the Gospel from Genesis-Revelation?
  
5. The Gospel is truly ‘Good News’ for all people, religious and non-religious. What does the Gospel call the religious person to turn away from? What does the Gospel offer the non-religious person?

6. Human beings are story-formed creatures who navigate life, make sense of our world, answer life's most important questions and shape morals and values by telling stories. What stories does our culture tell us about the following topics and how does the Gospel tell an alternative story about each of these?

- a) human identity, value and dignity
- b) sexuality and pleasure
- c) money and possessions
- d) truth and reality

7. Why is this vital for the church to communicate the 'bigness' of the Gospel in our current culture? What practical things can the church do to share the alternative and true story of the Gospel in our own contexts today?

## **SESSION 3: DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY OF LEADERS**

### **Questions:**

1. Do you agree with focusing on leaders and non-Christians when planting a church?
2. How are you gifted by God? What are gifts that you are praying for in others?
3. Does your vision to plant include training elders? If so, how will you do it?
4. Who will help you with your blindspots?
5. Why do you think that so many leaders experience burnout when planting?
6. Have you ever taken a risk on allowing someone younger and less experienced to lead? How did that go?
7. What is your ideal church planting team?

## **SESSION 4: FIRM FOUNDATION OF DOCTRINE**

### **Questions:**

1. What are your theological reasons for doing what you want to do?
2. What is your view on the Bible?
3. Who is God?
4. What do you believe about Jesus & His work?
5. What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit?
6. What do you believe about sin?
7. What is your view of the local church?
8. What other theological & doctrinal positions do you need to work out?
9. How are you going to be equipped for the work of ministry?

## **SESSION 5: GLOCAL MISSION**

### **Questions:**

1. How does knowing God as community and a sending God make a difference when you consider the mission of the church?

2. What fears do you have as you consider being on mission?

3. How does the Gospel and the Spirit help you overcome those fears?

4. Has anything in what you heard, given you a different perspective of the church and its purpose?

5. What excites you most about this mission Jesus has for us?

6. How can you have confidence in the mission, knowing that it is Jesus who builds his church?

7. What do you sense that God wants you to do after hearing this session?



## **SESSION 6: WHAT IS NEXT?**

### **Questions:**

1. What has God been saying to you during the six sessions about church planting?

2. When do you plan to process the information through prayer?

3. Are you going to speak to your pastor about what you are sensing?

4. How do you plan to be trained for the task of planting?

5. Are you ready for assessment? If so, which version: two year pathway, church planter, or existing church?

6. Who will you approach to coach you through your church plant?

7. How do you envision needing support?

8. How can you utilize the resources of Acts 29 Canada for this endeavour?