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Leadership as Heightening Discomfort

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“Aging is the aggressive pursuit of comfort.”

- Gary Brecka -

He is talking about the _____ for people.

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What if we applied that to the church too? Let’s incubate on that for a moment. The key words there are “aggressive pursuit of comfort.”

Growth does not come in the place of _____.

Growth occurs when comfort is challenged – it happens in the place of _____.

We can think of that place of discomfort as

_____ | _____ | _____

When God’s people were in the wilderness – that was the place of growth. Was the wilderness uncomfortable? It sure was. It was the place where they were changed.

A vibrant Christ Centered Community BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS.

In the church we aggressively pursue comfort when we no longer do that. We no longer Build Relationships. We are satisfied with who we know and how much we know about them. Churches where people talk to the same people. Where they don’t expand the circle – that is a sign of the lack of building relationships.

To meet someone new is an uncomfortable thing. Is your church meeting new people? Often, we think we are welcoming, but that welcome doesn’t go beyond “hello.” Get uncomfortable in your relationships. That is needed.

What are ways to go beyond the “hello”?

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A vibrant Christ Centered Community has SPIRITUAL DEPTH.

We get comfortable in our spiritual lives and don't grow. The aggressive pursuit of comfort is spiritual shallowness or laziness. It happens when don't dig into the Word. When we aren't actively pursuing learning more. When are not drawing from that deep well of prayer – that is spiritual _____.

Growing deeper, being uncomfortable with the level of knowledge – that is what it takes. Look at yourself. Look at your church. Are you spiritually lazy? Pick up the book! Get in your prayer closet. Get a prayer partner. Get uncomfortable and share about those deepest things in your life.

Describe what makes you uncomfortable?

A vibrant Christ Centered Community is MISSIONAL.

We get comfortable – that is what churches do. We get comfortable by looking only at ourselves and what we are doing. That aggressive pursuit of comfort turns us inward. That is not the direction. The direction we are called to is outward.

When we reach beyond to truly see others and really see them, that is not a comfortable place. When we do that we see our neighbors and we see our neighborhood. Are we comfortable with what's going on inside?

Will we risk being uncomfortable by looking outward and seeing our neighbor? That is the call of God—that we risk ourselves and our comfort to see beyond.

What are we pursuing? Are we pursuing comfort or the place where there is discomfort? Where there is discomfort there is growth in the Spirit.?
