

## Speaker:



**Name and Role:** Dr. Steve Cordle (Three Sessions)

**Bio:** Dr. Steve Cordle, Executive Director, “The River Network”

Steve is the founding pastor of Crossroads Church, group-based church with 4 locations around Pittsburgh, Pa. His missionary heart can be traced to his coming to Christ through a missionary team while living in Brussels, Belgium. He also coaches pastors and church planters in the United States and in Western Europe. He has also been a Master Trainer with Dynamic Church Planting International, and is the author of three books. Steve is a classically trained pianist and a middle infielder on his softball team. His most important partner is his wife Linda; they have three adult sons, three daughters-in-love and four grandchildren.

CHURCH REVIVTALIZTION – SEE JACKSON-SEARS NEHEMIAH PROJECT

ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLESHIP

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

**\*Topic: (Session 1) Your Church Can Multiply; why and how any size church can help launch a new church**

## This Bishop's Ordination Message

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*Today the work of the church is the responsibility of both the minister and the laity. More and more people are becoming empowered to act on a local level - they minister to one another, recognize needs, and reach out to help others inside and outside the congregation. Collected here are more than 20 narratives, told by the very people actively working in this shared ministry.*

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[https://www.amazon.com/Anatomy-Revived-Church-Congregations-Resources/dp/1496477863/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=22GXNI9DLC3QK&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.DuWCjyw3F2LpKB7xFfapKMvzf9vfRIZ\\_07qvF3T74uUfre6P-iMuqA13kqcP6xQgA3EMz\\_TzbsfC6TTmvVg4JhWsXBaeZ1QTfdVfmDhzFz4J1RMSG3ZDw2A0Wilyrv7BC65t5zDmPYYp7qJ2MxhXpg.l6f-PhBeEMyXrTVt7A60UOP339dJZ-Zs\\_8Wlf9dCu8&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=Rainer%2C+Thom+S.+Anatomy+of+a+Revived+Church%3A+Seven+Findings+of+How+Congregations+Avoided+Death.+Rainer+Publishing%2C+2020.&qid=1713216971&s=books&prefix=rainer%2C+thom](https://www.amazon.com/Anatomy-Revived-Church-Congregations-Resources/dp/1496477863/ref=sr_1_1?crid=22GXNI9DLC3QK&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.DuWCjyw3F2LpKB7xFfapKMvzf9vfRIZ_07qvF3T74uUfre6P-iMuqA13kqcP6xQgA3EMz_TzbsfC6TTmvVg4JhWsXBaeZ1QTfdVfmDhzFz4J1RMSG3ZDw2A0Wilyrv7BC65t5zDmPYYp7qJ2MxhXpg.l6f-PhBeEMyXrTVt7A60UOP339dJZ-Zs_8Wlf9dCu8&dib_tag=se&keywords=Rainer%2C+Thom+S.+Anatomy+of+a+Revived+Church%3A+Seven+Findings+of+How+Congregations+Avoided+Death.+Rainer+Publishing%2C+2020.&qid=1713216971&s=books&prefix=rainer%2C+thom)

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Wesley, John, *Forty-Four Selected Sermons on Various Occasions, The Almost Christian sermon #2, Presented to St. Mary's University, Oxford, July 25, 1741*; Epworth Press Publisher, 1971, 11th edition.

*The Almost Christian is the second message from Wesley's 'Forty-Four Sermons'. It was originally preached at St Mary's, Oxford, on July 25th, 1741. The text for this sermon is Acts 26:28; 'Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."'*

<https://www.amazon.com/Almost-Christian-Wesleys-English-Forty-Four-ebook/dp/B00935UXSC>

#### Church Start Information:

Housefires <https://midtexasgmc.org/housefires>

The River Network <https://therivernetwork.org/>

**\*Topic: (Session 2) Disciple-making Made Simple (not easy); how disciples make disciples**

#### Task Force Resources:

- **Among Wolves: Disciple-Making in the City by Dhati Lewis (B&H Books 2017)**

[https://www.amazon.com/Among-Wolves-Disciple-Making-Dhati-Lewis/dp/1433644029/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=14VQY233FDAI3&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.BqtqxHtKGVPBixznElh7LSUmHhto16maoehvFMDIR2LGjHj071QN20LucGBJIEps.K-2yqhHDnxvVd7lhla98lJD6kjqDH5dMGJtmQbzPxHk&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=Amon+g+Wolves%3A+Disciple-Making+in+the+City+by+Dhati+Lewis+%28B%26H+Books+2017%29&qid=1713315](https://www.amazon.com/Among-Wolves-Disciple-Making-Dhati-Lewis/dp/1433644029/ref=sr_1_1?crid=14VQY233FDAI3&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.BqtqxHtKGVPBixznElh7LSUmHhto16maoehvFMDIR2LGjHj071QN20LucGBJIEps.K-2yqhHDnxvVd7lhla98lJD6kjqDH5dMGJtmQbzPxHk&dib_tag=se&keywords=Amon+g+Wolves%3A+Disciple-Making+in+the+City+by+Dhati+Lewis+%28B%26H+Books+2017%29&qid=1713315)

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*An updated introduction that explains the importance of the context of Family on Mission in Building a Discipling Culture.*

Meyers, J. (2003). The Search to Belong: Rethinking Intimacy, Community, and Small Groups. Zondervan.

[https://www.amazon.com/Search-Belong-Rethinking-Community-Paperback-ebook/dp/B004FPZ290/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Search-Belong-Rethinking-Community-Paperback-ebook/dp/B004FPZ290/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=)

*A practical guide for those struggling to build a community of believers in a culture that wants to experience belonging over believing. Who is my neighbor? Who belongs to me? To whom do I belong? These are timeless questions that guide the church to its fundamental calling.*

Watson, K. (2013). The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience. Seedbed Publishing.

<https://my.seedbed.com/product/class-meeting-by-kevin-watson/>

*Small groups struggling with the traditional small group model that focuses more on information than relationship*

Watson, K. (2014). *Pursuing Social Holiness: The Band Meeting in Wesley's Thought and Popular Methodist Practice*. Oxford University Press.

[https://www.amazon.com/Pursuing-Social-Holiness-Methodist-Practice-ebook/dp/B00HFPULGQ/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Pursuing-Social-Holiness-Methodist-Practice-ebook/dp/B00HFPULGQ/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=)

*Kevin M. Watson offers the first in-depth examination of an essential early Methodist tradition: the band meeting, a small group of five to seven people who focused on the confession of sin in order to grow in holiness.*

Wesley, J. *The One Thing Needful*. Referenced from Outler, A., Heitzenrater, R. (1991) *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology*. Abingdon Press.

<https://www.amazon.com/John-Wesleys-Sermons-Albert-Outler/dp/068720495X>

*Adapted from Albert Outler's 4-volume text *The Works of John Wesley*, this anthology of 50 of Wesley's finest sermons are presented in an affordable, convenient paperback. Arranged chronologically with introductory commentary by Richard Heitzenrater.*

Wesley, J. (2013) *Hymns and Sacred Poems Primary Source* ed. edition. Nabu Press.

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**Making Disciples in the Twenty-First Century Church: How the Cell-Based Church Shapes Followers of Jesus by Joel Comiskey.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Making-Disciples-Twenty-First-Century-Church/dp/1935789422>**

***What is the main objective of cell ministry? We know that the goal of the Christian life is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. But does God have a particular purpose for the cell-based church? I've come to the conclusion that the primary goal of cell ministry is to make disciples who make disciples. Christ commanded his disciples to reproduce themselves (Matthew 28:18-20). But how were they supposed to do that?***

**The Church in Many Houses: Reaching Your Community through Cell-Based Ministry by Rev. Dr. Steve Cordle.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Church-Many-Houses-Community-Cell-Based/dp/1935789554>**

***Although the largest churches in the world are cell-based, many have questioned whether the model will work in North America. The Church in Many Houses: Reaching Your Community Through Cell-Based Ministry makes the case that the cell model will work --- if key assumptions about spiritual growth and the nature of the church are re-examined and renewed.***

**How to Lead a Great Cell Group Meeting So People Want to Come Back - Joel Comiskey.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Lead-Great-Group-Meeting-People/dp/1880828278>**

***Your leaders really can lead cell group meetings that cause the members to say "WOW!" This book will show your leaders how to: • hear God during the meeting • structure the meeting so that it flows • spur the group members to participate and***

***share openly • create stimulating questions • listen effectively • and see the details that create a warm, inviting atmosphere for unbelievers.***

**Where Do We Go From Here? A Guidebook for the Cell Group Church by Ralph W. Neighbour Jr.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Where-Do-We-Here-Guidebook/dp/1880828170>**

***The chapters will describe the problem with the old and will prepare the reader for the new by first discussing the theology of the cell group structure. Finally, I will tell everthing I can think of which might help those who are ready to journey into the second Reformation--concepts which have been gleaned from many men and many groups in many nations.***

**The Second Reformation: Reshaping the Church for the 21st Century by William A. Beckham.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Second-Reformation-Reshaping-Church-Century/dp/1880828901>**

***The Second Reformation lovingly, yet firmly challenges us to evaluate the church today. This book deals with hard questions that many of us have wrestled with for years.***

**Houses That Change the World: The Return of the House Churches by Wolfgang Simson**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Houses-That-Change-World-Churches/dp/185078356X>**

***Millions of Christians around the world are becoming aware of an imminent reformation of global proportions within the Church. God is changing this revered institution and is making a new collective awareness of an age-old revelation, a corporate spiritual echo that reflects God's desire for the Church.***

***In this book, Wolfgang Simson brings to light what God is saying to Christians everywhere.***

**The House Church: A New Testament Church in the 21st Century by Young Chai.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/House-Church-Young-G-Chai/dp/8993074143>**

***Why Do We Need Another Book? Why do we need yet another book on the topic of house churches? This is a reasonable question. There are many books about house or cell churches. Many of them are quite good. So why have another? There are several purposes for this book that may not be addressed by other books on house churches.***

**Everyday Disciples: John Wesley's 22 Questions.**

**<http://www.encountergod.com/john-wesleys-holy-club.html>**

**Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship with Youth by Chris Wilterdink.**

**<https://www.amazon.com/Everyday-Disciples-Covenant-Discipleship-Youth/dp/0881777935>**

***Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship With Youth by Chris Wilterdink resources pastors, youth leaders, and youth groups with information and planning materials related to Covenant Discipleship and accountability practices.***

## **Discipleship Bands: A Practical Field Guide**

**<https://discipleshipbands.com/>**

***A discipleship band is a group of three to five people who read together, pray together, and meet together to become the love of God for one another and the world.***

## **Catechism for the Global Methodist Church**

**<https://globalmethodist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Catechism-V2.pdf>**

***A catechism is an educative and regulative formulation of church doctrine. It provides both a pedagogical tool for initiation into the full life of the church and a formal expression of the essential teachings that the church expects its members to understand and believe.***

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**\*Topic: (Session 3) Planting a Church Without a Pastor: how to start a micro-church in your home**

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## **This Bishop's Ordination Message**

**<https://youtu.be/4KvsKzCUWq0?si=-Kcimu-HyvRLDYhS>**

## **Task Force Resources:**

**• Video: How Evangelism Works in a Post-Christian Culture by Joshua Ryan Butler**

**<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/video/evangelism-works-post-christian-culture/>**

- Course (Online & Free): Evangelism in a Skeptical World: TGC by Sam Chan

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/evangelism-skeptical-world/#introduction>

- Evangelism as Exiles: Life on Mission as Strangers in our Own Land by Elliot Clark (The Gospel Coalition 2019)

[https://www.amazon.com/Evangelism-Exiles-Life-Mission-Strangers/dp/057846201X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=20TTPCPFQMPQL&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.k-L1iXoGiEnXh-2j5z6ww8bL8Af9bRM2YySSQCtk1FB\\_hPenI\\_Y4fFz1omyBJcozjk2-zcO3X6qtnfC5ofYCLkIDIYRmUz1Tot8jGic-vnn7hKVIN73\\_QNpR9iHj--UfdZclh9zWluNyiTqXXF\\_CB-n\\_zHS\\_Y4hL2DrF2NMNnAY\\_dcBpsoXd9GNPA0y9ExCT4kVQ-bCO7ZvKIMfaLbGEs7rQcrIRLA-HWqqGVLxjEk.tix8B4Eduy2mqyGFrh5vsjs9kRLOhmqdOfUaPXD\\_Do&dib\\_tag=s\\_e&keywords=Evangelism+as+Exiles%3A+Life+on+Mission+as+Strangers+in+our+Own+Land+by+Elliot+Clark+%28The+Gospel+Coalition+2019%29&qid=1713315217&s=books&srefix=evangelism+as+exiles+life+on+mission+as+strangers+in+our+own+land+by+elliott+clark+the+gospel+coalition+2019+%2Cstripbooks%2C172&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Evangelism-Exiles-Life-Mission-Strangers/dp/057846201X/ref=sr_1_1?crid=20TTPCPFQMPQL&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.k-L1iXoGiEnXh-2j5z6ww8bL8Af9bRM2YySSQCtk1FB_hPenI_Y4fFz1omyBJcozjk2-zcO3X6qtnfC5ofYCLkIDIYRmUz1Tot8jGic-vnn7hKVIN73_QNpR9iHj--UfdZclh9zWluNyiTqXXF_CB-n_zHS_Y4hL2DrF2NMNnAY_dcBpsoXd9GNPA0y9ExCT4kVQ-bCO7ZvKIMfaLbGEs7rQcrIRLA-HWqqGVLxjEk.tix8B4Eduy2mqyGFrh5vsjs9kRLOhmqdOfUaPXD_Do&dib_tag=s_e&keywords=Evangelism+as+Exiles%3A+Life+on+Mission+as+Strangers+in+our+Own+Land+by+Elliot+Clark+%28The+Gospel+Coalition+2019%29&qid=1713315217&s=books&srefix=evangelism+as+exiles+life+on+mission+as+strangers+in+our+own+land+by+elliott+clark+the+gospel+coalition+2019+%2Cstripbooks%2C172&sr=1-1)

- Evangelism in a Skeptical World: How to Make the Unbelievable News about Jesus More Believable by Sam Chan (Zondervan Academic 2018)

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- Forgotten Ways: Reactivating Apostolic Movements by Alan Hirsch Brazos Press 2016)

[https://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Ways-Reactivating-Apostolic-Movements/dp/1587433869/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3V94E6CWWWK9Z&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.gq9dTd4usmJjzYNloPuZyoFRjU1F8mxWsnh0Ja6lsQzGjHj071QN20LucGBJIEps.vQX5Fowh1\\_NCCd0jgOma0oXPGA-F3Eq\\_aD0NBVJkdTE&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=Forgotten+Ways%3A+Reactivating+Apostolic+Movements+by+Alan+Hirsch+Brazos+Press+2016%29&qid=1713315365&s=books&sprefix=forgotten+ways+reactivating+apostolic+movements+by+alan+hirsch+brazos+press+2016+%2Cstripbooks%2C203&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Ways-Reactivating-Apostolic-Movements/dp/1587433869/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3V94E6CWWWK9Z&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.gq9dTd4usmJjzYNloPuZyoFRjU1F8mxWsnh0Ja6lsQzGjHj071QN20LucGBJIEps.vQX5Fowh1_NCCd0jgOma0oXPGA-F3Eq_aD0NBVJkdTE&dib_tag=se&keywords=Forgotten+Ways%3A+Reactivating+Apostolic+Movements+by+Alan+Hirsch+Brazos+Press+2016%29&qid=1713315365&s=books&sprefix=forgotten+ways+reactivating+apostolic+movements+by+alan+hirsch+brazos+press+2016+%2Cstripbooks%2C203&sr=1-1)

- **Podcast: Help! I'm Not Ready to Share My Faith by Carson, McLaughlin, & Smethurst**

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/help-im-not-ready-share-faith/>

- **Podcast: How Your Church Can Grow in Evangelistic Effectiveness by Hansen & Raymond**

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/church-can-grow-evangelistic-effectiveness/>

