

REBUILDERS



Spring 2011

The Transforum Event

Wow! The 2011 Transforum was packed full, fruit bearing, and a great venue for celebrating the 20-year anniversary of Strategic Life Training (SLT). This year's event featured diverse topics and many commented it was the best conference we have had in years! Whatever your jurisdiction of calling, there was an impartation of vision and practical tools for engaging that attendees were able to take home with them.

With the 20-year celebration of SLT, Graduates were featured front and center. SLT graduate, Lakita (Garth) Wright, returned as a keynote speaker. The Jones family came with their two eldest enrolled for a second generation of SLT and several other SLT graduates and Facilitators brought multiple generations of family participants. It was wonderful to see the opening plenary by Dennis Peacocke, "Living out a Strategic Legacy" being demonstrated!

Pastor Adam Peacocke, the early Director of SLT, spoke on the role of the church in the city. He focused on the need for congregations to work together and function out of their shared identification in the Body of Christ. Only

then may community outreach through service reach its true effectiveness. From the civic point of view, participation of one church may be seen as advertising, whereas the service of a group of churches is news!

Adam also spoke on why worldview matters. The worldview battle is fought on three levels: the presuppositional level of the heart, the evidential level of the mind and the applicational level of our actions. He emphasized, it is not *what* we think, but *how* we think.

Dr. Gerald Chester shared how for Jesus, "Kingdom Business" made a meaningful difference by His use of authority, response to circumstances, work, and priorities. He noted that money was not an issue nor indication of the call of God.

Former NFL quarterback, Jeff Kemp, kicked off Friday evening with The Ultimate Team, coaching us on ways to face the "blitz" on marriage and family. Among his many insights was that marriage is no longer viewed so much as an investment, but as a consumer item. Jeff added to his impact with a message Saturday morning on Teamwork to Revive Marriage.

Again, looking at the role of the church in the culture, Lakita Wright offered information that challenged existing perspectives. Research shows that there are only a handful of so called "emerging churches" in the USA, but sadly, it virtually ignores the huge growth of immigrant, Bible believing churches. True, traditional denominations are on the decline, but to say that Protestant churches are declining shows the very parochial nature of much of the research on the matter. What a joy to see that missions have come full circle, and are sending their fruit to the USA and strengthening Christ's Body here.

Lakita, in her dynamic way, also gave us insight on the next generation. She emphasized the distinctions between the various generations and their understanding of each other, concluding that "shift happens."

Interspersed through the entire event were discussions groups for the plenary messages, workshops for each of the schools, and of course, personal connections and networking that are so unique to our events. It truly was a transforming, strengthening, and encouraging time shared with many generations, states, and countries represented. 🌐



Audio recordings from the event are available on CD in our online store (www.gostrategic.org) under the teaching title: "Clear Strategies to Make a Meaningful Difference." MP3 format will be also be available starting May 10th.



Spirit to Spirit by Dennis Peacocke

In a Fallen World...

Many of you may have heard me say over the years, "In a fallen world, the only serious question is, 'How do we experience *transformation*?' " Indeed, bringing change to both mankind and our institutions is of the utmost importance; those of us who are Christians know that only God, His word and the following of His principles can effect that process of transformation.

Lately, I have been greatly exercised to re-enter this great theme and to shift my production on the website WWW.THETRANSFORUM.COM away from the analysis of current events for a season and to focus on doing a ten-part series of short videos on this essential topic and see who responds. It offers the possibility of reaching a significant audience with a series of short but powerful programs that can be downloaded for many different uses. Here are the titles in the TRANSFORMATION series:

1. *In a Fallen World, the Only Serious Question is, "How Do We Experience Transformation?"*
2. *You Can't Fight What You Can't See*
3. *The Essential Tools of Motivation, Measurability and Accountability*
4. *Talking About It Doesn't Change It.*
5. *Pressure Reveals Where We Really Are*
6. *Cause and Effect; Sowing and Reaping*
7. *Who is Coaching You?*
8. *Standing in the Pain of the Question*
9. *Paradigm Shifts and Pushed Over Bookcases*
10. *Practice Makes Permanent*

This series of teachings forms a true core of truths that can lead to real change in the lives of people and institutions. I pray it serves you well and also provide something for you to share with others. Enjoy!

PRAYER & EVENTS

JUNE 15-18

SLT Intensive
Newport, KY

JULY 14-17

Instructor/Statesman
Gathering in Dallas, TX

AUGUST 19-21

Dennis Sharing at Men's
Conference in AZ

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Growing in Christ by Jan Peacocke

Sometimes as Christians we miss our opportunities for personal spiritual growth by being so aware of the challenge that we fail to see the opportunities Christ has for us within that challenge. We miss the mark of the high call in Christ Jesus; it is a sin of omission, and we are usually unaware of it. Paul lets us know that we can expect many of these in our lives, but as he demonstrated, we are to press forward to the mark of the HIGH CALL in Christ Jesus. We are meant to have the life of a child of God with our Father training us, the Holy Spirit comforting and encouraging us, and Jesus acting as our mediator. That is a constant need for us!

It is wonderful that the Trinity provides us such a great coaching team, especially when the "exercise" is very challenging. One of my favorite songs asks the Lord to "open the eyes of my heart." This will allow me to see! As God works on us here on earth, there is a better chance of His will being done here as it is in heaven. The world should see in every area of our lives the example of what God had in mind when he created us—we are all a part of His big family. Whether our biological family or our church family, we are meant to love one another. To be truthful, there are some pretty odd ducks, and some that I cannot figure out why God has not changed them yet, just like they wonder why I am still so "lame" in some obvious ways. But through these relationships "they will know we are Christians by our love." As Paul tells us in Ephesians 4, we are to work together until we come to a unity of the faith.

As civil government is unable to meet all our perceived needs, the question will increasingly become, "Who is responsible and can meet the need?" The church will have ample opportunity to play her role in society as a servant, as was Christ's example to us. We can be those who call others up, not just helping them where they are.

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