

Foreword (to *The Kingdom Quest* by Tom Johnston & Mike Perkinson)

Wow, it's a privilege to write a forward for a book such as this. Tom Johnston and Mike Perkinson are both good friends of mine—and they are a couple of my heroes.

These guys are a generation younger than me and represent the continuum of fruitfulness that accompanies those who are forced to plant churches as the best way of making disciples. They took the ball when it was handed off and are moving it down the field with precision.

This book will challenge you from your hair to your toenails. These guys will mess with your head in every chapter from their challenge, “You cannot reproduce what you do not incarnate,” to the illuminating story of a young man realizing that he had to die to being cool if he wants to plant a church that will communicate with a post-Christian world.

Tom and Mike are veteran planters, pastors and multipliers. Making disciples is their heritage and their nature. They fully understand the need of a doctor to spend time with the sick. Their comments about keeping our hearts pure while intentionally invading a dirty stable are the currency of disciple-makers.

Perhaps the best part of the book is the understanding that we must “be” before we “do.” Psalm 1 illustrates godly man. It says whatever he does will prosper. But, it first describes healthy inputs to his being. The problem is that whatever we do usually prospers. These authors are asking you to do right things because you *became* the right person. Incarnate so you can reproduce.

Read on,

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