

Leadership Development Opportunities

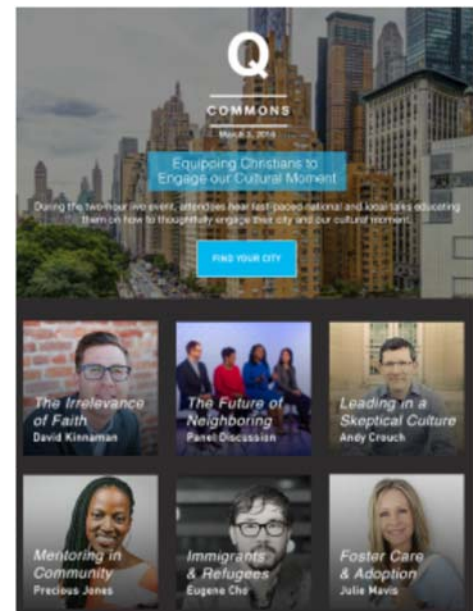
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How are you growing and developing as leader? How are you helping the leaders around you grow and develop? It doesn't just happen. The tyranny of the urgent and the push of our week-to-week rhythms don't help in this matter. Many of us get so caught up in the day-to-day, week-to-week, and month-to-month routines without realizing that we've done very little to "sharpen the saw" or grow as leaders. It takes intentionality. Most of us never slow down enough to even reflect upon the learning experiences of the past day or week, much less think forward to schedule such opportunities.

So as you look ahead to 2016, what opportunities are you going to take to grow and develop into the person and leader that God has called you to be? I'd like to offer two or three suggestions.

The first opportunity I want to feature is the **Q Commons** event on Thursday evening, March 3, 2016. Gabe Lyons continues to put together great events that help in "Equipping Christians to Engage in our Cultural Moment". Q Commons is a live learning experience that challenges attendees to stay curious, think well, and advance good in their communities. With registration prices at \$30 or even lower, you won't find a better deal. The other advantage about the Q Commons event is the number of local events in CGGC areas – Dillsburg, Lancaster, Muncie, St Louis, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Sacramento, Bakersfield, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City to name just a few. This is a great opportunity to engage in two hours of great learning with national and local voices for you and your team of leaders. You can find all the information at <http://qcommons.com/>.



The second opportunity is the **Verge Conference** (<http://www.vergenetwork.org/>). Here's a little about Verge in their own words: "An advocate and champion for movements of gospel-centered Missional Communities, Verge Network exists for church leaders, students, entrepreneurs, artists, urban innovators, business leaders, community development specialists, non-profit leaders, church planters and everyday leaders – anyone pursuing the mission of God, in community, whatever the context, for the sake of the Gospel. Verge

leaders and churches are engaged in the mission of God, centered around the gospel, in community, and understand the value of staying current on issues surrounding the mission of God. Verge Network has a passionate and engaged audience of leaders who want to see the Gospel change them, change their communities, change the neighbors and change the world." With regional events in Chicago this April and Washington D.C and the West Coast this fall, the Verge conference provides some great training and stretching in places that are easily accessible to a lot of folks across the CGGC.

Last but certainly not least is **501 Foundations for Christian Coaching** with Pastor Brian Miller (MRC). Several years ago, as a result of some of what we were learning and attempting to apply from our experience in the Missional Leadership Initiative, several of us stumbled upon the idea of Christian coaching. For those familiar with Reggie McNeal or MLI, one of the primary ideas we work with is shifting from a program driven culture (we have Sunday School --- how do we get more people into the program) to a people development culture (what do people need to continue to develop into the people God has called them to be and what programs or efforts are needed to help that happen?). One of the discoveries that grew out of this time was the helpfulness of coaching in developing people. Brian has become one of the leading champions of this, not only in the CGGC, but across the nation with Coach Approach Ministries.



Brian is offering the introductory class, 501 Foundations for Christian Coaching in three different locations/formats:

- Mondays starting February 8, 2016 via Internet/Phone at 2pm EST for 8 weeks
- Thursday-Friday, March 17-18, 2016 in Findlay, OH at Winebrenner Theological Seminary
- Thursday-Friday, April 21-22, 2016 in Mattoon, IL

This course provides the basic foundation for understanding and practicing coaching. Topics covered include: core coaching skills, coaching conversation model, the biblical basis for coaching, how coaching is distinct from counseling and mentoring, and how can use coaching in their ministries or workplace. You will finish the course ready and able to use coaching at a basic level.

If you're ready for a **major upgrade** to how you communicate, lead, and relate, consider CAM 501 Foundations for Christian Coaching. In this 16-hour course, you'll learn all the basics, including:

- What coaching is (and is not).
- How coaching works to create new awareness and boost positive action.
- How coaching is different from counseling, mentoring and consulting.
- Five powerful coaching models
- The six essential coaching skills, including Active Listening and Powerful Questioning

- Provides 16 hours of training that is approved by the International Coach Federation (ICF)
- Taught by professional coaches who have earned certification with the ICF and are pioneers in the field of coaching
- Integrates world-class coaching practices with sound biblical principles
- Mixture of instruction, demonstration, skills practice with feedback, and Q & A
- Serves as prerequisite for all other CAM 500-level courses and is required course for the Certificate in Christian Leadership Coaching (CCLC)

The cost is \$450 but Brian has arranged for a special discount for folks from the CGGC. Use Coupon Code CGGC for \$75 off. For more information, contact Brian at bmiller@ca-ministries.com or visit the website at <https://coachapproachministries.org>.

So as you look forward to the rest of 2016, I want to encourage you to take action and take advantage of some of the great opportunities to grow and develop as a follower of Jesus and as the leader He's calling you to become. Invite someone else along on the journey with you and make the investment to keep growing as a disciple and as a leader!