



## Q Commons: The Power of We

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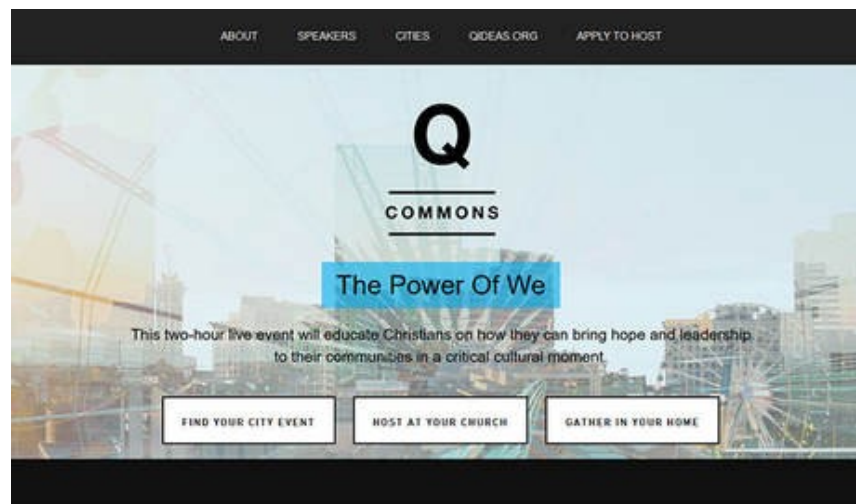
I'm so grateful for Winebrenner Theological Seminary ([www.winebrenner.edu](http://www.winebrenner.edu)) and equally grateful for Gabe Lyons and the folks at Q ([www.qideas.org](http://www.qideas.org)). WTS laid the foundation for my ministry, helping me to think critically and theologically while giving me the tools to exegete both scripture and my cultural context.

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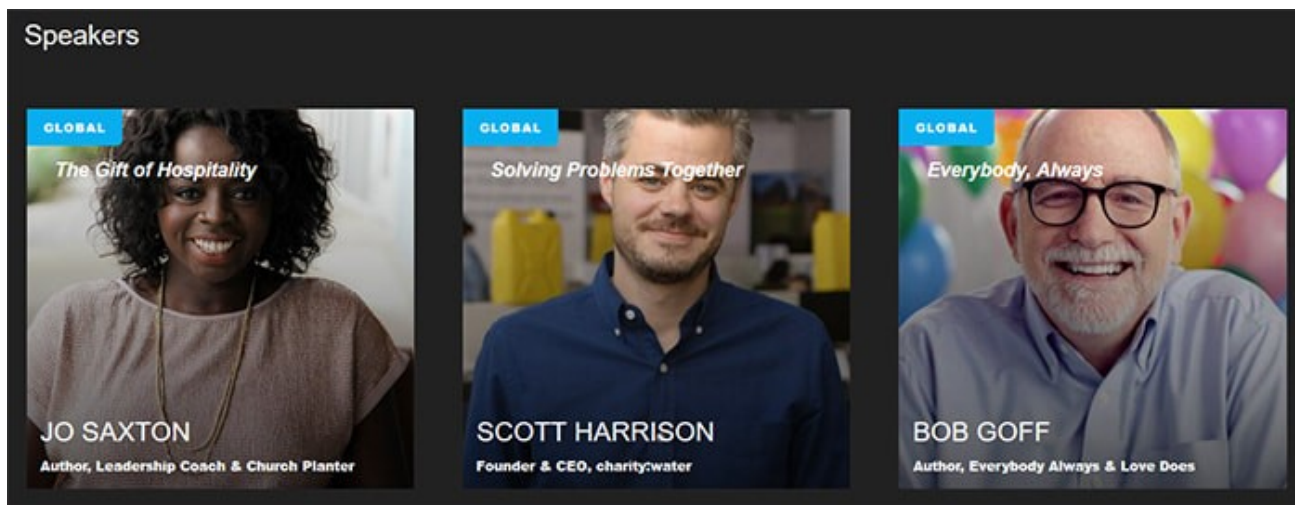
Q has been a continuation of that foundational learning and continues to help me understand the world in which we live and how to demonstrate and proclaim the Good News of Jesus in a larger culture that is very different from the culture of the church. I don't go to many conferences anymore, but I always find Q events helpful and stimulating.



Q Commons is a live learning experience that challenges attendees to stay curious, think well, and advance good in their communities.



On October 25th, these two influences in my life are joining together in what I expect to be an incredibly helpful evening in exploring how Christians can bring hope and leadership to their communities at such an important moment for America. There will be three national voices (Jo Saxton, Bob Goff, and Scott Harrison) and three local voices (Kimberley Reese (who is one of our own Great Lakes Conference pastors), John C. Jones and Sarah Crisp) as we explore how Christians can respond in compelling ways to some of our biggest challenges as a culture.



I know a lot of you don't live close enough to Findlay to make the trip for a two-hour event, but I'd encourage you to check out the Q Commons webpage at [www.qcommons.com](http://www.qcommons.com). There are several host cities that may make the event more accessible to you: Lancaster, PA; St. Louis, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Oklahoma City, OK; Charlotte, NC; Raleigh, NC; Bakersfield, CA; Sacramento, CA; Springfield, IL and Baltimore, MD are a few of the locations that are near many of our CGGC congregations.

For those of you who want more information on the Q Commons event at Winebrenner, visit [www.winebrenner.edu](http://www.winebrenner.edu) or [www.qcommons.com/Findlay](http://www.qcommons.com/Findlay). The Winebrenner Q Commons starts with a dinner at 5:45 p.m. with Q Commons beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m.

You can watch a short video about this year's Q Commons at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAdzvGpm-oY>.

Leaders are learners. I've found that Q Commons is a great way to get some top-notch learning. You'll be challenged. You'll have to think critically and listen to voices that you wouldn't be exposed to in your normal circles of influence. You'll be stretched and perhaps you'll even make some new connections that help you do more effective Gospel ministry in your neck of the woods.

I've already got my ticket for Findlay Q Commons (Brenda's going to have to handle Trick or Treat night on her own).

Why not invest a couple of hours in your own leadership? Check out Q Commons and see if there's a location near to you or join us here in Findlay. We'd love to have you join us.

Christ's Peace,

**Lance**