

LOCAL CHURCHES TOGETHER BRINGING NATIONAL CHANGE

- It's about the culture we create between us -



POINT 1 APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION:

Conversational outreach training – every pulpit, every small group, every youth group, every year.

Questions:

- Are God's people generally confident for engaging in spiritual and other conversations in the public square? How important is/isn't this?
- Is this really a plausible national strategy that could catalyse positive things? (What could it catalyse, and exactly what would this take to achieve?)
- Free NZ-made resources (subscribe for updates) – AllTogether.co.nz
- For youth and youth leaders (subscribe for updates) – Godtalk.nz
- Books: *God Space* - Doug Pollock, *Conversational Evangelism* - David Geisler, *Tactics* - Gregory Koukl, *Organic Outreach* - Kevin Harney, *Because We Care* and *Elephant In The Room* - Dave Mann.

POINT 2 APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION:

**An increasing commitment to unity
and to the achieving of necessary united function**

Questions:

- What could our churches achieve together in service to our mission that we could not achieve apart?
- How could pastors' groups come to specific answers to this question together?
- How significant for our mission are the 'things we can only do together' that you have listed?
- Free copies of *In One Spirit* by Dave Mann are again offered to church leaders who attend a geographic city/town pastors' group that discusses these things. (They are \$25 otherwise, inc post). Contact admin@shininglights.co.nz

POINT 3 APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION

A commitment to learn and tell stories from our bicultural and values history on every possible platform together

The point: These stories define something of the *context* within which all other conversations take place.

Questions:

- What significant stories in our history might we be wise to make famous again, and why? (For a possible list look through the Hope Project booklet series)
 - How could we realistically make these stories known to our members?
 - How could we encourage or help our members to likewise then pass these stories on over the platforms available to them?
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- **DVD documentary series:** *Jesus the Game Changer* - by Karl Faase
 - **1min radio spots:** 'A Minute in History' at HopeProject.co.nz/a-minute-in-history
 - **Books:** *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born* – D James Kennedy, *How Christianity Changed The World* – Alvin J Schmidt, *The Book That Made Your World* – Visal Mangalwadi, *The Rise of Christianity* – Rodney Stark.
 - **Hope Project booklets (copies are free + discussion guides):** Recent booklets covered the origins of our national values on Equality of Genders, Equality of Races / End of Slavery, Concepts of Charity, Education for All, and Healthcare for All. HopeProject.co.nz/ebooks. Matching topical small group discussion guides are at AllTogether.co.nz/sermons-studies.

POINT 4 APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION

Preserving our freedoms of speech and religion (and the freedom to hear)

Questions:

- **Application 1.** What **newsfeeds** could you connect members with?
 - **Application 2.** What things could you discuss through your **pulpit** – to enable access to a balance of information?
 - **Application 3.** Who do you **discern** God to be raising up to serve him on various city or national platforms currently, who you could pray for and support – so they can do what they might be called to do?
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- We note FamilyFirst.org.nz/email-updates
 - For a simple reflection on the pulpit addressing an issue – with the Cannabis Referendum chosen – AllTogether.co.nz/thepulpit. The point: We don't have to say much to make a difference. Anything is better than nothing.

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