



CONDENSED CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADERS WE LIKE

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Viewed from the biblical perspective, the church is “people”. But not just any people. The church is a special people, a people whom the Spirit is forming together into a community.

~ *Stanley J. Grenz*

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that should *ever* displace the command to love as the first and foremost concern of the disciple of Jesus – no doctrine, no ethical principle, no personal agenda, *and no exceptions*.

~ *Gregory A. Boyd*

People should be able to look at the church and see what it’s like to live under the reign of God. The People of our day need more than tight, logical arguments and proof. They need to see a demonstration of the kingdom lived out before them so that they might see, experience, and enter it.

~ *Glenn Marshall*

The greatest danger to Christianity is, I contend, not heresies, but the kind of orthodoxy which is cordial drivel, mediocrity served up sweet. The very essence of Christianity is utterly opposed to this mediocrity.

~ *Soren Kierkegaard*

In the past, pastors were valued for their ability to bring and keep order rather than for their ability to bring and lead change. The reality was that pastors were being equipped to preserve the past rather than to create the future. We became known for being traditional rather than transformational. The ritual replaced the radical.

~ *Glenn Marshall*

We need to stop trying to preserve the “old ways” and get back to the much older ways.

~ *Wes Roberts*

The revelation of God in Jesus Christ is not one of morality, but of love. In the Gospels Jesus gives as his own commandment “Follow me,” not a list of things to do or not to do. Love, which cannot be regulated, categorized, or analyzed in principles or commands, takes the place of law. This is a higher ideal.

~ *Jacques Ellul*

Jesus calls men, not to a new religion, but to life.

~ *Deitrich Bonhoeffer*

I am learning that the best cure for hypocrisy is community. Hypocrisy is not so much the result of not living what I preach but much more of not confessing my inability to fully live up to my own words.

~ *Henri Nouwen*

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

~ *Romans 12:5 (TNIV)*