



Overview of the 10 Models

After deliberating on various models for youth and young adult ministry, the participants in the 180° Symposium at Andrews University in October, 2010, narrowed their choices to the “Top 10” models for youth and young adult ministry. Some of these mirrored the papers they had prepared prior to the symposium. Others came from the discussions Japhet De Oliveira organized and Terry Swenson facilitated. Each of the 10 models received further discussion with a major heading and Scriptural roots, plus a few bullet points from symposium participants. These got passed along to the book editor to flesh out in greater detail.

Following are these “Top 10” models. Each one contains the following elements:

- Brief description
- Biblical Basis
- What It Looks Like
- Keys to Make It Work
- Obstacles
- Opportunities

As you read through these, ask yourself which one(s) would work best in your ministry setting. These are not a matter of right or wrong models, but different pathways to lead people to the kingdom of God. Don’t attempt to integrate all of them into your ministry or you will create a monster, such as “relational leadership through small groups that facilitates a lost and found, family-based discipleship for cross-cultural, social advocacy through missional, wholistic worship.”

The models are simply tools to provide structure to help facilitate your ministry rather than starting from scratch or re-inventing the wheel. Instead of celebrating the discovery of a wheel that rotates, use one of these existing wheels to get farther down the road!

Write in the margins and the blank, end pages your adjustments, changes, additions, and corrections to these models. Let’s compare notes in God’s kingdom—both here and in heaven!

