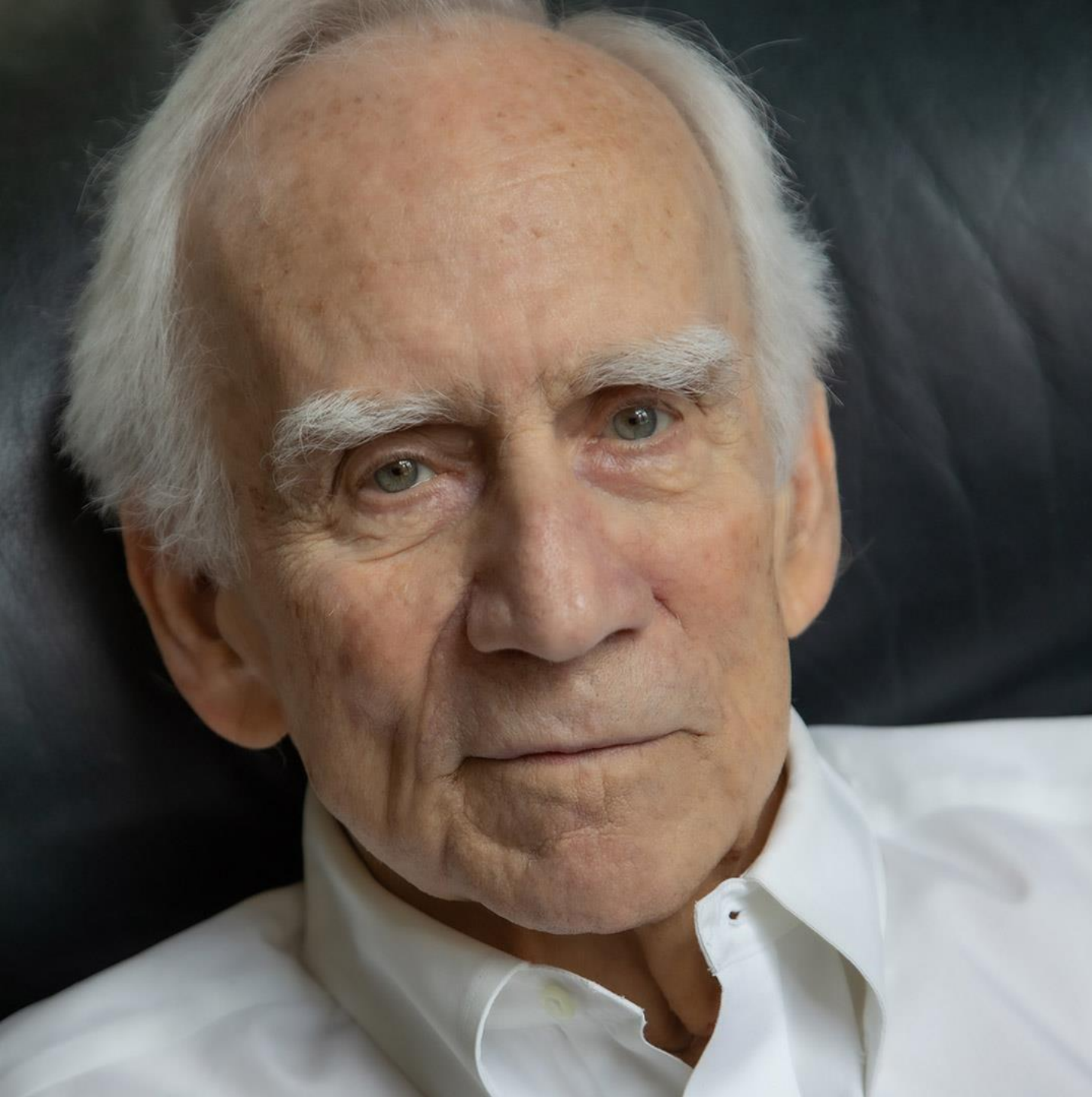


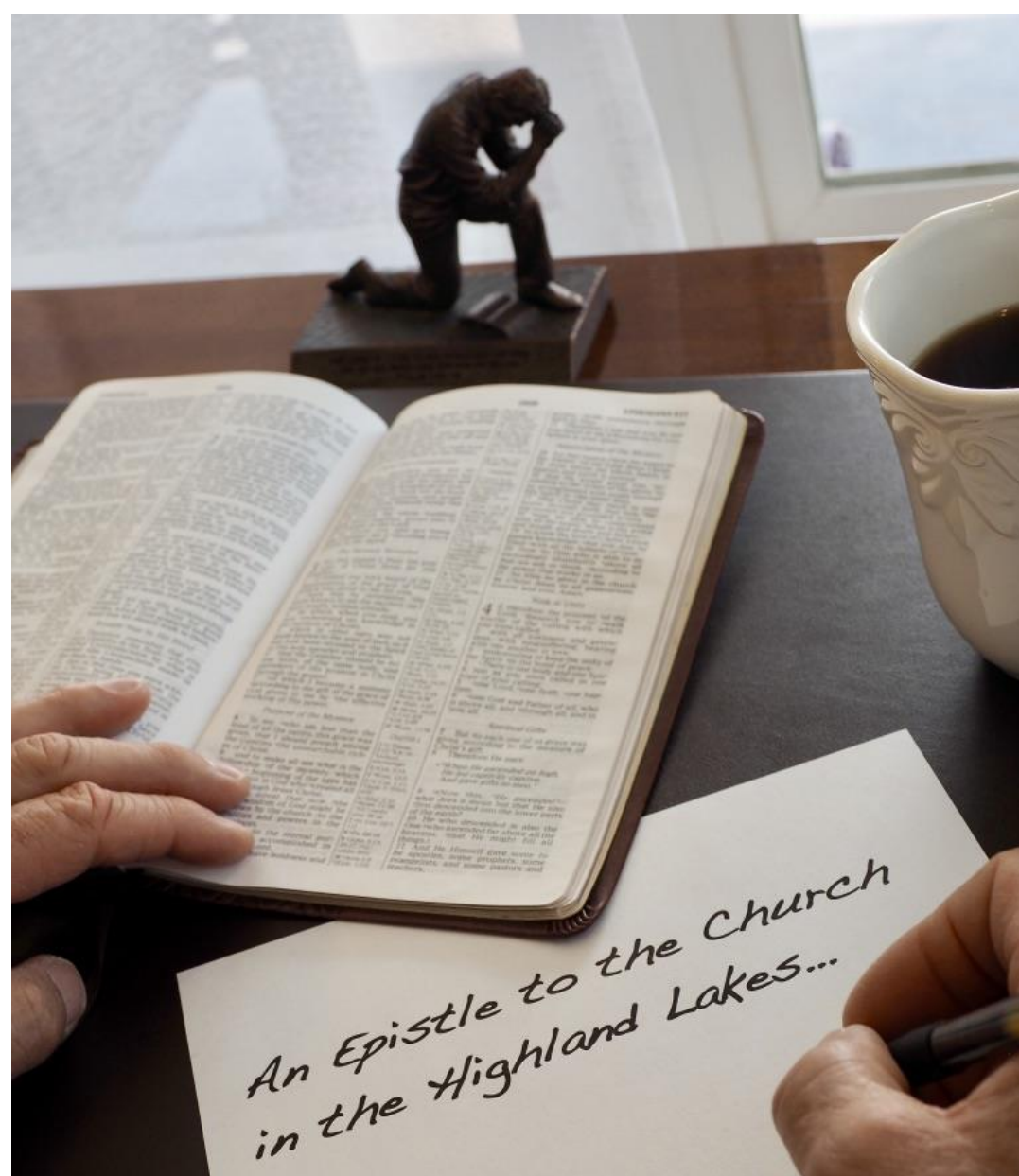


Becoming the Gospel



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Pastors are called to be elders over the city and receive and declare God's vision for the city, but they aren't always effective at implementing that vision

Market place leaders are uniquely gifted, experienced and equipped to help implement that vision out in in marketplace, but they need pastoral oversight and accountability

Pastors and market place leaders need to communicate better with each other build trust to work together.



Rethinking Church

80%

of the time, talent and resources of a local church is spent on care, feeding and maintenance members, equipment and buildings

Only 20%

is invested in ministry/outreach in the local community in a way that would connect new people to Jesus, transform culture, and extend His Kingdom



Harvest Time – Matt 9:35-38

5 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. ³⁶ Seeing the [ab]people, He felt compassion for them, because they were [ac]distressed and [ad]dispirited like sheep [ae]without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He *said to His disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”**



The Mirror(cal) Worker

- Wherever Jesus went, people were helped, healed and set free. That is his plan and purpose today
- He was overwhelmed with compassion, as he saw their deep pain and lost condition. He still is and the Holy Spirit is calling us to care, too
- Where are the workers? Take a look in the mirror. You are looking at that person every morning. We are the workers for the harvest
- But our focus has been too much on inside the church building



Becoming the Gospel

- The time has passed for just believing the Gospel and showing up once a week and being a consumer of church ministries
- God is calling us to **BECOME the Gospel** in someone else's life and in this city
- Where are the workers He is calling into the harvest in our community? You are looking at them, you are sitting in the midst of them. **YOU ARE THEM.**
- **We are God's team members. Time to stop eating all the chicken ourselves.**



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply **loved** by God,
- fully **accepted** by God,
- completely and permanently **forgiven** by God,
- lavishly **blessed** by God,
- and eternally, perfectly **embraced** by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY