

Upcoming Holiday Dates

November 19	*Holiday Fair 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (Benefits CCA-DM)
November 20	*Love Feast 5–8 p.m.
December 10	Christmas Program rehearsal 10 a.m.–noon
December 11	Christmas Program (evening) 6:30–7:30 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Gathering 6–7 p.m.
December 25 (Sun)	No morning meeting
January 1 (Sun)	No morning meeting

CityChurch Finances

Budgeted for week 45	\$411,075.00
Accumulated income	\$352,442.58
Weekly budget	\$ 9,135.00
Income for 11/06/16	\$ 13,881.11

Conference total income to date: \$72,235

- What is meant by Theology in Culture?
- What does it mean for us to be doing Theology in Culture?

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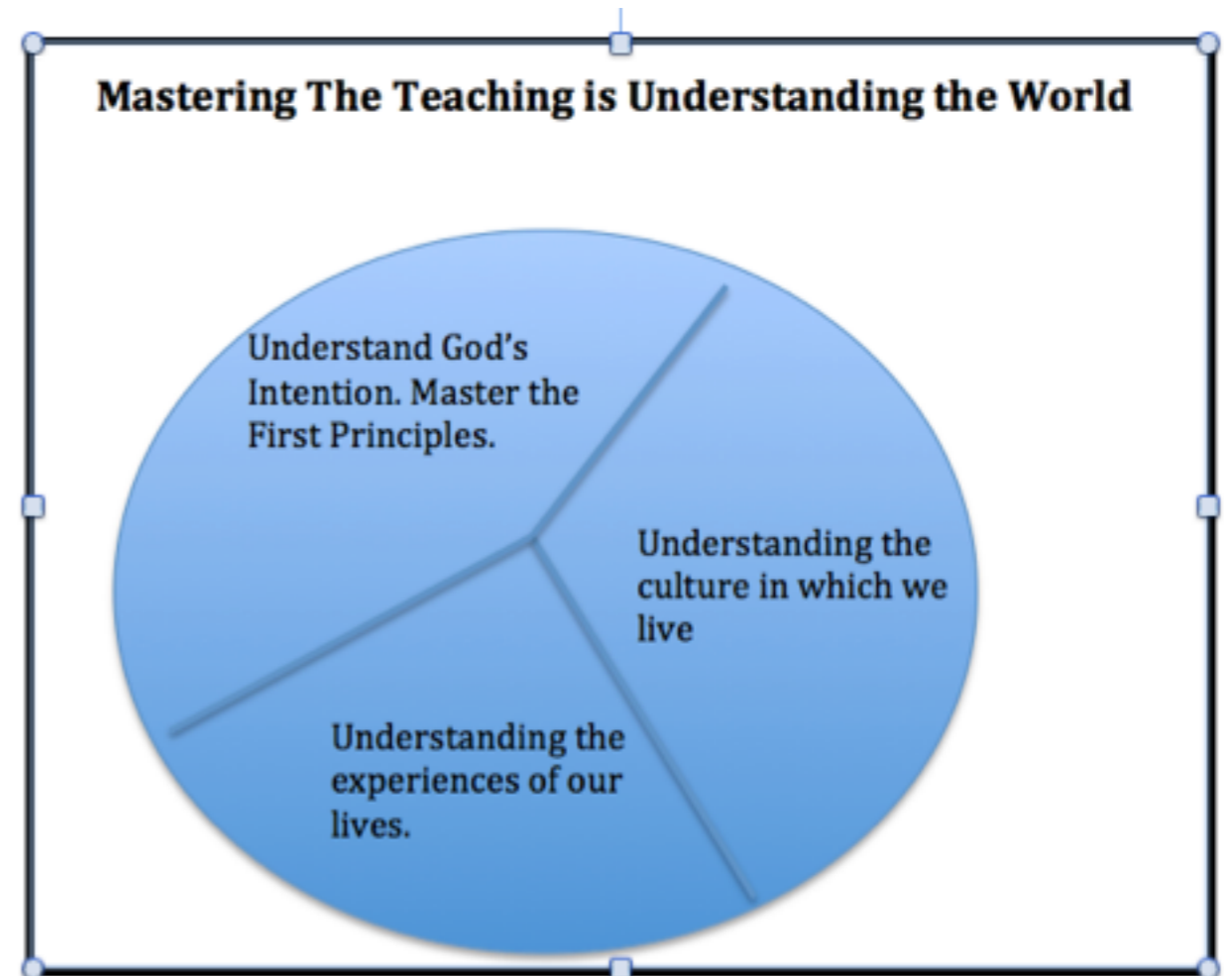
- Understanding God and understanding culture
- Be a student of God, be a student of culture
- We stand tied to both - Tied to scripture, tied to the culture

Theology in Culture is:

- We stand on a foundation that is tied to:
 - scripture
 - the culture
- understanding the experiences of our lives
 - remember Carol's letter....everyone understanding their role

Wisdom to the life of the believer, was not simply an emotion or feeling but included a kind of knowledge. Faith was a practical knowledge having the character of wisdom because it had to do with the believers ways of existing in the world.

Farley, Edward. Can Church Education Be Theological Education. Pg 161



Why is today's church unable to have an impact on the culture?

Equipping People for Works of Service

The Way of Christ and His Apostles

Dialogue/Discussions in Community

Pursing the author's intention

Intentional pathway across years to master the scriptures

Modern Church Paradigm

One-way teaching with passive audience not wrestling with ideas

Pursing everyone playing Christ's role

Daily devotions with surrounding maxims and doing good

Result

Ability to think biblically, while thinking through the complexity of the worlds problems

Unable to think in principles, become rule based followers and therefore are known in the culture for what they are for and against

Worlds problems include: your own role, your family's role, your church's role locally, nationally and globally

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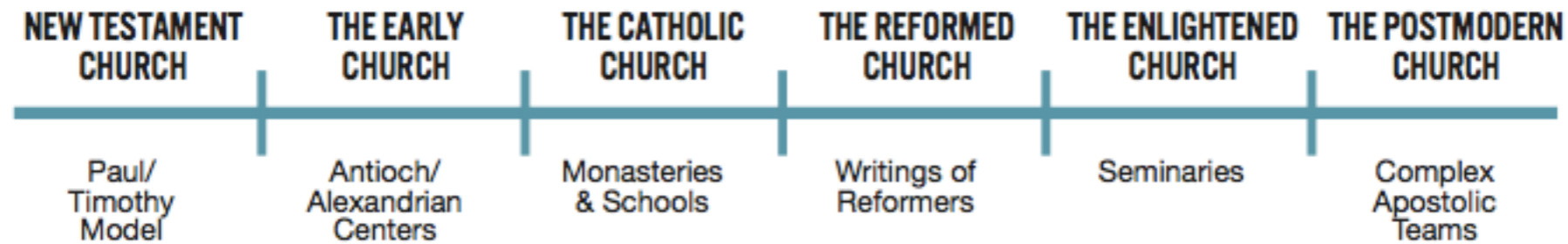
THINK THROUGH ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

(For myself, my family,
my church, and my
life in the world)



How did we get here? How did we start as a chosen nomadic people of Israel, to a credentialed/professional system where we come to a mega-structure for 1 hour worship time?

THE HISTORY OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



THEOLOGY AS SHEPHERDING

RISE OF A MOVEMENT OF CHURCHES

THEOLOGY AS VIRTUE, HABITUS

RISE OF ACADEMIES, MONASTERIES

THEOLOGY AS ACADEMICS (FRAGMENTED)

RISE OF UNIVERSITIES/RISE OF SEMINARIES

KEY RESEARCH:

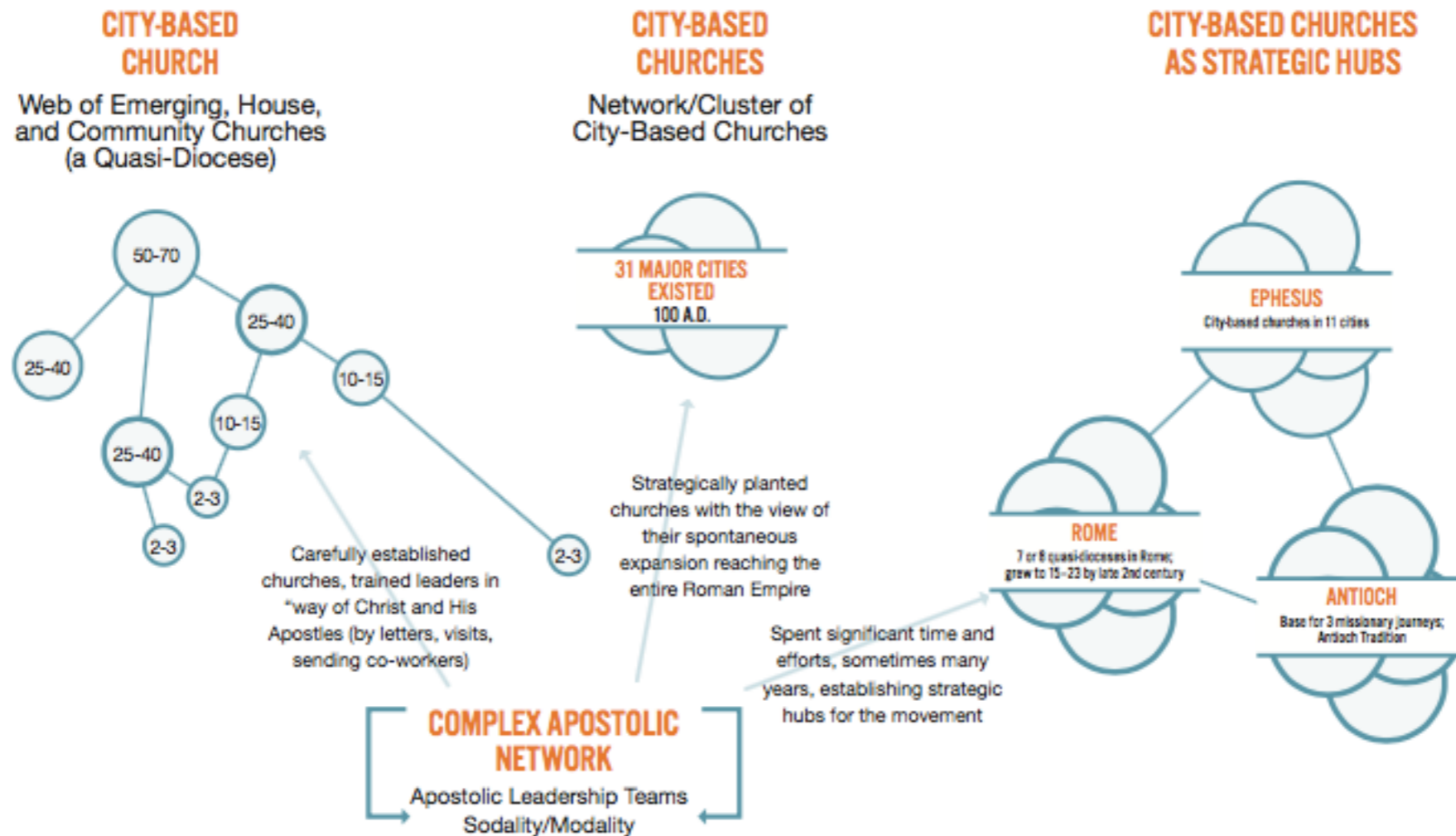
Edward Farley, *Theologia; The Unity and Fragmentation of Theological Education*

Hans Kung, *Christianity; Essence, History, and Future*

David J. Bosch, *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*

COMPLEX NETWORK OF THE EARLY CHURCHES

COMPLEX NETWORK MAPPING AROUND 100 A.D.



²² This is the reason that I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³ But now, with no further place for me in these regions, I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you ²⁴ when I go to Spain.

Romans 15

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Our current strategy:

- Networking with Church locally
- Meeting Pressing Needs in Ames, Des Moines

Why networking with churches Ames Des Moines?

- Many Christian organizations are doing this today. Partnering NGOs, marketplace leaders and churches together.
- Martin Lloyd-Jones and John Stott - preachers of large churches that were leading ecumenical discussions 1960s. They lamented that the church was weak and ineffective, scattered amongst its denominations, but ultimately could not pull everyone together because of doctrinal disunity vs. unity for unity's sake.
 - Their goal was to rethink along New Testament lines. They did not go back far enough, as they could not get unity from protestant doctrines
- **Our role in the world today is to bring people back to TWCA**

Why meeting pressing needs in Ames Des Moines?

- Meeting Pressing Needs is Doing Theology in Culture

The next year ahead for Sunday teaching time and leaders/apostolic meetings

- Jeff continues with Mastering the Scriptures series
- Apostolic team and leaders lead conversations where we understand the biblical text and understand our culture
 - addressing and informing about our local needs
 - Everyone participates in understanding and meeting the needs in our cities, as individuals and churches and as a network

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Discussion Questions:

- What should our churches be doing in order to be doing theology in culture?
- In one year from now, what will have occurred that we can say to each other that we have progressed in doing theology in Ames and Des Moines? How will we measure progress?