



Being a Safe Harbor: How Churches Can Be a Space of Wholeness & Healing

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In this workshop, we will have a formation-centric discussion on how church communities can cultivate wholeness and healing in the care of their cross-cultural workers. Using the metaphor of a harbor, we'll discuss topics of prayer, presence, holding space, commitment, hospitality, and so much more. Being a safe, gracious, loving church community is central to the well-being of cross-cultural workers and the ministries in which they serve. My hope is you'll see how interconnected you are with God's work in the world by being a safe harbor church.

Presentation Flow

1. Opening Practice: Visio Divina (Holy Seeing)
2. Unpack the Metaphor: Safe Harbor

Three Movements: Eyes to See

3. See Who We Are

To care well, we look for Christ in others. We see Christ with us, for us, and making his home in us. Christ gathers us into one communal, interdependent family. We will explore what it means to be get in the boat people.

4. Become Who We Are

To care well, we cultivate spiritual habits that form us into the likeness of Christ. We will explore six spiritual habits that form us into safe harbor people.

5. Be Who We Are

We care well for others when we know who we are and can live into that call to care well for others. We will explore proper boat care and God's sending vision. We will see who Christ calls for us to be in the world and for each other.

Book Recommendations

Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us, Christine D. Pohl

Created for Community: Connecting Christian Belief with Christian Living, Stanley J Grenz

Becoming the Gospel: Paul Participation and Mission, Michael J. Gorman

Tender Care: Providing Pastoral Care for God's Global Servants, Reagon Wilson, David Kronbach, <https://www.barnabas.org/resources/tender-care-book>

Additional Resources



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