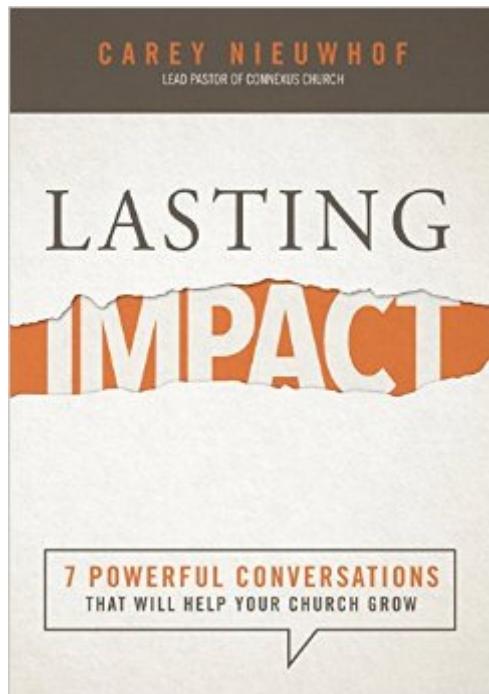


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# Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow



## **Synopsis**

You've probably noticed ... Churches aren't growing. Young adults are walking away. Volunteers are hard to recruit. Leaders are burning out. And the culture is changing faster than ever before. There's no doubt the church is in a moment in history for which few church leaders are prepared. You can look for answers, but the right response depends on having the right conversation. In *Lasting Impact*, Carey Nieuwhof leads you and your team through seven conversations that will help your church grow and have a lasting impact. What if ... Having the right conversations could change your trajectory? There was more hope than you realized? The potential to grow was greater than the potential to decline? Your community was waiting for a church to offer the hope they're looking for? Your best days as a church were ahead of you? Maybe the future belongs to the churches that are willing to have the most honest conversations at a critical time. That's what *Lasting Impact* is designed to facilitate.

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This book tackles hard and complex subjects in a very practical and easy to read style. I have enjoyed his podcast (where I heard about the book) and the book did not disappoint. I would recommend it to anyone involved in leadership in a church.

Carey has done an excellent job at breaking down seven critical topics the church in the 21st century is facing now. Each section is full of helpful questions that can help church leaders, but not

only paid staff but the key volunteers, figure out where to start and how to change the trajectory of the church's impact.

I am not a senior leader in my church, but this book still provided helpful questions and conversations for our youth ministry. The questions and content are relevant to the current church culture. I would recommend this book to anyone either in, or aspiring to be in, full or part-time ministry. It is a must read.

Carey Nieuwhof dedicates a good portion of his busy schedule to helping other churches navigate difficult and tricky waters. In welcoming and non technical language, Carey relates to us some of the things he has learned through the years about growth. He gives us some tools to have some great, but often difficult conversations about reaching the world around us. Carey uses graciousness and humor to help us think about the things that are holding us back. He points out some of our bad habits (trying the latest fad to make our church grow) and points us backward to the fundamental and critical conversations we need to have to move forward. As a two time church planter and 30 year pastor, I find myself often in this book- the good and bad! This is a book for all the leaders of your church to read carefully and underline. Prayerfully consider where you are and where He might take you next. These are conversations the leaders of our church are having right now, and I intend to use Carey's book to help us have better conversations. Thanks to Carey and to his church (for sharing his insight with us)!

LOVE THIS BOOK from Carey Nieuwhof! As a pastor who happens to listen to his podcast and be a big fan of his blog- the truth is, I figured I'd like it. I'm probably a 'ringer' for a customer...HOWEVER...that being said...I might LIKE something...and not finish it. Or I might enjoy something and if it's TOO familiar to me...I'll shelve it and 'come back to it later' (which happens with the regularity of a leap year- though this IS a leap year...so maybe there's a correlation). Carey's book is written in a way, that to me it FEELS like more of a conversation (which since that's in the subtitle...I suppose that means it's successful in its aim). There are times where there are natural pauses- which are great (and dangerous(see previous paragraph) (are you allowed to do parenthesis IN parenthesis) for me...to stop...reflect...consider. And then move on...either later...after a minute...or a day or a week. And to be able to hop around to conversations that are a little more appropriate or helpful in certain seasons is fantastic. It's an 'easy' read- but not an easy answer book. It's the friend who pushes and prods you to be better. You want that friend in your life.

Enjoy.

Outstanding and challenging book. The format is stellar, it can be read straight through or as individual chapters focusing on 1 of the 7 questions Carey asks in this book. This is a must read for senior pastors, leaders and their teams. If you want to challenge yourself to break out of the status quo and impact change read this book. It is real, honest, no fluff truth.

I have used this book at a 10 hour laity training event to get people talking about their churches and how they can be empowered to envision useful changes and hold the difficult conversations. Now I am using this book with two different churches as part of their strategic planning processes. The conversations spark real discussions and real issues being raised, and suggest cutting edge repainted to the things that are actually happening in our churches, like sporadic attendance and the loss of millennials. Highly recommend, it's my main go-to book right now for working with churches.

Another well thought out and organized approach to distilling change down to the common denominator. This book isn't "the answer" but definitely has answers for your challenges in organizational change.

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