

What's Going on With the Church in Canada?

Episode 433

For years, the narrative in Canada was slow decline, polite disengagement and post-Christian skepticism.

But that's not the story they're living right now.

There are people from every background actually exploring faith and showing up at church. *What's going on in Canada?*

We're doing something a little different in this episode of the podcast. Sean and Amy invited our Canadian consultants, Jonathan Smith and Drake Farmer, to introduce themselves and talk about what they're seeing in the "big C" church in Canada.

In this episode, we have a conversation about the real spiritual hunger emerging across Canada, how a strong invitational culture and posture of hospitality are becoming the new front door and what to be ready with when your growth is outpacing your resources.

Key Quotes

- "We're just seeing a flood of people experiencing church, the Gospel and Jesus for the first time."
- "There's an exhaustion for what people have tapped into. It's no longer working for them, and they're searching for answers. There's a hunger growing in people for meaning."
- "People are much more open to faith conversations. People in the church are much more bold or open to the idea of sharing their faith."
- "I think we're like post post-Christian, where it's almost like there's a bit of a reset button."
- "Denominations matter less in Canada today than they probably ever have."
- "People are testing community, not theology."
- "Hospitality is really becoming a discipleship strategy."

Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

1. Are we creating spaces for people to belong before they believe? How are we doing this?
2. How would we rate our invitational culture on a red/yellow/green scale? What could we do to increase our hospitality and improve that rating?
3. Do we have the systems, the leaders and a clear discipleship pathway to support growth if God brings it? If not, what is one area we could focus on in the coming year?

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