



Video Update – February 2016
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As we enter into 2016, I think we're all aware of the kind of world that we live in and the challenges that we face. We hear the stories from around the world of different acts of terrorism, and even here at home, we have events like the recent shooting up in La Loche, northern Saskatchewan. Events that break our hearts, events that remind us of the need for the gospel to be preached and lived out across this country.

We have a few events coming this year that I hope would be an inspiration to you and help you and equip you in the ministry that you are a part of locally, nationally and globally. The first event coming is called Multiply, and it's a C2C Network event in Vancouver – with a great lineup of speakers, including Larry Osborne, Francis Chan and Jeff Vanderstelt, among others – which is meant to help you understand how you can multiply the mission and the message of Christ in your local context.

This summer, we have our national event, Gathering, and the theme of Gathering this year is "Compelled," which comes out of 1 Corinthians 9:16, which says: "Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!"

As I think about the world settings and the national settings that I just mentioned, I feel more compelled, more urgency around the gospel; a greater need to understand both my personal relationship with Christ, our corporate understanding of what it means to be the people of God and to give witness and voice to the transforming reality of the good news of Jesus Christ. And I believe these events are happening at a very crucial time in our life as a family of churches and a crucial time in the life of our country.

So I would invite you, first of all just to pray – pray for these events, pray for your own witness, pray for the witness of your faith community, pray for God to work powerfully in you and among you. I would also ask that you consider participating in these events, whether it's coming to Vancouver in March or to Toronto for Gathering in July, as we come together to glorify God, to worship him, to ask the Spirit to fill us and to teach us the things that God wants to put on our hearts, and to equip us as we are compelled to preach the good news of Jesus Christ.