

Some Implications of the Modern-Postmodern Shift for how we do church:

- Post-Moderns are, almost by definition, on a spiritual quest.
- The generation that cut its teeth on Extreme Sports is moving into Extreme Faith.
- In the Modern world, Humanity believed we could know all the answers.
In a Post-Modern world, we recognize that our understanding is limited by our Humanity.
- In the Modern world there was skepticism of Faith because it could not be tied to reason.
In the Post-Modern world there is skepticism of reason and Science and openness to Faith as it represents Human experience.
- The Post-modern need for a 'real', engaged, authentic and active expression of faith is a call to the church to be Missional.
- The church must become culturally indigenous to reach a cultural group. In other words; it must become Missional in order to reach those who yearn for authentic faith experience.

Some Qualifications:

- Post-Modernism is still very much in transition.
- The effects of 9 -11 on how we think as a society are still unclear.
- Most important is to get ready to read and react in anticipation of change.
- Seeing into the future is not a reliable science; the key is shortening our reaction times to change.

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