

European Leadership Forum Strategic Impacts

Introduction

This document briefly outlines what the European Leadership Forum (ELF) is trying to accomplish in the lives of leaders, in movements, and across Europe.

Leader Impacts

Since the ELF movement started, our main goal has been to serve leaders in what God has called them to do. These Leader Impacts are an attempt to articulate the biblical vision and principles that have guided the Forum. They outline the characteristics and growth that we hope to see in the lives of all of the leaders involved with ELF.

As a result of participation in the European Leadership Forum, Evangelical Leaders will display the following characteristics and abilities:

- 1. *Love for God and People:*** *Love God with their whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love others as themselves.*
 - a) They understand the profound truth that Christian leadership and ministry should be a response of thankfulness and joy because they are loved by God and justified by faith alone.
 - b) They commit completely to love the Lord “with a joy inexpressible” as the source of all biblical ministry and leadership.
 - c) They are compelled by the love of Christ to live the truth and display the fruit of the Spirit.
 - d) They grow in the biblical vision of maturity in Christ through their love for God and others.
 - e) They whole-heartedly commit to love others like Jesus did and to help them to grow to maturity in Christ.
- 2. *A Biblical Worldview and Evangelical Identity:*** *Think with a robust biblical (Evangelical) worldview about all of life, leadership, and ministry.*
 - a) They have confidence in the truthfulness of the Scriptures and the ability of a biblical worldview to answer the challenges of life and ministry.
 - b) They think about any topic with a consistent biblical (Evangelical) worldview.
 - c) They are able to lead and teach on any subject from a biblical perspective.
- 3. *Evangelism:*** *Persuasively communicate the Gospel.*
 - a) They prioritize the Great Commandments and see the Great Commission as flowing from loving God and loving others.
 - b) They desire and are able to persuasively communicate the biblical Gospel.
 - c) They are able to train believers in how to persuasively communicate the Gospel.
 - d) They create opportunities and design strategies to reach the unreached.

4. *Spiritual Gifts and Calling:* *Understand and properly use their spiritual gifts to be faithful in their callings.*

- a) They prioritize spiritual maturity in Christ (loving God and loving people) above the use of spiritual gifts and calling.
- b) They understand and seek to develop their spiritual gifts for the glory of God.
- c) They pursue education, training, and mentoring in their calling.
- d) They have godly ambition to use their gifts to serve the church and to reflect God's character in society and culture.

5. *Discipleship and Leadership Mentoring:* *Receive and provide mentoring in discipleship and leadership.*

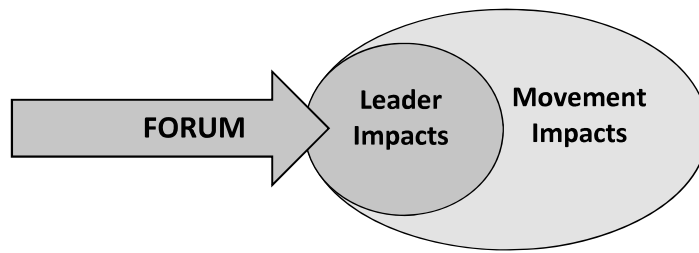
- a) They understand that all discipleship only proceeds from profoundly experiencing that we are already blessed by every spiritual blessing as children of God.
- b) They prioritize discipleship (characterized by teachability, honesty, faithfulness and perseverance) as central to how we grow in Christ.
- c) They are able to love, disciple, and lead others to spiritual maturity and to help them to do the same with others.
- d) They commit to invest deeply and relationally in the development of disciples, helping them become leaders and encouraging them to identify their calling and trust God in pursuing it.
- e) They eagerly receive mentoring or provide mentoring, as the Lord provides opportunity, and train and encourage others to mentor those in their circles.

6. *Multiplication:* *Lead biblically healthy and multiplying churches and ministries throughout all of Europe.*

- a) They learn how to lead churches and ministries in a wise, effective, and biblically solid way.
- b) They identify, encourage, and develop spiritually mature and reproducing leaders for churches and ministries.
- c) They exercise leadership that equips and mobilizes God's people to engage in fruitful ministry.
- d) They design and implement biblically-sound strategies to plant and lead healthy and multiplying churches and ministries.

7. *Ministry Partnerships:* *Develop purposeful ministry collaborations for Europe.*

- a) They identify and distribute best practice strategies across their denomination and country and across Europe.
- b) They join others to extend and amplify the impact of local, national, and regional ministry efforts.
- c) They partner with other Evangelical leaders to unite, equip, and resource Evangelical leaders in their nation and region.
- d) They grow and multiply kingdom-minded leaders who give part of their time and energy outside of their main ministry to others in the kingdom of God.



Movement Impacts

As a result of the growth and development of European leaders through the European Leadership Forum, we will see:

1. Healthy and growing evangelical churches across Europe.

- a) A community of God's people seeking to love God and love people in all that they do.
- b) Leadership that is committed to a vision of personal discipleship and helping believers grow to spiritual maturity.
- c) Church leaders who are able to effectively teach the word of God from the pulpit, in small groups, and one-on-one.
- d) The development of members' spiritual gifts for the service of the body and to reflect the character of Christ to the community.
- e) The church equipped to persuasively communicate the Gospel in its local community and see people won to Jesus.
- f) A church-based strategy to develop and teach leaders in the context of the local church.

2. Healthy and sustainable ministries throughout all of Europe.

- a) Organizational leadership that is spiritually mature, competent, and well trained.
- b) Clear vision and strategy for the organization that is understood and bought into by all staff and participants (stakeholders).
- c) Well-trained and motivated staff who have clear job descriptions and responsibilities.
- d) Healthy and effective development of partners and fundraising.
- e) Desire to partner with other Christian organizations for Gospel ministry without compromising the organization's unique mission.

3. Godly leaders working together in their various callings and vocations to reflect Christ's character to society.

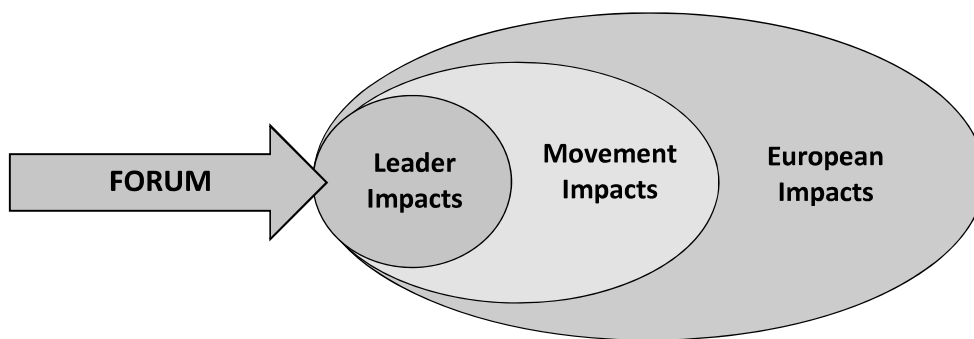
- a) Leaders who understand that because of the lordship of Christ over all of life, all work can glorify God, whether it is "spiritual" or "secular."
- b) Leaders who understand and teach the priesthood of all believers and that every believer should be involved in ministry.
- c) Leaders who have a profound understanding and teach the importance of calling, so believers can understand how to glorify God with their gifts and abilities in their work.
- d) Leaders who create and deploy specific training programs in local churches to enable believers to identify their spiritual gifts and callings from the Lord.

4. Dense networks of effective leaders collaborating to advance the Gospel and renew the biblical church.

- a) A deep commitment to live out the kingdom "one anothers" (loving one another, serving one another, helping one another, praying for one another) in the local and national context.
- b) Spiritually mature leaders who are committed to serve the body of Christ outside the context of their local church or organization.
- c) Kingdom-based partnerships committed to working together through sharing resources, speakers, etc. in order to communicate the Gospel and reflect the character of Christ into the culture.
- d) Leaders of denominations working together and sharing resources to further the Gospel in their local and national contexts.

5. National and regional movements to unite, equip, and resource evangelical leaders across Europe to reach their countries for Christ

- a) Leaders with a burning passion to follow the example of the Apostle Paul in Europe by preaching the Gospel where it has never been preached.
- b) Leaders who seek to unite, equip, and resource evangelical leaders in their local and national context toward the vision of communicating the Gospel and renewing the biblical church.
- c) Evangelical leaders working across Evangelical denominational and organization lines at the local and national level.
- d) Leaders who intentionally share resources and best practices with other churches, groups and movements.
- e) Leaders who establish contextually specific strategies and initiatives based on the needs of their local and national context.



European Impacts

As a result of developing these types of leaders and their work in developing healthy and sustainable ministries and churches, we will see:

- 1. The renewal of the European biblical church**
- 2. The evangelization of Europe**