



Forge America

Pastor's Cohort Group

OUR MISSION:

The Forge Pastor's Cohort is a training hub in partnership with Forge America that strives to train and equip missional leaders. The primary way that we do this is through our Missionary Formation Cohort groups. The group is a 6-month coaching/training experience that will enable church leaders to develop a missionary posture and lifestyle for where they live, work, and play.

OUR VISION:

We long to see the rule and reign of God revealed in the everyday spaces of life.

OUR APPROACH:

We train, network, and coach missional leaders and churches through two primary means:

Forge Pastor's Cohort - Missionary Formation Residency:

The Pastor's Cohort group, which is a 6-month action-reflection experience that will enable a pastor or layperson to develop a missionary posture and lifestyle where they live, work, and play.

The components of the cohort are:

- *Church:* Group members are required to remain faithful to their local church by continuing to gather and grow with other believers. Forge is not a church-planting network but exists to help participants follow and serve Jesus in their current setting.
- *Cohort:* Group members will meet monthly in a larger group for training and discussion. The training will come through assigned readings, videos, and live workshops featuring established and accredited scholars, missional leaders, pastors, and practitioners.
- *Coaching:* In addition to the monthly cohort group, participants will be paired with a coach. Coaching sessions will meet once a month with 2-3 other residents and a coach in a smaller huddle for mentoring, group reflection, and encouragement.
- *Context:* The heart of transformational learning takes place within a participant's unique context, place, and people to which God has specifically called them. Each participant will discover where he/she has already been sent to live on mission and will learn to discern and appreciate the unique culture, narratives, obstacles, and opportunities that come with that context in order to effectively help people find their life in Jesus

COST:

\$249.00 per participant, a Spouse that attends regularly, is free. For Wabash-appointed pastors, a \$150 scholarship will be granted to those who attend regularly.

DATES:

The group will start September 30, 2021, and conclude on April 28, 2021.

Groups will meet on the second & fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

FORGE PARTNERSHIP:

Upon completion, churches and organizations can partner with Forge to use the Forge cohort material to train their leaders in their context. The benefits of partnership are:

- *Relationship* to a greater tribe personally, regionally, and nationally. This includes 10-12 coaching sessions a year, connection to other like-minded churches in the area, and access to national leaders and trainers.
- *Resources* for training and mobilizing the church. This includes partnership training and the Forge online cohort resources.
- *Reciprocation* to a larger movement. This includes access to thousands of leaders and practitioners to share what God is doing through each partner, platform resource, and tool created by Forge partners to be used around the country and globally.

TO REGISTER

Register for the Forge Cohort Group

<https://wabashconf.wufoo.com/forms/z14l5753153bl9t/>

For more information: dwight.weber@missionigniter.org

Group facilitators for this cohort will be Dwight Weber and Kristen Marble

To learn more about Forge America: <http://www.forgeamerica.com/>

To view a video introduction: <https://vimeo.com/375688150>

Participant Testimonies**Todd Eckhardt**

The Forge training helped me make an important shift in my ministry. Rather than just staying in a prayer meeting wringing my hands about this post-Christian culture, I now have the tools to go out and engage people for Christ in our changing culture.

Kurt Feneley

Forge America is not a program for church growth; it is getting back to the New Testament thinking. I have learned so much from people who are living missionaries in the present culture and serving effectively as the Holy Spirit leads. I am wrecked and being rebuilt by Jesus through this study. I could write a book of what Forge America has meant to me.