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Key Takeaway

Mission is not just about sending people elsewhere; it is also about allowing what we learn from others to reshape how we live and serve where we are.

SUMMARY

In this episode, Matt Ingalls shares the story of his journey through pastoral burnout, spiritual restoration, and renewed ministry vision. Through experiences with refugee ministry in Paris, France, and relationships with leaders like Samir Salibi, Matt discovered a different approach to ministry centered on listening to the Holy Spirit, learning to genuinely love neighbors, and responding to real community needs. The conversation explores how churches can move beyond programs and toward Spirit-led engagement that transforms both communities and those serving in them.

Scripture passage: Luke 10:25-37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 1:27-6:12.* What can God teach us in seasons of burnout and disappointment? Have you experienced a season when disappointment or loss became an opportunity for spiritual growth?
2. *Listen: 15:35-18:55.* How does the Holy Spirit shape ministry priorities? How can churches better discern what God is calling them to do rather than simply returning to familiar patterns or programs?
3. *Listen: 19:08-23:00. W*hat is the difference between assuming what people need and taking time to listen to their true needs? How might that change ministry?
4. Matt describes how his experience in Paris challenged him to rethink ministry. What experiences have most shaped your own understanding of the church's mission?
5. How can partnerships with Christians in other cultural contexts help churches see blind spots in their own ministry practices?

REFLECTION QUESTION

If your church spent time learning from a ministry in another country, what assumptions, priorities, or practices might be challenged or changed?