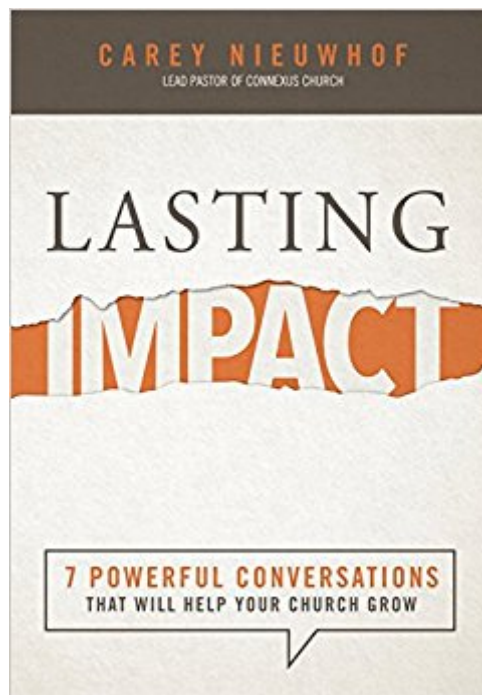




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# Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow



## Synopsis

You've probably noticed ... Churches aren't growing. Young adults are walking away. Volunteers are hard to recruit. Leaders are burning out. And the culture is changing faster than ever before. There's no doubt the church is in a moment in history for which few church leaders are prepared. You can look for answers, but the right response depends on having the right conversation. In *Lasting Impact*, Carey Nieuwhof leads you and your team through seven conversations that will help your church grow and have a lasting impact. What if ... Having the right conversations could change your trajectory? There was more hope than you realized? The potential to grow was greater than the potential to decline? Your community was waiting for a church to offer the hope they're looking for? Your best days as a church were ahead of you? Maybe the future belongs to the churches that are willing to have the most honest conversations at a critical time. That's what *Lasting Impact* is designed to facilitate.

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for *Lasting Impact* "'Growth' is a word that church leaders are constantly rallying around and trying to do more of. In Carey Nieuwhof's new book, *Lasting Impact*, growth is the theme throughout." "Carey is someone that is constantly looking for ways to make things better and is gifted with the art of strategy. The research he talks about in his book forces us to look at the problems our churches are facing while simultaneously offering solutions so our churches can continue to grow." "His practical wisdom will provide you and your leadership team with clarity to

tackle the shifts that need to take place and the focus to see it through. The questions to ask yourself and your team at the end of every chapter are straightforward and thought provoking. "I love Carey's heart and passion for the local church. He believes and understands that growth in churches isn't for the sake of popularity but for the sake of the Gospel. We know that Jesus is the greatest thing in the world and we'll do anything short of sin to see people come to know Him personally as their Savior. "Throughout the book, Carey gives us permission to think big, reminds us to ask God boldly, and challenges us to believe that the best really is yet to come. "I promise reading this book will get your heart excited about what Jesus is going to do in and through you and your church and get your mind ready to embrace the changes necessary for growth." Perry Noble, Senior Pastor, NewSpring Church "Carey has become one of the most prominent and needed voices in church leadership today. I think the reason we read and listen to him so much is he is balanced, wise, and incredibly practical. This is not just another book here is one you can read quickly, but immediately begin to implement and grow a stronger church. Thanks again, Carey! You're making a difference." Ron Edmondson, blogger and Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church "I believe churches should grow because every number has a name. At the same time, church growth is personal for leaders, and that can be dangerous. When attendance is up, you feel good about yourself. When attendance is down, you think about going into another line of work. This is one of the many reasons I'm grateful Carey has written his book, "Lasting Impact. It's practical advice for leaders who want to grow their church and remain emotionally healthy in the process." --Jeff Henderson, Lead Pastor, Gwinnett Church "Carey is not only one of the most prolific thinkers of this generation, but one of the most practical. "Lasting Impact" is insightful and in a league of its own when it comes to applicability. This book gives you the tools you need to make changes now! Regardless of the size of your church or team you lead, if you're wanting to reach higher heights, this book is a must read." Joshua Gagnon, Lead Pastor, Next Level Church "Carey Nieuwhof is a voice you should listen to. As a senior pastor, he's been in the trenches of ministry, and combines both wisdom and practical application to provide an effective resource for church leaders at any level. If you're looking to grow your church, this book is a must read and must have on your leadership shelf. The conversations contained in this book are essential and much needed." Brad Lomenick, former president of Catalyst and author of "The Catalyst Leader" and "H3 Leadership" "There are people that talk about church growth and people who actually grow churches. Carey is the latter. "Lasting Impact" is a masterpiece of practical steps to reach your community for Jesus. "Lasting Impact" should be required reading for pastors." --Casey Graham, founder and CEO of The Rocket Company "Very few people have the giftedness

of my friend Carey Nieuwhof. He has the ability to understand the importance and development of clarity, culture, processes, growth all while communicating the purpose of the church." "Lasting Impact" has some of Carey's best leadership thoughts on these issues. He guides us on a journey where the health and effectiveness of our church becomes the destination." Caleb Kaltenbach, Lead Pastor, Discovery Church and author of "Messy Grace" "For my money, no one speaks to the needs of today's pastor better than Carey Nieuwhof. A lot of people will give you opinions; Carey gives you practical solutions." "Lasting Impact" will not only answer the questions you're asking, it will answer the questions you should be asking." Lane Jones, Director of North Point Ministries Strategic Partner Group "In "Lasting Impact, Carey points out issues that are often addressed too late and guides us down a path of conversations that are usually ended too quickly. We can all use more honest conversations in our leadership and this book provides a great place to start." --Frank Bealer, Family Pastor at Elevation Church

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He has done such a great job of studying the church, culture and leadership today. This book is BEYOND packed with material, but all very on point - like any of Carey's writing (articles, podcast, other books). We got this on audio and bought the book as well so we could reference many of the quotes, points and suggestions. I love that it is written as a book that can be a "guidebook" for discussion for ministry and leadership teams (councils). For those who desire to understand and evolve with the rapidly changing landscape of "church" and "ministry," this is a MUST READ. Carey not only talks about what is happening and why, but what to do about it and gives examples of it in action. He has application questions at the end of each section and in the audio answers the questions (bonus!). I will say the material is so packed with insights and food for thought, we had to take a break every 2 chapters to let it soak in. It is the book that can be read and then used as a

learning handbook and then referenced. Very helpful. Thank you, Carey, for all your insights!

LOVE THIS BOOK from Carey Nieuwhof! As a pastor who happens to listen to his podcast and be a big fan of his blog- the truth is, I figured I'd like it. I'm probably a 'ringer' for a customer...HOWEVER...that being said...I might LIKE something...and not finish it. Or I might enjoy something and if it's TOO familiar to me...I'll shelve it and 'come back to it later' (which happens with the regularity of a leap year- though this IS a leap year...so maybe there's a correlation). Carey's book is written in a way, that to me it FEELS like more of a conversation (which since that's in the subtitle...I suppose that means it's successful in its aim). There are times where there are natural pauses- which are great (and dangerous(see previous paragraph) (are you allowed to do parenthesis IN parenthesis) for me...to stop...reflect...consider. And then move on...either later...after a minute...or a day or a week. And to be able to hop around to conversations that are a little more appropriate or helpful in certain seasons is fantastic. It's an 'easy' read- but not an easy answer book. It's the friend who pushes and prods you to be better. You want that friend in your life. Enjoy.

If you are helped by Carey's blog and podcasts then this book is for you too! But it goes beyond his blog by enabling the church leader to have much needed conversations with their congregation's leaders. I appreciate his emphasis in the book -- it's not growth for growth's sake but "for the sake of being effective in our mission and vision of reaching people who need to know the love of Christ in their lives." I won't go through all seven conversations but will give a taste of what is offered. For example, Conversation #1 is "Why Are We Not Growing Faster?" Carey gives "Ten Reasons Your Church Isn't Growing (or growing as quickly as you'd like)" then he moves on to "Structure Bigger to Grow Bigger." Each chapter ends with Discussion Questions that help your team "Talk About It" then "Get Practical" and conclude with "Make It Happen." This book deals with both the theoretical and practical side of helping a congregation be healthy and see growth for the sake of Christ's Kingdom. For that reason I highly recommend it.

I started listening to Carey Nieuwhof's podcast earlier this year. I won't say that I am addicted but I am faithfully listening closely to every interview and taking notes. My personal leadership outlook has changed significantly (for the better). I have gone as far as sharing this podcast with our leadership as well and find them reposting quotes and leading differently as well. I downloaded the audio book for lasting impact and have listened to it twice already. Not only is the book filled with

tons of great info but Carey himself is very approachable and interacts with the listeners and readers. I have tweeted him with my iambertboca account and he responds or likes the tweets. These are real people with real life success testimonies and powerful leadership tools. Church or regular market place, lasting impact with leave a lasting impact in your team. Thank you Carey!!! Awesome stuff. Looking forward to more every week. Blessings, Pastor Bert Bocachica The Sanctuary Fellowship Bronx, NY

After twenty-years of ministry, I found this book to be a good compilation of leadership "stuff" I have been hearing for years. It offers straightforward suggestions that a pastor can use with his/her leadership team to evaluate the congregational culture and get people moving in the same direction.

I don't write a ton of reviews, but when a book rocks my world or really helps me I want others to benefit from it. Lasting Impact is for me one of the most important books to come out in a long time. Next to Perry Noble's Most Excellent Way To Lead it is probably the most helpful & practical book I have read in years. I highly recommend it to any pastor, church leader, church staff member who wants their church to make a lasting impact. Carey walks you through very important conversations, makes very insightful & practical points about them & then ends each conversation with super helpful questions that you have to wrestle with. My team & I have been working our way through this book together & it has lead to some powerful discussions & important discoveries. We want make a lasting impact & this book is helping us get there. I like books that are direct, concise, practical, insightful, & applicable, Lasting Impact is all of those.

Excellent book! This book is full of conversations that every church leader should be having! I pre-ordered the book, and when I received the audio book I listened to it in one day. I then shared it with the Lead Pastor of my church and he went right out and bought a copy for everyone on our Elder Team. We are now reading through this book together and the discussion has been extremely valuable. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is involved in leadership in the local church!

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