



# Doctor of Ministry Leadership in a Changing Context

Discerning Context. Cultivating Community. Joining God.

Across the nation, pastors and church planters are encountering the reality that the church is in the midst of a season of dramatic cultural and religious shifts. These shifts have profound implications for ministry and mission. Led by Dr. Christopher James and Dr. Alan Roxburgh, this Doctor of Ministry Cohort will go on a journey of discerning the unique character of our emerging context, learn what kind of faithful leadership it requires and develop the critical spiritual and missional practices that equip us to join God's mission in the midst of our communities and neighborhoods.

## Cohort Faculty

### Dr. Christopher B. James

Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity at the University of Dubuque

Theological Seminary,

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### Dr. Alan J. Roxburgh

Founder and Consultant at *The Missional Network*, Author of numerous

books including *Missional*

*Map-making*, *Introducing the*

*Missional Church* (with Scott Boren),

*Missional Leadership* (with Scott

Romanuk), *Missional: Joining God in the*

*Neighborhood*, and, most recently,

*Structured for Mission and Joining God*,

*Remaking Church*, *Changing the World:*

*The New Shape of the Church in Our Time*

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## Program Highlights

- **Community:** Cohorts form significant friendships and a network of fellow practitioners from across the country.
- **Year Round Interaction:** This program combines three annual one-week residencies, with fall and spring online interaction. Participants have access to the faculty members throughout the year as both instructors and mentors.
- **Theological Depth:** The program guides participants in careful study and biblical reflection on the nature and practical significance of missional ecclesiology.
- **Spiritual Renewal:** In addition to being academically rigorous, this journey is a profoundly spiritual one involving shared practices of prayer, immersion in Scripture, and discovering God in everyday life.
- **Practically-oriented:** Participants work closely with their congregation, ministry, and local community throughout, culminating in a doctoral project that serves to equip the people of God for faithful ministry in your local context.
- **Faithful Guides:** Unlike many D.min programs composed of various seminars and instructors, our cohort faculty—who are themselves scholar-practitioners committed to following Jesus in their own ministry contexts — will see you through the program from start to finish.