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Learn how leaders' question or statement refines and shapes ideas into initiatives and ministries that fit and drive the mission

Barry E. Winders releases 'The Mission Filter: Raising Mission Consciousness Amid a Crisis'

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Barry E. Winders wanted to raise mission consciousness amid a crisis and emphasize the priority of mission, encouraging readers to embrace it and keep it alive for the next generation. It is for this reason he has written “The Mission Filter: Raising Mission Consciousness Amid a Crisis” ([published by WestBow Press](#)).

Centered on the prayer of Jesus for his disciples in John chapter 17, this book demonstrates how leaders can apply a question or statement as a practical, empowering strategy to stay focused on the mission and be fruitful. It invites them to learn how to improve their decision-making with core ideas and initiatives through The Mission Filter.

Each chapter contains a set of questions for group interaction called “Matters for Thought and Discussion.” It encourages readers to take advantage of these exercises as they study with other leaders to ponder how the mission filter concept can be beneficial to their church or organization.

“This book contributes to the overall mission of the church, the development of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It could also be used as a book study for small groups and for leadership development. It will be of particular interest during and after the COVID-19 crisis to help churches laser focus on the mission of the church,” Winders points out.

“The Mission Filter: Raising Mission Consciousness Amid a Crisis” hopes for readers to embrace the challenge of how to filter core ideas and core initiatives to faithfully and consistently execute the mission of making disciples.

“The Mission Filter: Raising Mission Consciousness Amid a Crisis”

By Barry E. Winders

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