

Progress

Ames-Des Moines CityChurch

What is Ordered Learning?

1. The desired result is **learning**
 - The goal is not just teaching but the reception of what is taught.
 - It is to be understood, internalized, and lived out.
2. Learning has been **ordered**
 - Not haphazard or accidental.
 - Order has been created. Decisions have been made about content and the process for delivering that content.

Why Discuss This Again?

- Some of you need to begin the ordered learning pathways we have laid out.
- Some of you need to re-engage in ordered learning after years of absence.
- Some of you need to challenge others to participate in ordered learning.
- Some of you need to be teaching others.

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Snapshot

Acts and Pauline Epistles

- Elijah Bouwman
- Duncan Wood
- Wren Gamble
- Nate Peterson
- Peter Boman
- Zach Allen
- Julie Allen
- Josiah Allen
- Don Johnson



Development never ends
Development is modeled
Mission depends on development

Expectations of Progress

- **1 Timothy 4:15-16** (NASB) Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, **so that your progress will be evident to all.** Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

Expectations of Progress

- **1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NASB)** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to **infants in Christ**. I gave you **milk to drink, not solid food**; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are **still fleshly**. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

Expectations of Progress

- **2 Corinthians 13:9-11** (NASB) For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you **be made complete**. For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brethren, rejoice, **be made complete**, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Expectations of Progress

- **Hebrews 5:11–14 (NASB95) — 11** Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **12** For though **by this time you ought to be teachers**, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. **14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Progress

- What progress is expected...
 - Of leaders?
 - Of all believers?
 - Of churches?
- What elements contribute to the progress?
- How much effort will be needed?
- What will progress look like?

Culture

- Who creates a culture of development for a church?
- How long does it take to develop?
- What will undermine it?
- How did we lose it broadly in the West?

- Progress is expected of all spheres even in the most trying of circumstances.
- In fact progress is key during difficult circumstances because the very needs of those circumstances demand that you to learn and develop in order to respond well.
- Culture begins with the expectation of the leaders

With Ordered Learning

- Understanding and united with our shared mission
- Central to our work
- Worldview is up to the task as you move through seasons of life
- Teaching others

No ordered learning

- Lacking conviction about and ownership of our collective mission
- Always on the periphery
- Worldview has holes which are eventually exposed
- Little to offer others

Ordered Learning

- Able to think through new situations biblically
- Able to prioritize based on a grasp of what will contribute to God's plan
- Able to discern truth from falsehood

No Ordered Learning

- Lacking a grasp of the principles which apply to a new situation
- Choices and priorities largely driven by what they want
- Susceptible to fads and outright deceptions

CityChurch Network Partner



Tom Clinkscale
Bethany Bible Chapel

- Over 90% of their members have done First Principles
- Common language
- Unity around mission
- Basis to prioritize life choices

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“After 20 years, I got tired of propping up broken systems.”

- Ben Rowe



“I want to replace Randy!”

- Logan Handsaker

Church Hosts and Co-Workers (anywhere)

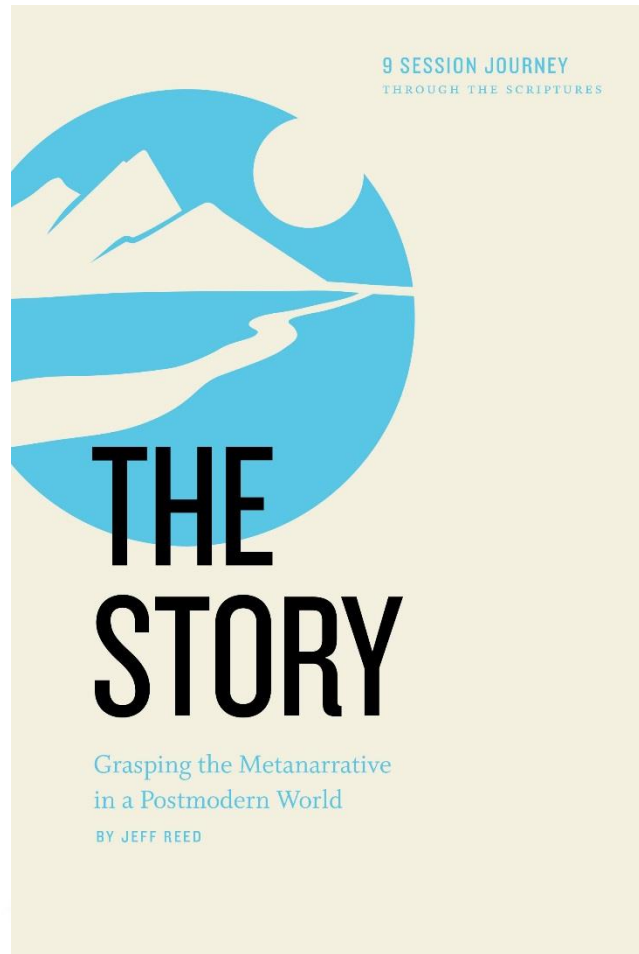
*Key to the spontaneous expansion
of churches*

The Story
First Principles
 Series 1
 Series 2
Lifeⁿ and SIMA CAP profile

BILD Institute

Leadership Mastery I and II
Certificates

The Story



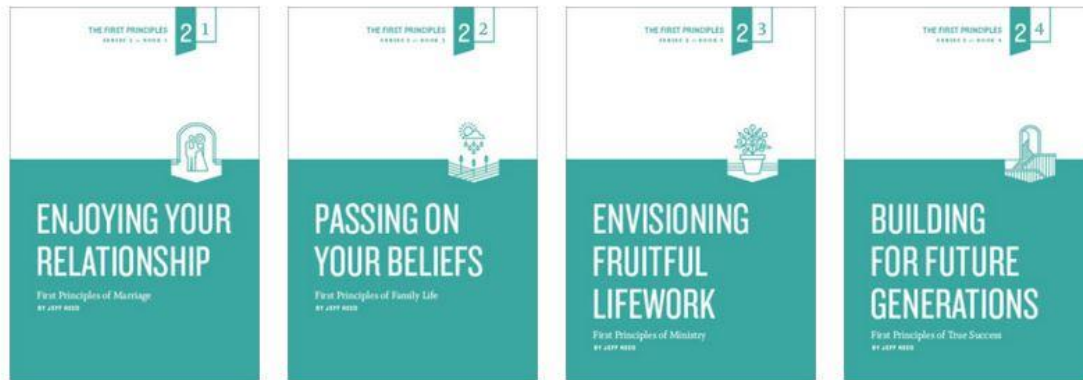
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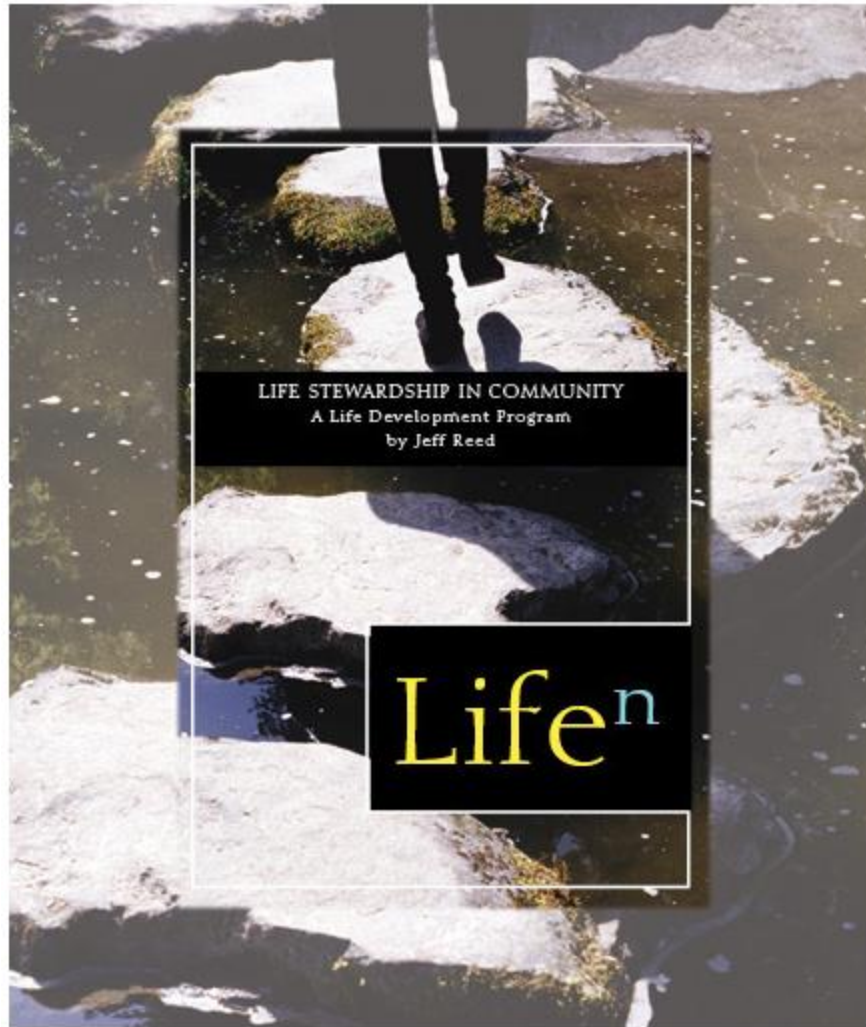
First Principles

Series I



Series II





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Elders, Deacons, Leading Women (in clusters)

Key to establishing believers in their faith

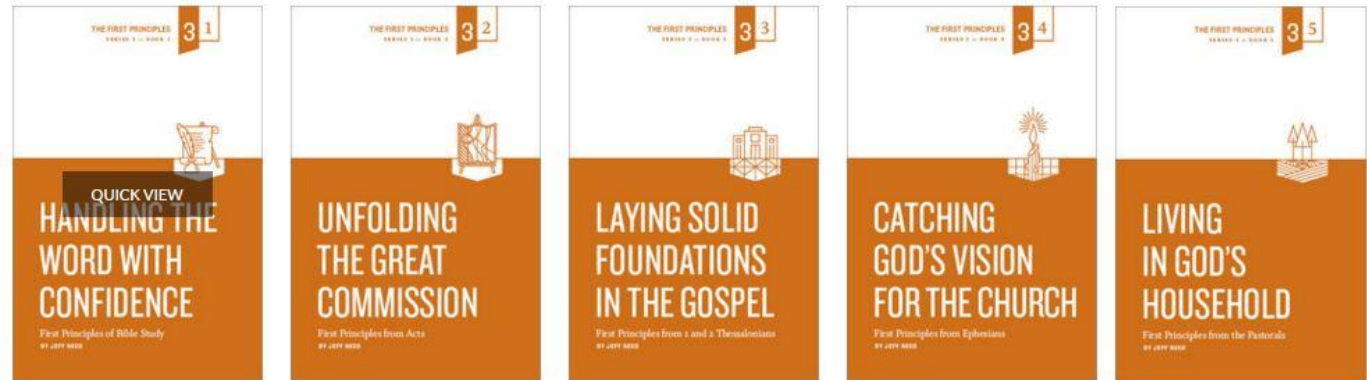
Plus
First Principles
Series 3
SIMA and Your LifeWork
MAP and SIMA 10-Steps
Seek the Welfare of the City

BILD Institute

Leadership Mastery III and
Diploma of Ministry

First Principles

Series III





SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY



CITIZENSHIP, BENEFACTORS, AND MONEY

A VIDEO COURSE BY JEFF REED

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Well-Trained Senior Elder-ship (by apostolic team)

Key to sustaining a church multiplication network

Plus
Leadership Series (4)
Acts, Pauline
Essentials, Leaders
Counseling, Shepherding
Shepherding course/manual

Antioch School C.Min.

Certificate of Ministry (C.Min.)

Leadership Series I



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B.Min. / B.Th. Programs <i>Ordered learning rooted in the churches for developing apostolic leaders and their co-workers - including entrepreneurs, community dev., etc.</i>	M.Min. / M.Th. Programs <i>The key to developing a generation of pastors and church planters who can lead churches and transformational urban center/global city ministries.</i>	D.Min. Programs <i>The key to producing a generation of leaders capable of shaping and leading complex networks of churches focused on strategic urban centers/global cities</i>
Leadership Series Story and First Principles Series Core Knowledge Life ⁿ SIMA MAP and 10 Steps Required Books	Leadership Series Story and First Principles Series SIMA MAP and 10 Steps Life ⁿ Seek the Welfare Required Books	Leadership Series Story and First Principles Series PTPs SIMA MAP and 10 Steps Life ⁿ and Seek the Welfare Dissertation Artifact Required Books
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Leadership Series

Story and First Principles Series

Core Knowledge

Lifeⁿ

SIMA MAP and 10 Steps

Required Books

Antioch School ePortfolio

Course assessment

Practicum assessment

B.Min. or B.Th. Degree

In Ames this Fall



Acts

TBD



Ministry Perspectives

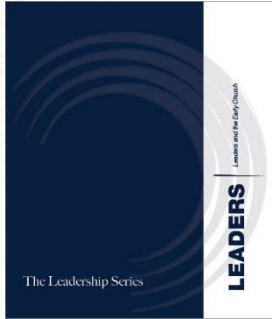
Thurs, 7-9pm, start Sept 14, R. Beckett



Paul and Luke (apostolic team)

1st/3rd Mon, 6-8pm, start Sept 18, B. Burns

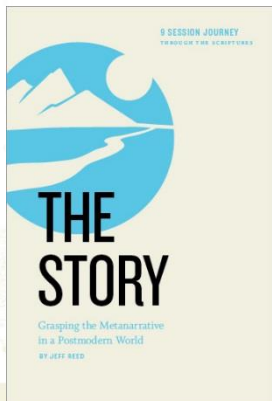
In Ames this Fall



Leaders (emerging leader cohort)
Tues, TBD, end of Sept, C. Keller



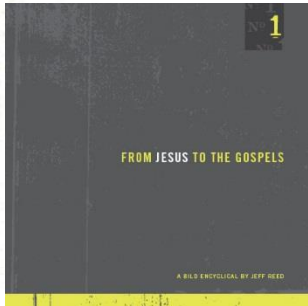
First Principles, Series I
Various offerings – see Drive sheet



The Story
Various offerings – see Drive sheet

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In DSM this Fall



From Jesus to the Gospels

Thurs 7pm, start Sept 14, R. Wahl



Theology in Culture

Thurs 7pm, start Sept 14, M. Vos



First Principles, Series I

Thurs 7pm, start Sept 14, J. VanRoekel

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Shepherding task – evaluate each person in your church and cluster

- What portions of our developmental path have they processed well?
- What is lacking?
- What is the next step for them?
- Should they take advantage of one of the Fall ordered learning discussions?
- Do you need to offer something as a church or cluster?

Personal task – evaluate yourself

- What portions of our developmental path have you processed well?
- What is lacking?
- What is the next step for you?
- Should you take advantage of one of the Fall ordered learning discussions?
- Do you need to request something within church or cluster?

The Maturity Leak

The mindset where you feel you have developed enough, where you look at this next year and you don't really intend to exert energy at any point toward your growth and learning.

It is only a matter of time before you have little to say and little to offer.



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